**King’s walking aids return FAQs**

**Where can I return walking aids?**

* King’s College Hospital: collection bin outside Golden Jubilee Wing entrance
* Recycling centres: some out-of-home recycling points accept walking aids

**Can I return walking aids at Princess Royal University Hospital or Orpington Hospital?**

Not yet, but we are exploring options to roll out the scheme at other sites later this year

**Which items are accepted?**

We can accept the following items:

* crutches
* metal walking sticks

We cannot accept:

* Zimmer frames
* wooden walking sticks
* personal equipment such as commodes

You can use the [WRAP Recycling Locator Tool](https://www.wrap.ngo/take-action/recycle-now/recycling-locator-tool) to find locations to drop off these items.

**How do I find a local drop-off point?**

You can use the [WRAP Recycling Locator Tool](https://www.wrap.ngo/take-action/recycle-now/recycling-locator-tool) to find your nearest drop-off location. Set the filter to ‘walking aids’.

**What happens to returned walking aids?**

Walking aids are inspected, cleaned, and refurbished for reuse by our Bed and Equipment Team.

**What happens if items are unusable?**

If any items are found to not be safe for use again, they will be recycled through our waste management system and taken out of circulation.

**Why should I return walking aids?**

* Returning walking aids reduces carbon emissions and waste, and saves money
* Reusing walking aids also improves access for patients

**Who should I contact if I have any more questions?**

If you have any questions, please email [kch-tr.sustainabilityteam@nhs.net](mailto:kch-tr.sustainabilityteam@nhs.net).

**Can anyone recycle walking aids or is this for King’s patients only?**

Anyone can drop off these aids at the collection bin.