



Case Study – Oximeter Reuse

Reducing waste, maximising re-use of items and recycling are all essential activities that deliver value for money and tackle climate change. As part of our remote care oximeter project, we were instrumental in shaping new and more sustainable practices to reduce waste.

Suffolk and North East Essex staff worked with NHS England to change guidance and ensure items could be sterilised and reused instead of being thrown away as rubbish after the patients had finished using them.

As a result of our intervention, patients were advised to return oximeters for decontamination at a convenient time to them rather than dispose of them. NHS England decontamination guidance was circulated via practices to ensure patients knew how to return them safely. This intervention has significantly reduced wastage, with up to 90% re-use being achieved in some areas.

