

## OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS FORM

**State the Delegated Authority that you are relying on in order to make this decision:** e.g. specific (identified in constitution) or general

**General**

**Subject of decision:** e.g. freehold disposal of land (16K-149K), contract extension, new policy

Adoption and implementation of Patient Group Directive (PGD) for prescribing of Varenicline as a Stop Smoking Drug

**Text of decision:** e.g. can include monies received by the Council, list any terms agreed, brief summary of the policy – Do not include any confidential information.

PGDs provide a legal framework that allows certain registered health care providers to supply and / or administer specified medicines to a pre-defined group of patients without them having to see a prescriber such as a doctor or nurse prescriber. Local Authorities are an authorising body for PGDs .All legislative details relating to the implementation of a PGD are detailed in Human Medicines Regulations 2012.

**Reason for decision:** e.g. benefits, new legislation requires a policy, review of opening hours, non- key decision, outside of agreed budget framework

**The implementation of the PGD will help The local Authority to :**

- 1) Deliver Patient care that is appropriate in Smoking Cessation without compromising patient safety**
- 2) Offer a significant advantage to patient care by improving access to appropriate medication.**
- 3) Provide equity in availability and quality of service provision.**
- 4) Provide a safe , legal framework to protect patients**
- 5) Reduce delays in treatment access**

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<b>Other options considered (if any)</b>
<b>Nothing. Whilst doing nothing is an option this would place increased pressure on service delivery whilst increasing waiting times for patients to access support and increasing health inequalities between wards and specific community groups.</b>
<b>Has an Impact Assessment been completed Yes/No – if yes please attach to the decision.</b>
<b>No</b>
<b>Declarations of Interest by any member or relevant local government body</b>
None
<b>Who have you consulted as part of the decision making process e.g. Head of Service, Executive Member, Community Association, Surveyor?</b>
Lead pharmacist, Head of service, Director and democratic services
<b>Date of decision</b>
20/02/2025
<b>Service area</b>
<b>Public Health – Stop Smoking Service</b>
<b>Name of Delegated Officer making decision - i.e. Officer who is designated the power in the Constitution</b>
<b>Mark Adams</b>

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**Name of the Officer making the decision – if power has been sub-delegated to another Officer.**

John Stephenson

**List of background papers (do not list if contain exempt/confidential information)**

N/A

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Louise Grabham



25.02.2025