NALOXONE
THE LAW, AND YOU

ADMINISTRATION

ANYONE can legally administer naloxone

SUPPLY

You can get naloxone from:

- ANYONE working in drug treatment services.
- Any LOCAL NALOXONE PROVIDER (new groups with a specific agreement in place).

You can also get naloxone from:

- YOUR doctor
- ANY doctor, if YOU have a prescription
- Pharmacists (+pharmacy techs), nurses, midwives
- Police, Paramedics, Prison & Probation services

Release

Law around administration:

Naloxone is governed by the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (HMR). The HMR classifies naloxone as a Prescription-Only Medication (POM). The administration of POMs is regulated by HMR.214(2).

HMR.238 disapplies HMR.214(2) for those POMs specified in Schedule 19, when administered for the purpose of saving life in an emergency. Naloxone hydrochloride is included in Schedule 19.

Law around supply:

Naloxone supply is regulated by several amendments to the HMR. Most recently, the 2024 regulation HMR.237A expanded who can lawfully supply naloxone by lengthening the list of people who can provide it without a prescription and creating new entities called ‘local naloxone providers’. The regulation in full is here: