

Consultation on amendment of the Medicines (Standing Order) Regulations to enable nurse practitioners to issue standing orders

Please respond to the questions below.

1. What do you see as the potential benefits of an amendment to the Regulations to authorise nurse practitioners to issue standing orders **now** rather than as part of the review of the regulatory regime for therapeutic products?

1. Because as a NP practice owner and lead clinician it is incredibly limiting being unable to use standing orders to allow the very experienced RN I work with to work with standing orders, so I am constantly interrupted in order to have simple treatments discussed prior to then producing prescriptions. This causes a considerable barrier to patients in our practice.

2. Patients in hospice, registered to me as their primary health carer provider : I am unable to sign a standing order for the administration of medications needed prn , and so a GP not necessarily familiar with the patient hx etc is asked to sign this... this is a huge barrier for both the nurses and patients involved.

2. What do you see as the potential risks of an amendment to the Regulations to authorise nurse practitioners to issue standing orders **now** rather than as part of the review of the regulatory regime for therapeutic products?

I do not see any risks!

3. Please provide examples to show the implications of an amendment to the Regulations to authorise nurse practitioners to issue standing orders **now** rather than as part of the review of the regulatory regime for therapeutic products?

As above.