

# The real cost of disposable scrub caps.

Something doesn't add up.







#### What We Do

We build bespoke reusable scrub cap solutions for theatres, labs, cancer patients and more.

#### Our Why

We strongly believe our scrub caps can make a massive difference on the topics of inclusivity, sustainability, economically, fit and comfort.

#### How?

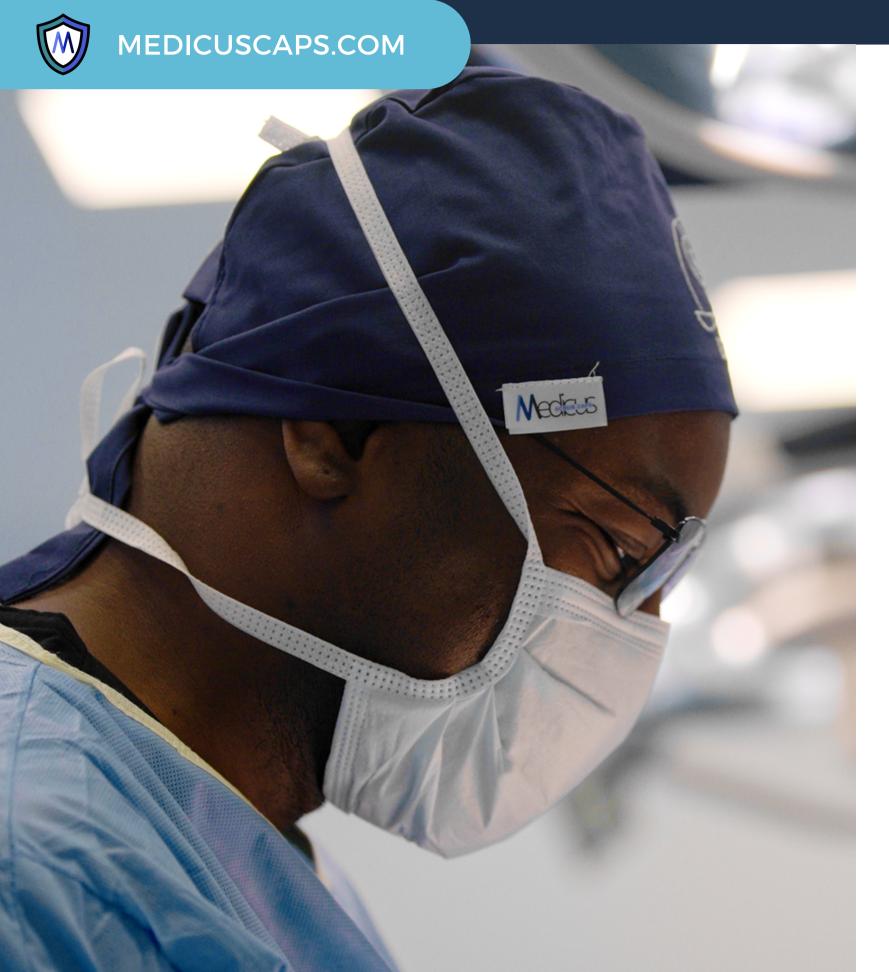
We have many ways we add value to our clients through:

- The most sizes for best fit (flat pricing so no one misses out)
- The widest range of inclusive styles from hijabs and turbans.
- 99% C02 reduction compared with disposables.
- Typically a 3-5 year lifespan per cap.
- 100% Carbon offset for what we can't reduce on our own.
- VAT Exemptions for NHS and Charities.
- Recycling scheme for those not having one in place already.
- Donate offcuts and spare material to local schools for arts and crafts
- RFID for commercial laundry tracking + compliance

We have many more innovations but that's a rough overview.



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#### **01 - The Appeal Of Disposables**

Why the use of disposables is so popular.

carbon emissions, impact on staff and

Patient safety, communication, savings and more



#### THE APPEAL

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between 5-10p per cap with lots of suppliers.

