



APTUK position statement on the consultation proposals to widen access to naloxone without a prescription

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the Department of Health in Northern Ireland (NI DOH), the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government have opened a consultation on proposals to widen access to naloxone without a prescription.

Naloxone is a life-saving medicine that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. Anyone can administer naloxone in an emergency but currently only drug treatment services can legally supply it to an individual for future use.

In response, APTUK have released the following statement:

APTUK welcome the consultation on expanding access to take-home Naloxone supplies. Pharmacy Technicians as registered autonomous pharmacy professionals with their knowledge on opioids and controlled drugs will also be able to counsel on harm reduction. The expansion of access to Naloxone is essential in light of workforce challenges.