

How you can make a difference

You can help make a difference to thousands of people across the world who cannot afford stoma supplies by either donating supplies or making a financial donation. Please send supplies you genuinely cannot use to Stoma Aid at the following address:

Stoma Aid
c/o Stone Logistics
Lorne Mill
Lorne Street
Bolton
BL4 7LZ

The cost of sending unneeded supplies to Stoma Aid can be reduced by using Hermes which has over 4,500 collection points across the UK. Prices start from as little as **£2.70** per parcel and more details can be found about the locations of their Parcel Shops on their website below (or by telephoning the **Colostomy Association** office with your postcode):

<https://www.myhermes.co.uk/parcelshop-finder.html>

Stoma Aid will accept the following:
All types of stoma appliances for adults and children including:

- Closed bags
- Drainable bags
- One piece bags
- Two piece bags (must include matching baseplate/flange)

Additional Products (which must all be at least six months in date):

- Absorbent gels
- Adhesive remover wipes, sprays and swabs
- Aerosols (spray and pump)
- Cleaning wipes, barrier wipes and dry wipes
- Dressings and bandages
- Frames and flange extenders
- Night/drain bags
- Pastes/creams
- Powder
- Seals, rings and washers
- Support belts, briefs and stockings

Stoma Aid cannot accept syringes, deodorants, prescription medications or drugs of any kind.

Stoma bags do not need to be in date but all additional products must be at least six months within their expiry date. Additionally, all two-piece donations must have both the stoma bag and matching baseplate/flange.

DO NOT be tempted to over-order or over-stock your supplies with the idea of sending the surplus to Stoma Aid. We cannot accept donations on this basis. Please only send items that you have ordered in good faith but find that you can no longer use. As we all know, helping the NHS save funds is vital and this in turn could also help prevent GPs questioning the quantity of stoma bags required.

Haven't got any supplies to donate but would still like to make a difference? Why not make a financial donation to Stoma Aid? (Please make all cheques payable to Stoma Aid and send them to the **Colostomy Association**, Enterprise House, 95 London Street, Reading RG1 4QA.