



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Taimus Werner-Gibbins MLA

Addressed to: Rebecca Minty, Custodial Inspector

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In relation to: Naloxone availability

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Answer Due: 1/12/2025

You mentioned that one recommendation of your review of AMC will be that ACTCS considers providing direct access to Naloxone for detained people (eg ability for them to keep Naloxone in their cells/units). Is there evidence from other jurisdictions that this approach of direct access to Naloxone by detainees has minimised harm?

REBECCA MINTY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

OICS' *Review of a Suspected Drug Overdose, endangering life of a detained person at the Alexander Maconochie Centre on 21 May 2024* (tabled May 2025) recommended that ACTCS consider providing direct access for detained people to Naloxone based on the risk of overdoses and experiences in other jurisdictions. In particular, the report notes the experience in the United State of America.

In a [report released in May 2024](#), the Californian Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the California Correctional Health Care Services noted the distribution of Naloxone to detained people to be successful. The report found that as of February 2024, there had been 57 documented Naloxone events with administration by an incarcerated person to another incarcerated person experiencing an overdose. However, the Departments suggest the true number of naloxone administrations by an incarcerated person is likely much higher, but many overdoses are not reported and thus remain undocumented.

According to the [Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department](#), in Los Angeles in 2021, the lives of two detained people were saved when Naloxone was administered by fellow detained people.

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By the ACT Custodial Inspector, Rebecca Minty