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2026/326 - Naloxone/Narcan

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**As part of my dissertation, I am researching the question:
"Should police officers routinely carry Naloxone, and if so, in what capacity (personal issue or vehicle based)?"**

To support this research, I am contacting police forces across the UK to gather information on organisational decision making, policy development, and any evidence that has informed your approach to the issuing or non issuing of Naloxone/Narcan.

I would be extremely grateful if your force could share any of the following, where available:

***Policy documents or internal reports relating to the consideration, adoption, or rejection of Naloxone use by officers**

Use of Naloxone is voluntary for North Wales Police (NWP) officers, we do not hold policy documents relating to consideration, adoption or rejection due to this factor – we have guidance documents on its use produced in conjunction with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB).

***Risk assessments, pilot project evaluations, or post implementation reviews**

The use of Naloxone is clinically proven, the determination to roll out Naloxone on a voluntary basis across the force was done based on its success in saving lives determined by BCUHB specialists.

***Research, evidence, or reference materials that informed your force's decision-making (e.g., academic studies, Home Office guidance, independent evaluations)**

We primarily referenced Police Scotland and West Midlands Police's evaluations and guidance.

***Operational guidance on how Naloxone is issued (personal issue, vehicle-based access, specialist units, etc.)**

Naloxone is distributed across the ten districts in North Wales with officers being able to take out supplies on their tour of duty and return them if unused – they are not single issue.

***Any lessons learned or insights from trials or operational use**

None to date.

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Any documentation you can provide-whether prior to implementation, after initial use, or as part of ongoing evaluation-would be extremely valuable to my academic work.

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