

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS****HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2015**

<b>Subject</b>	Medicine Code – section 2
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<b>Status<sup>1</sup></b>	A

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Updated Trust policy to:

- describe clarify and standardise considerations before prescribing, prescribing standards and to describe the different prescription documents in use across the Trust.

**KEY POINTS**

All amendments in red font, but key changes include:

- Withdrawal of arrangements for verbal orders (approved by TEG 14/10/15)
- Inclusion of podiatrist and physiotherapist independent prescribers.
- First dose antibiotics for sepsis must be prescribed as STAT doses.
- Inclusion of guidelines for use of drug card, previously in separate document.
- Unlicensed medicines section amended to be in line with updated policy.
- Removal of arrangements for self-prescribing .

**IMPLICATIONS<sup>2</sup>**

<b>AIM OF THE STHFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2012-2017</b>		<b>TICK AS APPROPRIATE</b>
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	✓
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	✓
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	
5	Deliver Excellent Research, Education & Innovation	

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board of Directors is asked to ratify this policy.

**APPROVAL PROCESS**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Approved Y/N</b>
TEG	11.11.15	y

<sup>1</sup> Status: A = Approval  
A\* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval  
D = Debate  
N = Note

<sup>2</sup> Against the five aims of the STHFT Corporate Strategy 2012-2017