

Freedom of Information request 237-19

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request:

An annual breakdown of the number of take-home naloxone (THN) kits that have been issued by your health board over the last three years.

Further to this, I would also appreciate a complete list of hospitals, community hubs, pharmacies etc, within your health board area, where THN kits are distributed and training is provided to members of the public.

Response

Naloxone is a drug which reverses the effects of a potentially fatal overdose with these drugs. Intramuscular injection of naloxone provides time for emergency services to arrive and for further treatment to be given. Following suitable training, 'take home' naloxone kits are issued to people at risk of opioid overdose, their friends and family and service workers in order to help prevent overdose deaths.

Please see below the annual breakdown of Take Home Naloxone (THN) kits provided over previous three years.

	First Supply	Re-supply	Total Supplies
2016-17	27	180	207
2017-18	19	103	122*
2018-19	38	107	145

*Updated

THN is available at the following community outlets:

Addaction Borders, 125 High Street, Galashiels TD1 1RZ
Lindsay & Gilmour Hawick, 5 Oliver Place, Hawick TD9 9BG
GLM Romanes Ltd Pharmacy Eyemouth, 6 Church St, Eyemouth TD14 5DH
Lloyds Pharmacy, 36 – 40 Horsemarket, Kelso TD5 7HD
Jedburgh Pharmacy, 22 High Street, Jedburgh TD8 6AG
Lloyds Pharmacy, Unit 2, Douglas Bridge Shopping, Galashiels TD1 1BN
GLM Romanes, 1-3 Market Square, Duns TD11 3DB
Lloyds Pharmacy, 20 High Street, Peebles EH45 8SF

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The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **237-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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