



Naloxone good news story

As you are aware naloxone kits are vital in reversing an opiate overdose, we would like to share a recent good news story that occurred in one of our community pharmacies- Boots Work-sop.

Due to the pharmacist's quick thinking, he saved one of our service users life! The service user presented at the pharmacy as normal to collect his MAT prescription and appeared slightly intoxicated, all of a sudden he fell to the floor in the pharmacy and was unresponsive. The pharmacist got the pharmacy emergency naloxone kit and administered this to the service user and an ambulance was called. The naloxone kit was successful in reversing the overdose, the ambulance arrived and the service user was partly responsive when they were checking him over. The pharmacist also informed CGL what had happened. Thank you to Niral!

This is an extremely important example of why holding an emergency naloxone kit within your pharmacy can be beneficial. If you do not currently hold a kit on site please contact myself Charlotte Harding (details below) and I can arrange to come and deliver the training on how to use a kit with all your team and provide you with one to hold on site.

Training Events

CGL Nottinghamshire are launching a number of training events for other professionals via Eventbrite. These training events are all online and free to access!

Topics include Drug Risks & Harm Reduction Training-Introduction to drugs, their risks, and how to minimise harm, understanding Naloxone's purpose and use, and recognising signs of overdose. Introduction to substances including their use & associated risks, alcohol assessment tools, reduction tips, and our referral processes. Please click or search the below link for more info and to register! If none of the dates are suitable, please keep an eye out as more may become available!

[Change Grow Live Nottinghamshire Events - 7 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

Welcome

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!

Missed dose notifications

Are you aware you can notify us of patients who are regularly missing doses/off script via a missed dose notification system on Pharmoutcomes?

The feature allows recording of day 1, day 2 and day 3 missed collections. CGL Nottinghamshire ask to be notified of only day 2 & 3+ misses and any missed titration doses as we do not action anything with regular day 1 misses due to the volume of these we would receive.

This feature may benefit community pharmacies that wish to use it by reducing the number of incoming calls from CGL checking on patient collections, it could also prevent some patients falling off script by us reminding them on day 2 that they need to collect. It may also save you time trying to get through to us via phone or email!

Community pharmacies will need to contact Charlotte Harding (Community Pharmacy Liaison Lead) who can accredit this on pharmoutcomes for the pharmacy to start using this feature if they wish to.

Nitazenes continued...

The testing strips are particularly useful if service users are noticing a difference in appearance of substance or the way this is making them feel when using, service users are unlikely to know the substance they have purchased may contain Nitazenes, which is why supporting us to promote these testing strips

Nitazenes

New synthetic opioids are a growing presence in local drug markets across the country. They continue to pose a significant threat for people accessing our services.

Nitazenes are one of these- they are known to be at least as strong as fentanyl and a lot more potent than heroin and have been linked to a number of overdoses in several areas across the country including Nottinghamshire. They are known to have also sadly led to a number of accidental deaths too.

Whilst there is no official drug alert for any areas of Nottinghamshire at present, there are things you can do to help us get the message out there about these substances!

- Encourage service users to check they have an in date naloxone kit and to carry this with them, even if they are not using substances themselves, someone they know or associate with may be!

- If they do not have a kit or it has expired please signpost them to their nearest CGL to access a kit.

-Service users can now access nitazene testing strips from CGL, this enables them to test for the presence of nitazenes substances they have before using them, this enables them to make an informed choice before using them.

and encouraging service users to carry a naloxone kit may just help to prevent an overdose happening. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned about the way someone is presenting, thank you for your support!



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