

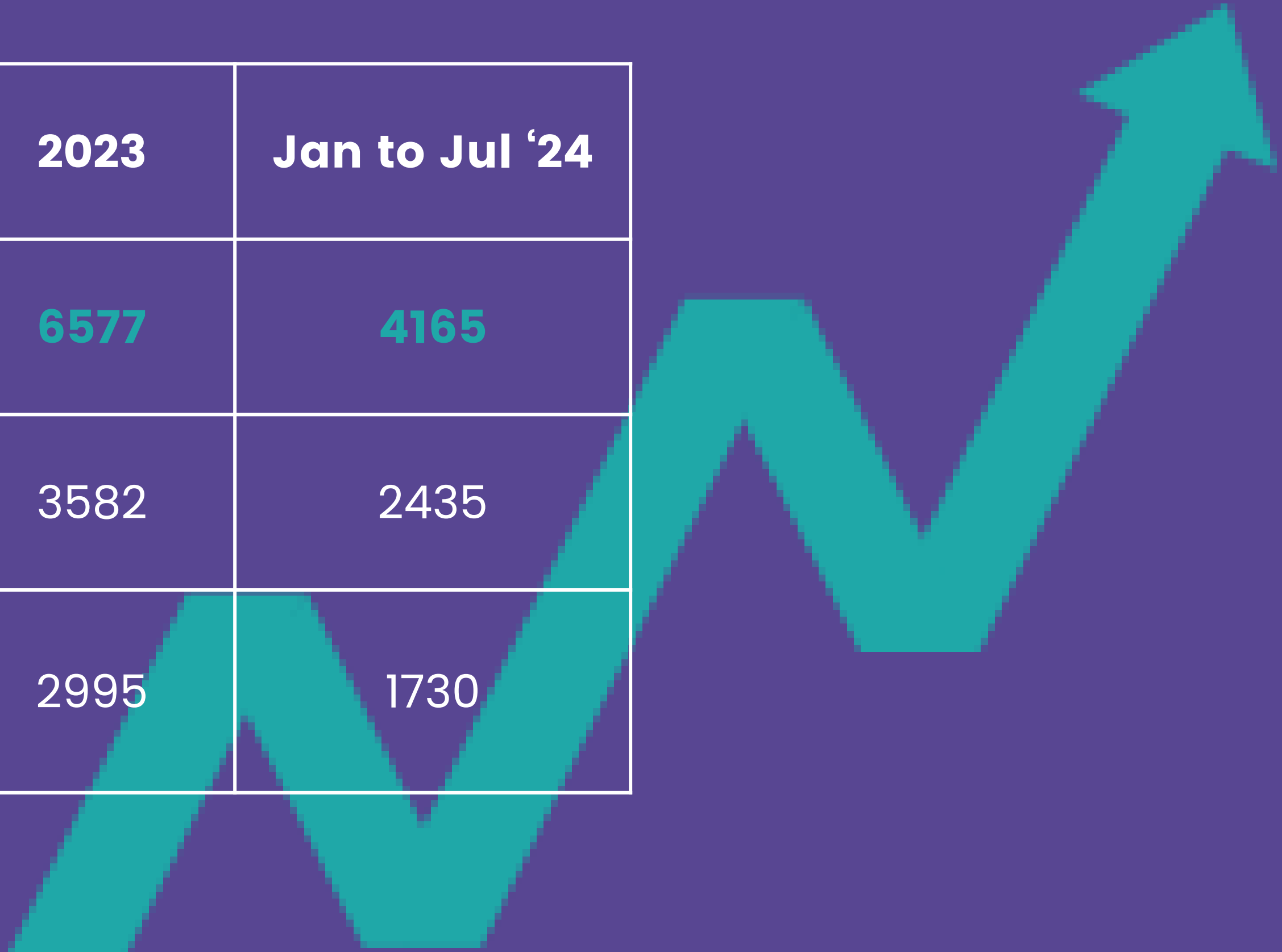
# AN UPDATE ON THE NALOXONE PROGRAMME, IRELAND

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# NALXONE PROVISION

Year	2022	2023	Jan to Jul '24
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>3038</b>	<b>6577</b>	<b>4165</b>
<b>Nyxoid™</b>	1480	3582	2435
<b>Prenoxad™</b>	1558	2995	1730



