

## Oxfordshire Take-Home Naloxone Service

### What is naloxone?

Naloxone is an emergency antidote for overdoses caused by opioid drugs such as heroin, methadone, fentanyl, oxycodone, buprenorphine, or morphine.

Some causes of drug overdose are: using alone, using too much, injecting, changes in drug purity levels, polydrug use, and low tolerance for example, following prison release or detox/hospital discharge.

### When to use naloxone

When you know or suspect that someone has overdosed on an opioid drug.

Some signs of a suspected opioid overdose are: pinpoint pupils, blue or purple lips/fingernails, no response to touch or sounds, slow or no breathing, and gasping or gulping sounds.

Naloxone is not a substitute for emergency medical care. You should always call for an ambulance even when you have used naloxone.

### What is the Oxfordshire take-home naloxone service

Oxfordshire take-home naloxone service is a free service that supplies naloxone and training on its use, to people who may be at risk of an opioid overdose or who may witness an overdose, for example:

- Someone who currently uses, or has a history of using opioid drugs,
- A family member/ friend/ carer of a person who uses opioid drugs,
- A worker for a service whose clients include people who use opioid drugs.

If you have naloxone, you should always carry it and let people know that you have it.

### Where you can get a free naloxone pack

1. You can get a free naloxone pack from [Turning Point](#).
2. If you have used a naloxone pack to save someone's life in an emergency, you can ask the South-Central Ambulance Service paramedics for a free replacement naloxone pack.
3. Take-home naloxone service will also soon be available from some community pharmacies across Oxfordshire.

**We will update this page soon to provide a list of the Oxfordshire pharmacies where you can get a free naloxone pack.**