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BAN ON WET WIPES CONTAINING PLASTIC IN WALES

From 18 December 2026

Medical exemption

Wet wipes containing plastic may still be supplied by retailers in Wales if they are designed or manufactured for use in connection with medical care or treatment.

You will **NOT** need to provide proof of need to access exempt medical wet wipes.



What is not exempt?

Wet wipes containing plastic for general use, such as baby wipes, personal hygiene wipes and household cleaning wipes.

What is not being banned?

- Reusable wet wipes
- Plastic-free wet wipes

Access through health and care services

People who receive exempt medical wet wipes as part of their care from a hospital, GP surgery, community nurse, care home or other health or care service will continue to receive them as normal.

Scan the QR code for full guidance or visit Welsh Government wet wipes guidance.

Policy enquiries: singleuseplastic@gov.wales

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