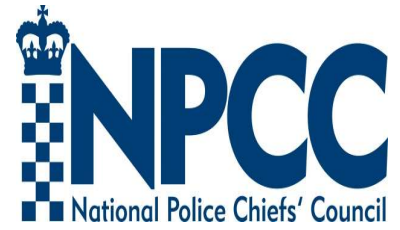


## Cancard Fact Sheet

- The card will be officially launched on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020. It is anticipated that approximately 30,000 people will be in receipt of the card.
- In 2018 the UK Government legalised Cannabis for medicinal use. Approximately 1.1 million could qualify for a private prescription.
- The Cancard is a holographic photo ID card. Designed in collaboration with GPs and verified at the patient's surgery. The card is for people who qualify for a legal prescription but are unable to afford one.
- The card is **NOT** a 'get out of jail free' card and does not qualify as a legal entitlement to possess Cannabis. However, given the unique circumstances, it is anticipated that anyone who presents the card is treated with discretion and are not penalised for being unable to access a legitimate need for medicinal Cannabis.



- In order to qualify for a Cancard, holders must have a confirmed diagnosis by their G.P, have tried at least two other types of prescribed medication for their condition or discussed these alternatives but discounted them due to adverse side effects and unable to afford a private prescription.



- To assist officers when presented with the card, there is a Policing helpline that will be staffed between 0900 – 2100hrs and will offer advice and guidance on how to deal with those with a Cancard. Outside of these hours, an out of hours verification service will be in operation.
- Each cardholder will be given a pack with guidance around the Cancard, how to interact if stopped and advice on dealing with the Police.