

New recycling programme launched for practices

Every year millions of dental care products end up in landfill and incineration across the UK. To help reduce this, Royal Philips and Terracycle have teamed up to pilot a Dental Care Recycling Programme. The national scheme aims to invite dental professionals to sign up, becoming a place that patients can dispose of their dental waste in an environmentally friendly way. Collecting and recycling these items through The Philips Dental Care Recycling Programme diverts waste from landfill and incineration whilst enabling dental practices to raise money for charitable organisations.

This scheme allows dental professionals the ability to help patients to dispose of waste in an environmentally

friendly way, when registered patients next visit their practice. Items that can be recycled include: electric toothbrush heads and covers, electric flosser nozzles, flossing sticks, interdental brushes, and dental floss containers, from all brands.

Dental practices can participate by setting up a free TerraCycle account and submitting a request to receive a recycling collection box. Patients can then drop off their used dental care items in the collection box when they next attend an appointment. When the collection box is full, the dental practice can log into their TerraCycle account and request a pre-paid shipping label to send back the collected used dental care products to be recycled. The programme offers 100 TerraCycle points for each kilogram of dental care

products sent. However, the points will only be awarded if the parcel reaches the minimum weight of 2 kilograms. The points can be redeemed as financial donations to a charity or school of choice.

All waste collected as part of this programme will be shipped to the TerraCycle warehouse where it will be recycled into new products.

This programme already has nearly 200 locations signed up to the scheme and Philips welcomes further dental practices to participate.

To find out more about the programme and to sign up, visit <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/philips-uk> or <https://www.philips.co.uk/a-w/about/dental-recycling-scheme.html>.

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