

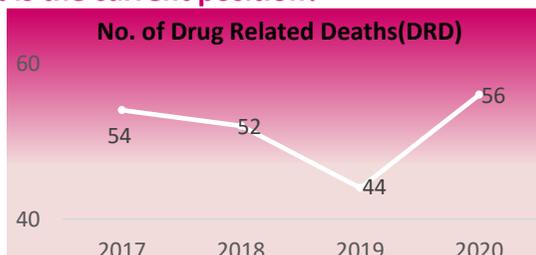
Reducing Drug Related Deaths: A Spotlight on Increasing Distribution of Naloxone



What are we trying to achieve?

We are aiming to reduce the incidence of fatal drug overdose through innovative developments and by increasing the distribution of naloxone by 10% year on year by 2022.

What is the current position?



What are we testing?

Through our multi-agency project we are increasing supply of the life saving medicine **naloxone** through non Drug and Alcohol services. With Aberdeen City Council we have:

- Run an ACC distributor campaign
- Held a webinar with ACC Chief Executive
- Provided training for staff
- Developing in house training
- Developed policy & procedures, including a Sharepoint site

We are also:

- Holding a city campaign and relaunching the website
- Developing interactive list of distribution points



Why are we testing this?

Reviews from past DRD have shown that many of those people who died were not in any drug treatment service but had come to the attention of many other services. By increasing the number of services who can distribute and administer Naloxone to those in need, we can get the life saving drug out to those people at risk of overdose, as well as to family members/friends of those in need.

What outcomes have we achieved?

- **Aberdeen City Council** has become a corporate distributor of naloxone.
- **3 teams** within ACC are stocking Naloxone - Justice Social Work Court Team, Housing & Support Officers and Rapid Rehousing Team
- **3 other non A&D Services** signed up to administer
- 107 ACC staff trained



What have we learnt from testing?

- While the uptake of training has been positive, we are not seeing this translate to Naloxone kits being distributed. Work is ongoing to train Teams rather than individuals. Webinars held w/c 20th June has seen a further uptake of Teams wishing to stock Naloxone
- Developing in house trainers to ensure sustainability of model

What impact have we had?

“The naloxone training is very good and helpful. I recommend it to all.” **Kate Hurley – Social Worker MHO**

“I found the training to be very informative and the session was very supportive. The training made me understand the importance of naloxone to our customers and community and removed any anxiety I had about naloxone.” **Ewan Scott – Health and Wellbeing Librarian**

How can Community Planning Partners Help?

Community Planning Partners are asked to support us increase access to and availability of this life saving medicine throughout the community when it's needed most by:

1. **sign up** to become a corporate naloxone distributor; and
2. **encourage staff** to get trained to administer naloxone; and
3. **ensure all staff** trained have access to naloxone

