



Naloxone Programme Update

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Current Policy

Strategic Action 2.2.30

Continue to target a reduction in drug-related deaths and non-fatal overdoses.

Part b) Expanding the availability of naloxone to people who use drugs, their peers and family members

Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery

A health-led response to drug
and alcohol use in Ireland 2017-2025





Naloxone Programme

A prescription medication used to temporarily reverse the effects of opioid drugs for example heroin, morphine, codeine, methadone and other opioids.

Naloxone Provision

2022

1558 Units of Prenoxad™

1480 Units of Nyxoid™

2023 to date

981 Units of Prenoxad™

1425 Units of Nyxoid™

356 uses of naloxone reported in 2022

- **243 in Dublin, 68 in Cork, 14 Limerick, 11 in Waterford, 8 Kildare, 6 Kerry and 6 in the rest of Ireland**
- **85% of uses were on men**
- **48 people required CPR**
- **51% of people went with the ambulance service**

14 lives were saved in 2022



243 uses of naloxone reported in 2023

- **152 in Dublin, 39 in Cork, 18 in Limerick, 9 in Carlow, 7 in Louth, 5 in Kerry, 5 in Kildare and 8 in the rest of Ireland**
- **405 doses of Prenoxad™ and 125 doses of Nyxoid™ administered**
- **85% of uses were on men**
- **49 people required CPR**
- **An Garda Síochána were present at 24 incidents**
- **47% of people went with the ambulance service**

9 lives saved in 2023 to date



S.I. No. 238 of 2023

MEDICINAL PRODUCTS (PRESCRIPTION AND CONTROL OF SUPPLY) (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) REGULATIONS 2023

This enables the HSE to commence creating a blended accredited naloxone training course on HSeLanD



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health



Future Priorities

- Progress will be continued by the further expansion of training and access to naloxone for those who may witness an opioid overdose including people use drugs, their peers, family members, staff and communities.
- Continue to support the process of enhancing access to naloxone, particularly for family members.
- Continued engagement with key stakeholders, such as An Garda Síochána, the Irish Prison Service and homeless service providers, regarding naloxone education, training and potential provision for frontline members.
- Commence the establishment of a peer to peer naloxone training programme facilitated nationally by our partner services.



Thank You

Video of 2023 so far