Key points: E-CIGARETTES: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF SMOKERS USING E-CIGARETTES, WITHIN IN-PATIENT SERVICES,

1. Explain smoking restrictions to all smokers as soon as possible before/following admission

2. All smokers to be assessed as soon as possible following admission and offered NRT combination options/Champix as required

3. If smoker prefers to use e-cigarettes, this must be risk assessed before they obtain or use an e-cigarette device, since these items contain a lithium battery and are dangerous to health if ingested. The types allowed in in-patient Units should be explained and an explanatory leaflet may be offered. Refillable devices are not permitted.

4. Vending machines stocking Trust approved e-cigarettes are being made available in many inpatient Units at low prices. However, the Clinical Team may consider providing e-cigarettes from ward stock for newly admitted detained patients without the means to purchase these, for the first 3 days, if necessary. Only 1 e-cigarette should be issued per day. Further provision must be discussed with the ward manager or matron, who will control and log any devices issued from ward stocks.

5. It is vital to ensure that smokers are not kept waiting for supplies of NRT/e-cigarettes, or there is any delay in re-issuing as required. As a guide, Trust approved e-cigarettes will normally last 1-2 days, depending on the intensity of use by individuals.

6. After use, ensure safe disposal of used devices into the e-cigarette recycling container only located in designated safe areas.

Please address any queries to the Unit Matron/Coordinator.