

Is increased access to Take Home Naloxone (THN) a good idea?



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What is THN?

- THN is a complex intervention comprised of Naloxone, a method of delivery and training in how to administer

The case for:

- Opioid overdose death – especially illicit opioid (heroin) death increasing. Doubled in England and Wales between 2012 and 2016 to highest on record
- UK especially high number of fatal overdoses and people at risk. USA, Canada especially high rates of overdose. Various reasons – purity adjusted price, prescribing patterns

Case against:

- V. low saturation of THN means unanswered questions - 'safety net' effect? attempts at abuse? Cost effective?
- May need a lot more than one dose, may not be used as instructed (length of effect short), delivery methods differ

How do we find out?

- Very tricky – THN is peer administered, population difficult to follow up, likely to be in insecure housing, effects of addiction and dependence on lifestyle
- **TIME: Take home naloxone Intervention Multi centre Emergency setting feasibility trial.** Featuring: PPI representatives; WAST; SWASFT; YAS; NWAS; WMAS; University of Sheffield; UWE; Swansea University; Cardiff University; Cardiff and Vale UHB
- Randomised feasibility trial clustered by Emergency Department (ED) catchment area, anonymised linked outcomes for trial period OD patients and their peers; qualitative methods

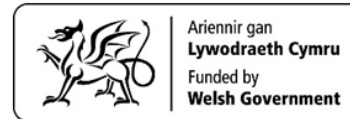
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