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Dear Colleague

**Launch of the Community Pharmacy Take-Home Naloxone (THN)  
Programme and Emergency Naloxone Administration Programme (ENAP) in Sheffield**

We are delighted to announce that Humankind has secured funding in 2024-2025 for community pharmacies in Sheffield to deliver naloxone provision for People Who Use Drugs (PWUDs).

Community Pharmacy plays a vital role in supporting PWUDs which has already been recognised in 2023 with Wicker Pharmacy delivering life-saving naloxone in two suspected opioid overdose situations<sup>1</sup>. With many PWUDs not engaging with drug and alcohol services and using Community Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Programmes (NSPs) plus pharmacies supporting evening and weekend opening hours, these programmes will help to reduce the risk of drug-related deaths in the Sheffield area.

We plan for pharmacies to deliver the following two services:

1. *Community Pharmacy Take-Home Naloxone (THN) Programme*: This will involve pharmacies providing naloxone (nasal and injectable) to PWUDs who may be at risk of or witnessing an opioid overdose.
2. *Community Pharmacy Emergency Naloxone Administration Programme (ENAP)*: This will involve pharmacies holding a stock of nasal naloxone on site (supplied to trained pharmacy staff by Humankind) to use in the case of an emergency.

We have included in this communication *Service Level Agreements (SLAs)* for the both programmes which was launched in April 2024. Please refer to the SLAs for details of the programme and funding arrangements. We have delivered first training session for the THN and ENAP programmes ( delivered together) in April 2024 (online via a MS Teams meeting).

**Please note that there will be a requirement for all pharmacies providing the THN programme to offer the ENAP service also**

Future training events in June and July 2024 will support the ongoing training provision for both programmes but, in particular for the ENAP.

***Our aim is to firstly launch this with the NSP pharmacies in Sheffield but assess further roll-out after the first 3 months of the programme***

<sup>1</sup> [Wicker Pharmacy saves two lives after taking naloxone training \(independentpharmacist.co.uk\)](https://independentpharmacist.co.uk)

Next Steps:

1. Please review the SLAs for both programmes
2. Please complete the EOI form and return to Barbara Zub – [barbara.zub@humankindcharity.org.uk](mailto:barbara.zub@humankindcharity.org.uk) – if you want to participate in these programmes. *Please note that there is an expectation that you will provide the ENAP if you are delivering the THN services.*
3. If you do not want to deliver the THN service but wish to offer the emergency naloxone service, then please indicate on the EOI form. Training details for the pharmacies providing just the ENAP will be sent out soon.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact myself, Barbara Zub (National Pharmacy Technician) or Jon Findlay (National Harm Reduction Lead – [jon.findlay@humankindcharity.org.uk](mailto:jon.findlay@humankindcharity.org.uk)) for further information

Yours sincerely



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