

SURPLUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES

In the UK thousands of medical supplies are thrown away each month because they are no longer needed, which can be due to a bereavement or because they may no longer be suitable. The NHS cannot accept unused supplies back into their own stocks, meaning that they end up in UK landfill sites.

Meanwhile in many developing countries, people are desperate for medical supplies that are not available to them. For example, desperate ostomates are being forced to use bin bags, tin cans, bits of cloth, crisp packets and other improvised items as stoma bags due, either to lack of supplies or their low income.

A new voluntary group called The Friends of Rotary Shrewsbury is facilitating collection of unwanted medical products (as shown on the list below) for the Jacob's Well Appeal at a warehouse facility in Telford. These will be transported to Jacobs Well in Beverley from where they will be distributed to countries where it is either difficult or impossible for them to be accessed.

To donate please contact Sandra Birchall or Rachael Griffiths who will arrange collection and delivery to warehouse in Telford from where they will be transported to Jacobs Well for distribution to those who are in desperate need of them.

The following donations are desperately needed:

- **NO MEDICINES!**
- **Bandages & dressings,**
- **Continence products**
- **Unused Ostomy/Stoma products**
- **Medical equipment, such as thermometers, blood pressure machines, ventilators, heart monitors, etc.**
- **Hearing aids,**
- **Spectacles (not broken ones or sun-glasses)**
- **Wheel chairs, crutches, etc.**
- **Medical Feeds/Nutrition drinks – with at least 9 months until expiry**

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