

## **Position Statement on the Prescribing of Medical cannabis (and cannabis oils) preparations in Primary Care**

- Cannabis-based medicinal preparations are indicated for children and adults with rare severe forms of epilepsy; patients on chemotherapy with associated vomiting or nausea; MS-related muscle spasticity; intractable pain, however their availability on the NHS is still under review, NICE will publish clinical guidance in October 2019
- Prescribing of unlicensed cannabis-based medicinal preparations is restricted to clinicians listed on the Specialist Register of the General Medical Council.  
**Prescribing by General Practitioners (GPs) is not permitted**
- Patients requesting prescriptions who are currently under the care of a specialist should be advised to discuss their treatment plan with the specialist
- Patients requesting prescriptions who are not currently under the care of a specialist should only be referred to specialist services where clinically appropriate and in line with current pathways
- Information for patients on the availability of cannabis-based medicinal products is available on the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/medical-cannabis/>