

Naloxone

Change Grow Live – Wear Recovery

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This bulletin aims to get more pharmacies involved in dispensing take home naloxone.

Naloxone is a life-saving medicine which works by reversing the effects of opioid overdose. As a community, we need to make sure naloxone is widely accessible to all those who may need it, that it is safely supplied with appropriate training and recording and that legal and good practice requirements are met.

Naloxone aims to reduce the number of drug-related deaths caused by opioid overdose by:

- Increasing availability of naloxone in the community for emergency use in opioid overdose
- Increasing awareness of symptoms of opioid overdose and how to respond in an emergency.
- Provide training on how to use naloxone in the situation of opioid overdose.

Take home naloxone provision is available to all individuals over 18. All people in contact with people who use opioids are to be offered training in recognising opioid overdose symptoms and how to respond appropriately.

Naloxone training can be delivered by any member of the pharmacy team who has been trained. Once completed, a take-home naloxone kit may be issued by the pharmacy and a referral to Wear Recovery can be issued if appropriate.

Community Pharmacies will be paid for every kit dispensed and training provided to recipient.

If you would like to offer take home naloxone provision at your pharmacy, please get in touch with Laura Jones (laura.jones@cgl.org.uk, 07919666940).

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