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PQ 5567/18

* To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand availability of naloxone to persons that use drugs as stated in the national drugs strategy Reducing Harm. Supporting Recovery 2017 to 2025; the level of availability for naloxone; the locations in which it is available; the number of occasions it has been used in an emergency situation in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 6446/18

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the wider rollout of the opioid overdose antidote naloxone.

Dear Deputy Chambers,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

During 2017 a total of 1039 Naloxone products were provided to services, this was a two fold increase on the previous year. In this year it should be noted that Naloxone previously supplied from 2015 had expired and people who use drugs would have required replacement which would account for part of this increase. However in 2017 a further seven new services requested the product to supply from their services, accounting for 457 products.

The availability of Naloxone has expanded and is now available in Community Health Organisations 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9. In 2018 the HSE plans to roll out training in CHOs 1 and 8 to assure a national coverage of the programme.

In the lifetime of the programme there have been 77 reported uses.

A breakdown of the number of occasions it has been used in emergency situations is outlined in the below table:

Year	Total no. of reported uses of naloxone
2017	51
2016	17
2015 (June-Dec)	9 (<10)
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No data is readily available for 2018.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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