# NALOXONE ADMINISTRATIONS

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
No. of incidents submitted to NSIO		461	242
Location		65% of incidents in Dublin 16% in Cork 7.8% in Limerick	58% of incidents in Dublin 19% in Cork 5% in Limerick
Gender Breakdown		80% Men 20% Women	70% Men 30% Women
CPR administrated		19%	22%
AGS present		9%	8%
% of people went with NAS/DFB		45%	61%

# NALOXONE TRAINING

- In 2023, 2,025 people participated in Overdose Awareness and Naloxone Administration training facilitated by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and partner services.
- In January 2024 the HSE launched an Opioid Overdose Awareness and Naloxone Administration Training course on HSeLand, the HSE's online learning and development portal.
- From launch date until August 2024, 1,565 people have completed Module 1 & 381 people have completed Module 2.
- Successful completion of both Modules is required to obtain a HSE Opioid Overdose Awareness and Naloxone Administration Module 2 certificate for HPRA registration.

**HSE Opioid Overdose Awareness and Naloxone Administration Training (Module 1)**



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# OTHER TRAINING UPDATES



- The HSE and partner services continue to provide naloxone training to people they support and some support services provide internal staff training.
- From Jan - July 2024 – 1,008 people participated in training, of which 670 were peers and naloxone was provided to them as part of the training.
- In June the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI) approved Module 1 as a critical part of the training requirements for pharmacists, empowering them to supply and administer life-saving medicines or reduce severe distress during emergencies.

# SUPPORT SERVICES REGISTRATIONS REGISTRATION

# HPRA



An tÚdarás Rialála Táirgí Sláinte  
Health Products Regulatory Authority

Since the HSeLanD training launched eleven services have registered with the HPRA to enable them to procure naloxone, without requiring a prescription, to hold on site for staff to administer in a medical emergency.