Disposables are generic and generally just

You can wear them and throw them away

## THE HIDDEN COSTS





#### A - Buying The Item

The typical costs range from 5-10p per cap.

#### **B** - Disposing

Based on NHS Data for incineration per g

#### C - Storage

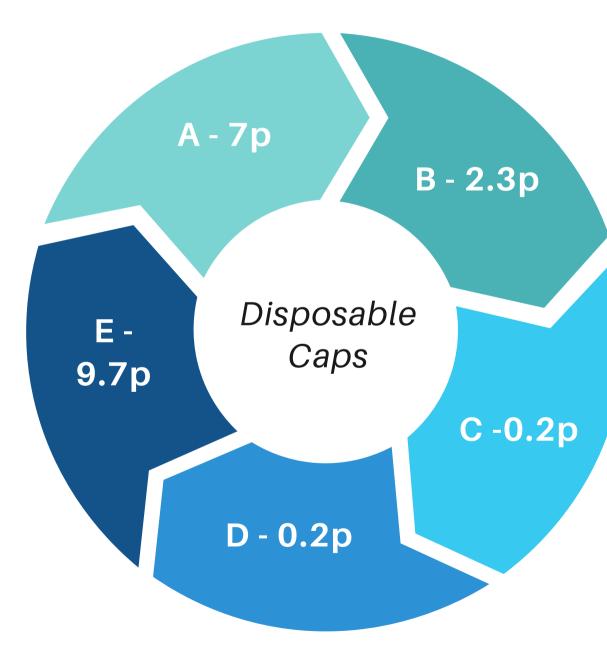
Based on NHS Supply chain

#### D - Admin

From buying to stock checks in departments

#### E - Total

Adding these parts up



#### A Hospital with 10 theatres with 10 staff per team use conservatively 69,400 disposable scrub caps. vs 500 reusables at a 34% reduction in spending.

#### THE HIDDEN IMPACT

#### **Doesn't Live Up To The Hype**

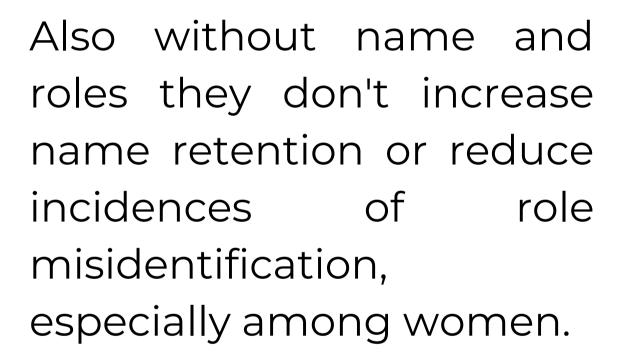
Less sizes and styles tailored to staff leads to poor fit and potential exclusions or special measures for some staff like hijab wearers.

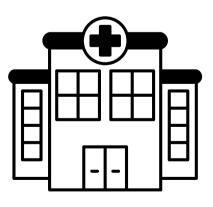
Disposables have greater permeability, particulate contamination, and passive microbial shed compared with cloth caps.

Disposable scrub caps are made with Non Woven SMS Fabric are 100% Petrolium Based.







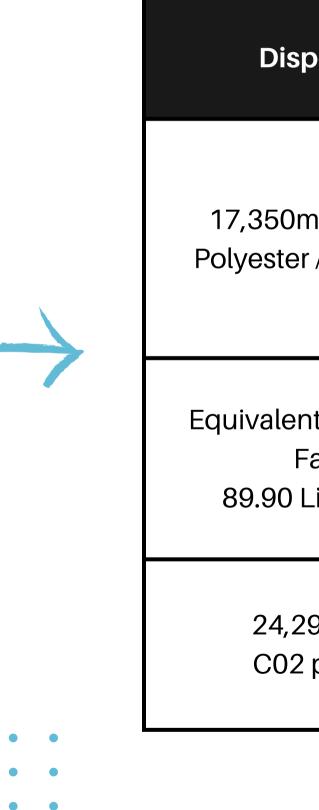


## THE HIDDEN IMPACT

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#### CARBON / GHG EMISSIONS

A typical hospital with 10 theatres with 10 staff per team is estimated to produce (69,400 disposable vs 500 Medicus Caps)





