



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ACTION PLAN TO

PREVENT AND MITIGATE OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSES AND DEATHS

Opioid-Related Overdose and Deaths Surveillance

*Understanding the
PEI situation*

Rapid Response

*Recognizing and
responding to spikes
in opioid-related
overdoses*

Collaboration on Opioid Supply

*Promoting appropriate
use and reducing the
abuse and misuse of
opioids*

Harm Reduction

*How to get naloxone
How to respond to an
overdose
Opioid replacement
treatment*

April 2018 Progress Report

ACTIONS TO DATE: **FALL 2017/WINTER 2018**

- Developed a Rapid Response Protocol, for in the event of a sudden increase in opioid-related overdoses and deaths
- Continued surveillance and reporting of opioid related overdoses and deaths
- Distributed approximately 350 take home naloxone kits to clients for free from June 2017 to April 2018, through various Health PEI sites, namely the Needle Exchange Program; several kits have been used for overdose situations
- Implemented Phase 1 of the Take-Home Naloxone Program, by expanding access to kits in additional areas that serve clients at risk of opioid overdose, including the Provincial Addictions Treatment Facility, the Queen Street Recovery Clinic and the Provincial Correctional Center
- Public and harm reduction messaging initiated princeedwardisland.ca/opioids
- The Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) committee (including staff from Addiction Services, Queen Street Clinic and QEH/PCH) has begun to meet with the purpose of standardizing the care provided to pregnant opioid dependent women on opioid replacement therapy in P.E.I. provincially

ACTIONS TO COME: **SPRING/SUMMER 2018**

- Test the notification and communication components of the Rapid Response Protocol
- Develop and deliver a communications plan to raise public awareness on use and misuse of opioids
- Develop and deliver a communications plan on harm reduction for people who use drugs, in partnership with an Opioid Communications Network with community organizations and individuals with lived experience
- Develop and release first public provincial opioid prescribing report
- Establish Prescription Monitoring Program oversight committee
- Liaise with Student Well Being core teams regarding early intervention and education for youth
- Work with Health PEI to develop a multi-stakeholder committee to address pain management services, practices and education
- Initiate conversations provincially among treatment providers of opioid replacement therapy, including Addiction Services and Queen Street Recovery Clinic to 1) determine appropriate measurement and monitoring standards provincially and 2) optimize treatment delivery



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