# CIRCLE PROGRAMME

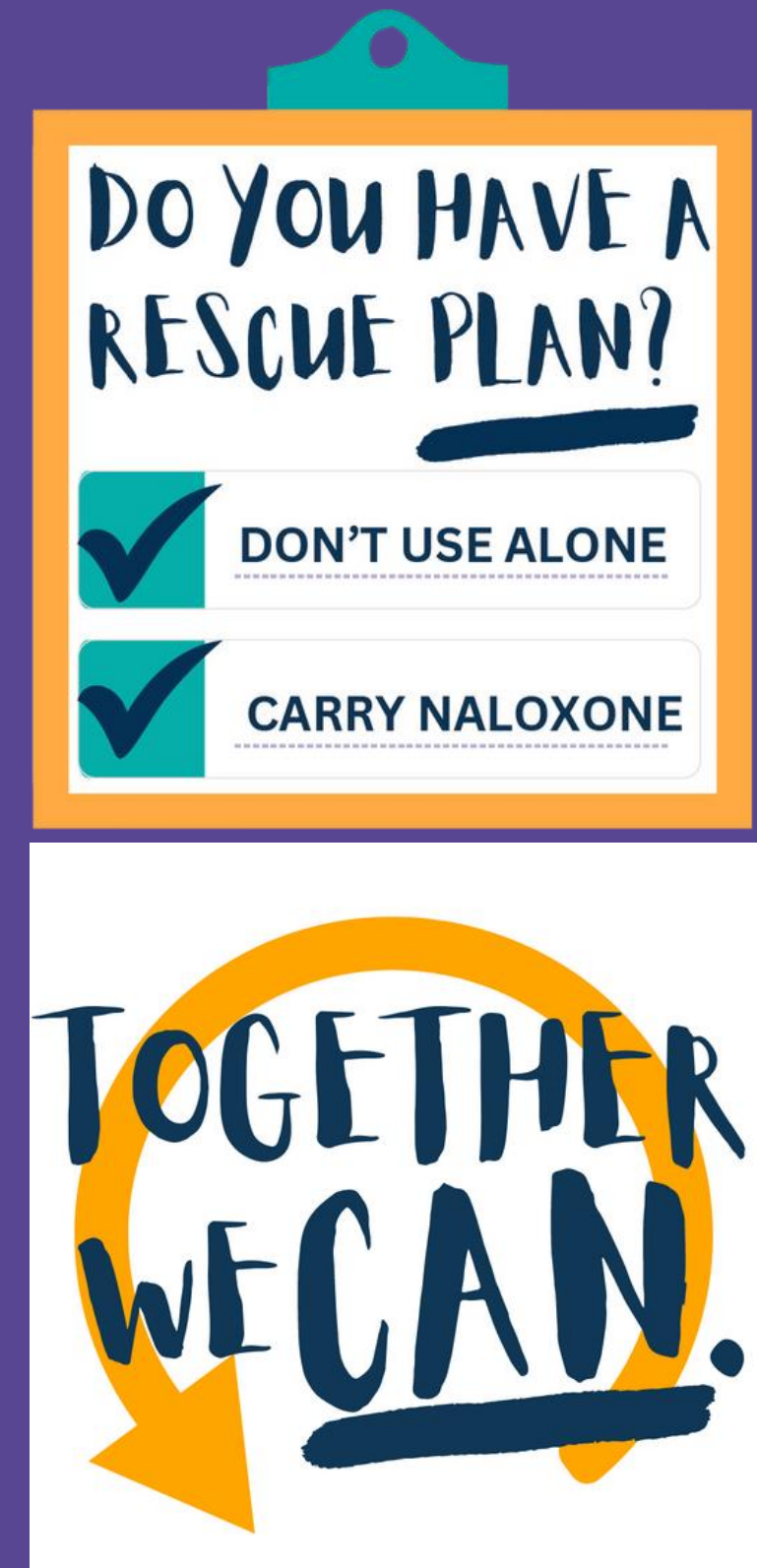


The HSE in collaboration with partner support services launched sixteen Circle programmes across Ireland:

- peer skills and education programme to support people who use drugs to understand overdose risks, take steps to prevent overdose and manage effectively if they are around someone who is overdosing.
- 12 programmes have completed to date; 71 peers have now graduated and 4 programmes are still due to graduate, and we are in the process of gathering feedback for improvements when expanding later this year.

# OVERDOSE & SAFETY RESCUE PLANS

- In 2020 42% of people who died from an overdose died alone.
- Naloxone is only effective if there's someone to administer it.
- Following the UK's example, as part of today's event we will launch the development of individual overdose safety and rescue plans in Ireland.
- We thank the staff and peers in both ALDP and UISCE who have supported the drafting process for this plan





# MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING FACILITY - 2024/25

- A MSIF is a hygienic, safe, medically supervised healthcare environment where people can inject drugs, obtained elsewhere, under the supervision of trained health professionals.
- The facility offers a compassionate, person-centred service which reduces the harms associated with drug injecting, the service can help health service staff to reach and support vulnerable and marginalised people, who often do not, cannot, or no longer engage with existing health services, and also aims to reduce public health risks such as needle-stick injuries.
- Refurbishment works are well underway in Merchant's Quay Ireland (MQI), Riverbank Facility, and the pilot will open in December 2024 for 18 months.
- The HSE is fully committed and is working with MQI to improve on harm reduction services specifically for people who inject drugs



# MSIF STAKEHOLDERS



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Department of Health**

**UISCE**  
Advocacy for People who use Drugs



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