
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	22 September 2022
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Subject:	Enhanced Naloxone Action – Notice of Motion by Councillor Daisley		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Daisley, countersigned by Councillor Reynolds, relative to enhanced action being taken by Inverclyde Council with regard to the Naloxone Project, in terms of Standing Order 22.
- 1.2 The terms of the Notice of Motion are set out in appendix 1 to the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion by Councillor Daisley.

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Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Enhanced Naloxone Action

Background Information:

With reference to the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel on 18/08/22, Agenda item 6, (Alcohol and Drug Partnership – Naloxone Project Phase 2), a number of actions were agreed around the distribution of Take Home Naloxone kits (THN) in Inverclyde.

The recently published final report from the National Drug Death Taskforce states:

“The evidence is clear that wider distribution and training in how and when to administer Naloxone saves lives. Expanding the distribution of Naloxone would increase its coverage, meaning it is more likely to be available in the event of an opioid overdose. Expansion would also spread awareness of harm-reduction advice through Take Home Naloxone (THN) programmes. Pathways could help guide people into appropriate treatment and support. Mainstreaming the availability of Naloxone would help to reduce harmful stigma around problematic substance use and ensure it is seen in parity with other health conditions.”

The Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel approved the report that was brought forward, and in doing so agreed with the proposals that:

1. Naloxone training is to be made available to HSCP and Inverclyde Council staff. Attendance would be on a voluntary basis. On completing the training every participant will be offered a Naloxone kit for use in emergencies only (i.e. not for distribution). Staff would have the choice whether they would take a Naloxone kit or not.
2. The training is evaluated and feedback from this will help Inverclyde ADP to develop this programme further.
3. Naloxone to be included in all HSCP and customer facing Council Services first aid kits. This is in recognition that, along with other critical public sector services, HSCP and Council staff also have a critical role in ensuring staff are equipped to provide an appropriate response to anyone experiencing a near fatal overdose in or in the vicinity of a Council or HSCP building.

Uptake numbers from the last 3 years are as below;

Target 2019/20	Actual kits Supplied 2019/20	Target 2020/21	Actual Kits Supplied 2020/21	Target 2021/22	Actual kits Supplied to date in 2021/22
210	145 69%	580	147 25%	580	74 12%

Our kit uptake target for 2021/22 was not achieved, and we remain one of the worst local authorities in Scotland for drug deaths.

Motion:

1. Council agrees that positive movements in Naloxone uptake are underway.
2. Council takes the official position that we must actively encourage and support the uptake of Naloxone training and rollout in Inverclyde.
3. Council agrees the following actions
 - a. Subject to consultation with our trade union partners, Naloxone training become mandatory for relevant HSCP staff (being those staff identified by the Chief Officer HSCP) rather than voluntary, with all Inverclyde Council staff offered training on a voluntary basis. Training and support will also be targeted at local businesses, including licensed premises and taxi firms.
 - b. The carrying of Take Home Naloxone (THN) kit remains voluntary, although strongly encouraged as a culture within Inverclyde Council.
 - c. Elected members agree to uptake the Naloxone training, and to consider carrying a THN kit with them. As leaders in our communities, it is vital that elected members lead by example, and this will support Council officers to highlight to third party organisations and the overall community, the strategic significance of these lifesaving kits, and support the aim of reducing stigma around problematic substance abuse.
 - d. That the Council writes to the Chair of the Integration Joint Board, seeking confirmation that regular reports on THN kit uptake are provided in IJB performance reporting, with the ultimate aim to be the agreed annual target of 580 being significantly exceeded by year end, through a successful period of engagement, training and supplying of THN kits to relevant individuals, families and 3rd sector organisations.

As this is already costed, there should be no further cost implications. However, the implications if the Council does not put a more enhanced and clear focus on this, are a risk of more avoidable drug deaths and suffering for families in Inverclyde, when the Council has a chance to contribute to saving lives.

Moved: Councillor Daisley

Seconded: Councillor Reynolds