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Needle Exchange

We would like to give a special mention to **Newgate Pharmacy Mansfield** and **Church Walk Pharmacy Eastwood** who are also now offering Needle Exchange services!

We now have 19 pharmacies across Nottinghamshire offering this provision, widening the availability for people that need access to clean sterile injecting equipment and for somewhere to safely dispose of their used needles. This all contributes to reducing harm!

If you wish to offer this provision or if you already do and would like some refresher training for your team please contact me—
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We are here to support with any training needs your team might have and work flexibly around your busy opening times to facilitate this.

Pharmacy Newsletter

Welcome

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Welcome back to our quarterly newsletter; we hope this newsletter finds you well and we hope to bring you up to date with what has been going on over the past few months!

Recent drug alerts

You may be aware that over recent months there were a number of drug alerts released within certain areas of Nottinghamshire. Unfortunately during this period we saw an increased number of overdoses and sadly a number of fatalities.

Whilst there is currently no active drug alert for any areas of Nottinghamshire, it is useful to be aware that there has been a rise in the number of dangerous synthetic opioids that have become available which are many times more potent than heroin and have been found to be mixed with other substances. For this reason it is more important than ever before to make us

aware of any changes in service users presentation, signs of over sedation or any other concerns you may have.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those pharmacies that displayed the targeted drug alerts in their pharmacies on our behalf and spoke to service users about these alerts. Thank you for your ongoing support, it is appreciated. You may have helped to save a life!

Dispensing naloxone

We are currently trialling dispensing naloxone kits for the first time with one of our community pharmacies we work alongside **Church Walk Pharmacy Eastwood**— big thank you to them! This is another great harm reduction initiative and increasing access to naloxone to those that need it which could potentially save a life! We will keep you updated with how this is going in the coming months!

Watch this space!

* New Pharmacy training *

We have recently put together a new pharmacy training package that we feel will be useful for all pharmacy staff- technicians, dispensers and pharmacists themselves.

The training consists of multiple topics such as MAT (medically assisted treatment) options available to service users through CGL, other support CGL can offer, further information around different doses/ collection regimes, importance of pharmacies role in MAT, medication incidents, myths around MAT,

stigma, service user feedback and much more! We hope this is something we can roll out to all pharmacies we work with in Nottinghamshire and hope it is able to provide you with further insight into the full service user journey!

If this is something you are interested in, please do get in touch via email or phone—

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07552240614 and I can work flexibly to be able to come and deliver this training with you and your team!



Service user feedback

"Excellent. I think my pharmacist & his staff are the bee's knees"

Brisco's Kirkby In Ashfield

"I find them friendly and they remember my name"

Mansfield Delivery Chemist



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