



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
QUESTION ON NOTICE

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Justice Health

Ref: Justice Health, JACS Annual Report 2020-2021 p134, implementation of recommendations

In relation to: Recommendations 60-61 of the Healthy Prison Review

1. Has a trial of nasal Naloxone for after-hours use commenced?
2. Can the Minister provide a report of the options for both recommendation 60 and 61?
3. What obstacles or concerns have been identified with making Naloxone available for administration after hours?
4. What obstacles have been identified with making Naloxone available to all detainees with a recent history of opioid use as part of a release pack?

Emma Davidson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Has a trial of nasal Naloxone for after-hours use commenced?
 - The after-hour trial of Naloxone has not commenced at this stage. Justice Health Services (JHS) have provided training packages to ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) for their consideration.
2. Can the Minister provide a report of the options for both recommendation 60 and 61?
 - 60. That ACTCS and Justice Health examine the feasibility of making Naloxone available for administration after-hours in case of a drug overdose (including a trial of nasal Naloxone if feasible), supported by appropriate training in administration of the drug.
 - Underway - Provision of training packages are currently under review by ACTCS for the administration of Naloxone.
 - Ideally, once ACTCS complete the training, Naloxone would be accessible in all first-aid posts in the accommodation areas within the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) for use by ACTCS in the event of an overdose.
 - 61. That ACTCS and Justice Health examine the feasibility of making Naloxone available to all detainees with a recent history of opioid use as part of a release pack.
 - Complete – JHS currently provide Naloxone to all detainees on Opioid Maintenance Therapy (OMT) on their release from AMC

3. What obstacles or concerns have been identified with making Naloxone available for administration after hours?
 - There are no concerns with providing Naloxone after hours, and it is expected that consultations, training of staff and items required to administer Naloxone as a first-aid response will be in place by the end of April 2022.
4. What obstacles have been identified with making Naloxone available to all detainees with a recent history of opioid use as part of a release pack?
 - JHS currently provide Naloxone to all detainees on Opioid Maintenance Therapy (OMT) on their release from the AMC.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

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By the Minister for Justice Health, Emma Davidson