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“There is a genuine fear amongst service users that they themselves, a friend or a peer could die from a fatal overdose.

They really want to help and support and look after each other.

Service users really respect and understand the value of Naloxone.”
“The main thing was seeing someone who was unresponsive and fading in front of me thinking they were gone regaining consciousness, breathing and moving.

I do not believe this person would have survived without Naloxone.”

“Having a clear and simple plan to respond to an opioid overdose is very empowering for service users.”
“As a family support worker I see the anxieties and difficulties that families face everyday trying to cope with Heroin addiction.

They live with the deadly consequences of drug use and accidental overdoses.”

“Everyone’s life is precious. Fiona was precious. Naloxone could save someone’s life today.”
“All it takes to save a life get trained up.”

“Opt IN not out
Choose to live
We are gentle souls dont ever forget it.”
“Naloxone is a life saver. Having appropriate amounts and easy access are hugely important.”

“Naloxone is a great idea. It will fit into your bag and won’t take up space.

You never know when someone will need it.

It would be incredible to save someone’s life.”
“This is the difference between life and death.”

“It was a light bulb moment when we could use Naloxone. It is a huge relief that there is another ‘tool’ in the box, when all other measures CPR and AED seemed to be failing.”
“In my opinion Naloxone is a life saver but many people are still not aware of it.”

“Each client that I have trained has witnessed an overdose and some fatal overdoses. It is really empowering for the clients to have the tools and skills to intervene.”
“Families have no choice when it comes to drug addiction, they must use every available means to them in order to survive as a family.

Naloxone can provide some reassurance to these families.”

“It can save lives.”
“I’d never thought I would save a life but that’s what I did.

My friend was overdosing and I gave him Naloxone, I saw him come back to life.

It helped me save him.... I was proud of myself afterwards.”
Appendix Two:
Photographic Exhibition for International Overdose Awareness Day 2016