

# MQI

## Naloxone Training & Prescribing Service

From pilot to present day

**MQI**

**Merchants Quay Ireland**  
Homeless & Drugs Services

# 2012<sub>Pre Pilot</sub>

- ▶ Ireland has one of the highest drug overdose rates in Europe
- ▶ Opioids accounted for seven per cent of all “poisoning” deaths in Ireland
- ▶ Forty-two percent of people who died deaths where heroin was implicated were not alone at the time they took the drug.

# 2014<sub>Pre Pilot</sub>

- ▶ 2014 the WHO release guidelines stating;

“People likely to witness an opioid overdose should have access to naloxone and be instructed in its administration to enable them to use it for the emergency management of suspected opioid overdose”

Clarke, A, and Eustace, A. (2016) External Evaluation of the Naloxone Demonstration Project: Health Service Executive

# 2014<sub>Pre Pilot</sub>

## Other influencing Factors:

- ▶ Action 40 of the National Drugs Strategy (2009- 2016) aimed at tackling the harm caused by the misuse of drugs.
- ▶ Access to Naloxone, was also a key action of the 2015 HSE Primary Care, Social Inclusion operational plan.

# 2015<sub>1</sub>

- ▶ HSE Naloxone Demonstration Project started in February 2015 to test the feasibility of making naloxone available to people who use opioids.
- ▶ Two years of preparation work were carried out in advance
- ▶ 31 Front line staff took part in a “Train the Trainer” component
- ▶ Roll out of training on site at four locations Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Waterford (March - September 2015).

# 2015<sub>2</sub>

- ▶ The rollout of training progressed steadily in Dublin and Limerick during 2015 and commenced in Waterford towards the end of 2015.
- ▶ A total of 95 prescriptions of Naloxone were issued during the Demonstration Project. The majority (67%) of these were issued in Dublin and the remainder (33%) were issued in Limerick.

# 2015<sub>MQI</sub>

- ▶ The first pilot client training and prescribing happened in MQI on 3/6/2015
- ▶ The last pilot training session happened in MQI on 20/01/2016.
- ▶ During that period there were 41 clients trained and prescribed in MQI, using 3 trainers.

# 2016/17<sub>MQI</sub>

▶ 25 Clients Trained & Prescribed



# 2018<sub>MQI</sub>

- ▶ Established a weekly Naloxone Training & Prescribing Service
- ▶ Targeting clients at risk of Opioid Overdose
- ▶ Collaboration with GMQ Medical
- ▶ Friday mornings 9am to 12pm.
- ▶ Clients Recruited from the Drop-In & Needle Exchange Program
- ▶ Carried out a survey in the NX asking clients about Naloxone.
- ▶ 63 clients trained and prescribed in total that year
- ▶ Including, IOAD 2018 - all day training = 8 Clients Trained & Prescribed

# 2018 Survey<sub>MQI</sub>

▶ From **11/06/2018** to **17/06/2018**,

All people attending the Needle Exchange Service were asked to do a one-off, brief Naloxone Survey

▶ Q1 - Do you know what Naloxone is? Yes/No.

▶ Q2 - Do you know how to get Naloxone? Yes/No.

▶ Q3 - Are you scared of overdosing? Yes/No.

**Q1 - Do you know what Naloxone is?**

		% of clients	% of completed surveys
No	<b>95</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Yes	152	<b>42%</b>	<b>62%</b>
Total clients completed Question	<b>247</b>		
Not Specified	117	32%	

**Q2 : Do you know how to get Naloxone:**

		% of clients	% of completed surveys
No	120	<b>33%</b>	<b>49%</b>
Yes	125	<b>34%</b>	<b>51%</b>
Total clients completed Question	<b>245</b>		
Not Specified	119	33%	

**Q3 - Are you scared of overdosing?**

		% of clients	% of completed surveys
No	180	<b>49%</b>	<b>74%</b>
Yes	64	<b>18%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Total clients completed Question	<b>244</b>		
Not Specified	120	33%	

# 2019<sub>MQI</sub>

## Present Day

- ▶ Referral Email set up for appointment based training  
**oascm@mqi.ie**
- ▶ Recruitment
- ▶ What training looks like
- ▶ Both INN & IMN available
- ▶ Collaboration GMQ Medical GPs
- ▶ Support of UISCE
- ▶ Plans to expand the service
- ▶ **30 clients trained & prescribed YTD**
- ▶ IOAD 2019 = 13 clients trained & prescribed
- ▶ New Promotional Poster / Leaflet

# ARE YOU AT RISK OF OVERDOSE?

Naloxone reverses the effects of  
opioid overdose and could save a life.

## FREE TRAINING AND NALOXONE KIT

EVERY FRIDAY, 9AM - 12PM  
MQI, RIVERBANK, MERCHANT'S QUAY  
TRAINING TAKES 30 MINUTES



Email [oascmemqi.ie](mailto:oascmemqi.ie) for more info, or to arrange an alternate time.  
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# Our Team 2019



Thank You 😊