08 August 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 937/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

I am a policy researcher with Release. Release is the national centre of expertise on drugs and drugs law, providing free and confidential specialist advice to the public and professionals.

I submit this request for specific information regarding Naloxone provision in the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board area of responsibility. Given the tragic increase of opioid and fentanyl related deaths in the United Kingdom, we are seeking this specific information to map out Naloxone provision in England and to facilitate overdose prevention initiatives. This information is sought under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

1. According to the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) data, how many opiate clients were in treatment between 31st March 2016 and 1st April 2017?

2. According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and/or Coroners statistics, how many deaths related to drug poisoning (as defined by the International Classification of Diseases, ICD-9 and ICD-10) were registered in 2015 where any opioid was mentioned on the death certificate?

3. Is Take-home Naloxone (THN) currently provided? If THN is currently provided, please proceed to respond to Questions 4-14.

4. Was the term ‘Naloxone’ specifically included in the most recent tender document when commissioning for any drug and/or alcohol services?

5. Who is responsible for purchasing Naloxone?

6. How many Naloxone kits were purchased by responsible persons/bodies (see Question 5) in each financial year since 2014/15?

7. Are there any concrete plans to repurchase Naloxone in the next financial year (between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018)?

8. Who is currently directly providing Take-home Naloxone (THN) kits?
9. Have THN providers received training on how to train THN recipients to administer Naloxone? If such training has been provided, please proceed to respond to sub-questions a-b.
   a. Which groups received such training?
   b. Which organisation(s) and/or individual(s) delivered such training?

10. Who is currently provided with THN kits?

11. Do individuals eligible to receive THN kits (see Question 11) have to fulfil any requirements in order to receive THN kits?

12. What is the maximum number of THN kits an individual can receive at the point of access, if any?

13. How many THN kits were dispensed in the community in each financial year since 2014/15?

14. What recording and/or monitoring practices have been put in place regarding Naloxone, if any?

Response:

The substance misuse provider for Leicestershire & Rutland is Turning Point info@turning-point.co.uk. As commissioners, Rutland County Council does not hold this information which is supplied by the service to a national submission.

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Yours faithfully

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