# Vaccine Storage Tips

76%

of the value of reported vaccine wastage is avoidable and represents an annual cost of at least £5.7 million

Below are some handy tips to help ensure that your vaccines are stored within the required 2°C to 8°C



#### Keep the fan clear

Do not stack vaccines above the fan as it will block airflow



#### Space your products

Where possible, leave gaps between your products to allow the best possible air circulation



### **Correct fridge Location**

Ensure your fridge in a dry, well-ventilated site away from direct sunlight and heat sources such as radiators



#### Watch the back and sides

Products should never be in contact with back or side walls as this can result in freezing



#### Do not overstock

The MHRA recommends that you stock the fridge to no more than 75% of its storage capacity



#### **Stock rotation**

It is recommended that you rotate your stock regularly and keep the products with shorter expiry dates at the front



### Pharmaceuticals only

Only store pharmaceutical products and do not store food or clinical specimens alongside



# **Constant power supply**

Label the plug to avoid your fridge being turned off accidentally and have back-up storage in case of power failure



# **Limit door opening**

Try to avoid leaving the door open for extended periods and use labels for quick identification



#### **Restock check**

For accuracy, ensure you log the temperature prior to restocking and always reset the min/max temperatures afterwards

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