



# TAKE HOME NALOXONE DEMONSTRATION STUDY

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# Policy and data context



- **National Overdose prevention Strategy Sept 2011.** Recommendation 4 advises that **‘The opioid antagonist Naloxone should be made routinely available in Ireland to opioid drug users’.**
- CSO recorded 987 opiate-related deaths between 2007 to 2013
- National Drug Related Death Index (HRB) recorded 1,149 opiate-related deaths between **2007 and 2012**

# Naloxone



## Naloxone Saves lives

### **Possible concerns**

- **Might it increase risk-taking?**
- **Prescription only medicine**
- **Might witnesses be less likely to call ambulance?**
- **Are witnesses sufficiently skilled?**
- **Will the naloxone be immediately available?**
- **Might they re-overdose later?**
- **What about date-expiry?**
- **Might family be afraid to give injection?**


# Timeline



- Oct 2014: Ongoing stakeholders meeting and promotion of the intention of the HSE to drive this project .
- Training of trainers for Naloxone (30)
- Service user consultation
- QAG: ongoing monitoring of training using modified version of OOKS and OOAS
- [www.drugs.ie/naloxone](http://www.drugs.ie/naloxone)
- Prenoxad via the EMP route as discussed with DoH and HPRA

# Video sample



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- Cascading of training in regions open to all (526)
    - Dublin
    - Cork
    - Waterford/Carlow/Kilkenny
    - Drogheda
    - Limerick
  - Tender for evaluation *May 2015*
  - Implementation of a workers pack, and recording of distribution

Thursday 21st May 2015


**Ministers welcome availability of life-saving antidote to heroin-related overdoses aimed at reducing drug-related deaths**

# Goes live



- First product prescribed Inner City Dublin  
22/05/2015
- Currently up to 12 product supplied
- Continued progression of the project in Limerick,  
Cork and Waterford



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- August 31<sup>st</sup> IOAD
  - Sept 31<sup>st</sup>-Preliminary data available for discussion and consideration for wider availability
  - Sept-Dec- review and evaluation of the project.