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|--|---|
| om Of Plastic /<br>er / SMS Fabric         | 0.01% Of Plastic from<br>embroidery names, 0%<br>plastic in Cotton. |
| ent Oil To Make<br>Fabric<br>Litres Of Oil | <0.01 litres Oil content in the Medicus fabric                      |
| 290 kg of<br>2 per year                    | 131kg of C02 from<br>Medicus Caps                                   |



# WHY THE WAIT?

What are some of the things holding hospitals back from the switch?



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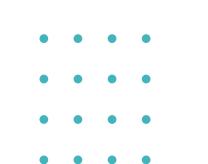


COST OF THE BULK BUY WOULD BE HIGHER THAN DISPOSABLE INITIALLY + FREE PPE

EACH TRUST / HOSPITAL HAS DIFFERENT LOGISTICAL EFFORT TO DECIDE WHERE



# **BETTER ALTERNATIVE** REUSABLE SCRUB CAPS



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## **BETTER ALTERNATIVES**



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#### SAFETY FIRST

#### NAMES AND ROLES

HELPS WITH TEAM COMMUNICATION

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION OF STAFF

IN CRISIS SITUATIONS

STAFF WELLBEING + RETENTION









#### COMMUNICATION

VISITORS

NEW STAFF

PATIENTS

#### COMMUNICATION

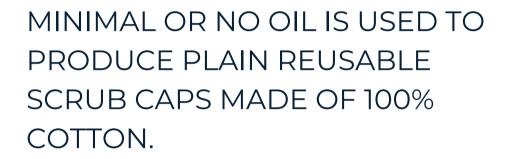


#### ENVIRONMENT

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#### **CO2 EMISSIONS**

THE AMOUNT OF CO2 EMITTED IN A YEAR IS **REDUCED BY 99%** COMPARED TO IT'S DISPOSABLE COUNTER PARTS, DUE TO VOLUME OF DISPOSABLE WASTE.



IF CHOOSING A POLY-COTTON ALTERNATIVE FABRICS THAT ARE SLIGHTLY CHEAPER THERE WILL BE 60% OIL / PLASTIC USED.

#### **OIL CONSUMPTION**



## **BETTER ALTERNATIVES**



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#### Cost saving

due to their longer life, reusable scrub caps can be used for years thus saving a big part of the trust's budget.

Reducing the cost on refuse and storage.

Never a one size fit all.

#### Inclusion and diversity

Better fit, many different styles and sizes e.g. Hijab and turban wearers.







All our caps are made of 100% cotton, which provides more comfort and are plastic free.

Not a size fit all approach. Many different styles with staff in mind, hijabs, turbans and

Made in UK, designed, manufactured and quality controlled by us. Building a strong

RFID tags, personalised printed fabric,

#### TAKEAWAYS

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#### **DISPOSABLES** SHOULDN'T BE **THE NORM**

- Expensive Overall
- More Effective Alternatives.
- Waste culture impacts staff + patients.
- No transparency in supply chain.

**SCALE MATTERS** 

- Even a small project makes a sizeable impact to the overall NHS Goals
- With over 3000 theatres running at 95% capacity, thats 20,820,000 Disposables a year

#### **STAKEHOLDERS**

- Reusables and many other sustainable projects have benefits to multiple stakeholders.
- The more stakeholders the higher chance of SUCCESS.

#### PEOPLE

#### **DELIVERY**

- Investment in
  - staff never been
  - greater
- Diversity and
  - inclusion are the
  - minimum
- Communication
  - is essential
- Staff feel more
  - involved.

• Choosing a partner that can tailor to your needs is essential. Working with someone that can maximise the stakeholders value and vision. BE BOLD.



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