Changing the way we prescribe in Leeds

What people have told us about the way we prescribe in Leeds

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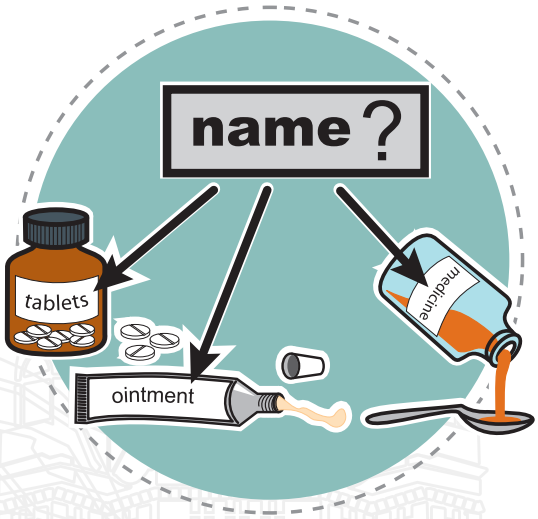

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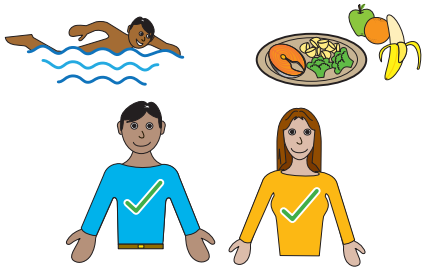

The NHS in Leeds is always looking for ways of helping people in Leeds to stay healthy and well.

We asked people if they thought that we should always pay for prescriptions for

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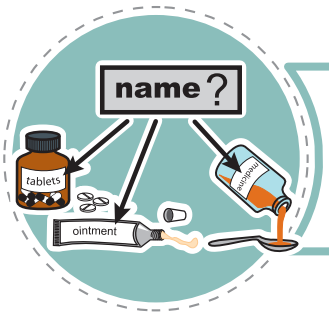
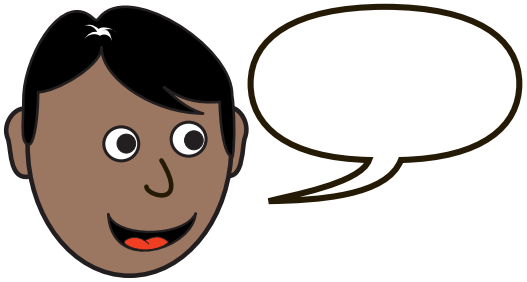


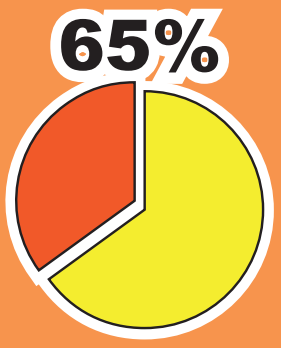
Branded medicines

Over-the-counter medicines.
These are medicines that you can buy without needing a prescription from a doctor.

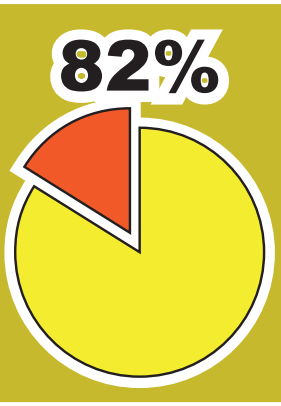
What did we find out?



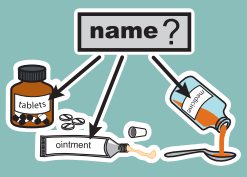
We asked lots of different people what they thought.

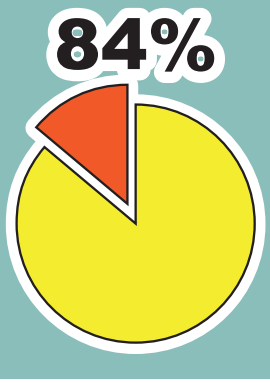


2 out of 3 people told us that we should not always prescribe gluten free products.



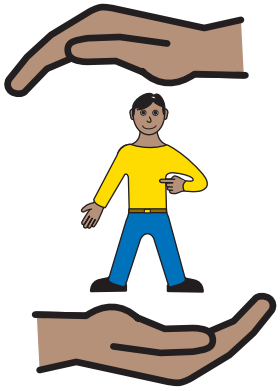
Most people said we should not always prescribe over the counter medicines.



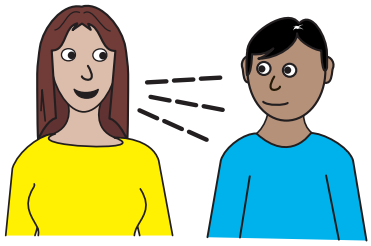


Most people said we should not always prescribe branded medicines when there are other choices.

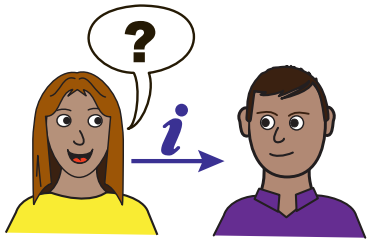
People also said that it was important that



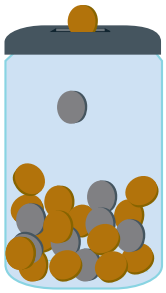
- Vulnerable people should be protected from any change that would damage their health.



- The patient should be talked to about any changes.



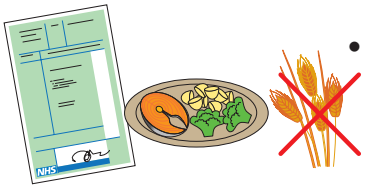
- There needs to be information and help for people to be able to make choices about their health and look after themselves.



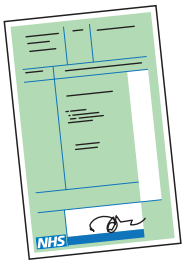
- We should also look for other ways to save money.

What do we think should happen next?

We think that



- We should only prescribe the most important gluten free products.

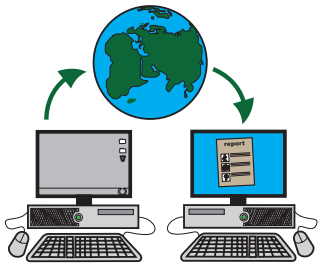


- It should be easy for prescribers to know which patients might still need a prescription.

- Any changes should reflect the help and support people need to make choices and look after themselves.

- There should a report in 2018 that tells people what work has been done.

This feedback can help us to plan for better and easier to use services.



We will make sure that everyone who gets involved will see the report and put it on our website.