

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

Please respond to the questions below.

<p>1. What do you see as the potential benefits of an amendment to the Regulations to authorise nurse practitioners to issue standing orders <b>now</b> rather than as part of the review of the regulatory regime for therapeutic products?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speeds up the ability for nurse practitioners (NP) to issue Standing Orders to support patient care.</li><li>• Increase access for the patient to treatment, particularly in areas of low medical practitioner coverage, for example rural areas.</li></ul>
<p>2. What do you see as the potential risks of an amendment to the Regulations to authorise nurse practitioners to issue standing orders <b>now</b> rather than as part of the review of the regulatory regime for therapeutic products?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A risk of delaying this amendment is that clinicians may think because it is in the Medicines Act it is now ok for NP to do standing orders, being unaware that an amendment to the Medicines (Standing Order) Regulations is needed first.</li></ul>
<p>3. Please provide examples to show the implications of an amendment to the Regulations to authorise nurse practitioners to issue standing orders <b>now</b> rather than as part of the review of the regulatory regime for therapeutic products?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refer to question 1.</li></ul>