Naloxone data

Trust and Low Threshold Service supply of naloxone

1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017 and 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

Table 1 shows the total instances when naloxone was supplied, either to an individual at risk of opioid overdose, or to anyone (e.g. family member, friend or worker) who comes into contact with individuals at risk of opioid overdose.

Table 1: Number of instances naloxone was supplied, by any organisation, by year		
2016-17	2017-18	
271	807	

The large increase in supply between 2016-17 and 2017-18 can be explained by changes in the Take Home Naloxone programme: changes in legislation made it possible for the Public Health Agency to fund Low Threshold (Outreach Services) to supply naloxone to their clients, and also for naloxone to be supplied not just to individuals at risk but also to anyone who comes into contact with individuals at risk, for example, staff who work in homeless hostels.

Supply of Naloxone by HSC Trusts, Low Threshold Services or Prison Service

Tables 2 and 3 provide a breakdown of the total supply (Table 1) into who supplied it and the area in which they were based. Table 2 shows supply to clients (individuals at risk of opioid overdose). Table 3 shows supply to family, friends or workers, who come into contact with individuals at risk of opioid overdose

Table 2: Number of instances naloxone was supplied to clients by area where service is					
based					
	2016-2017	2017-18	Total		
Prison Service (SE Trust)	23	48	71		
Belfast Trust area	95	526	621		
Southern Trust area	50	36	86		
Northern Trust area	57	54	111		
South Eastern Trust area	1	57	58		
Western Trust	34	40	74		
area					
Blank	11	3	14		
TOTAL	271	807	1,035		

Tables 3: Instances of naloxone supply to workers/friends/family, by area where service isbased		
Belfast Trust area	184	
S.E. Trust area	21	
Southern Trust area	11	
Northern Trust area	4	
Blank	1	
Total	221	

Occasions when naloxone has been resupplied to an individual after the original supply was used to reverse an overdose

Table 4: Number of times naloxone has been resupplied to a person by Trust or LTS after		
reversing an overdose (person did not survive)		
2016-17	2017-18	
13	5	

Table 5: Number of times naloxone has been resupplied to a person by Trust or LTS after		
reversing an overdose (person did survive)		
2016-17	2017-18	
62	107	