



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*

# October 2018 Progress Report

## ACTIONS TO DATE: **SPRING/SUMMER 2018**

- Continued surveillance and reporting of opioid-related overdoses and deaths.
- Tested and refined Rapid Response Protocol with stakeholders from public health, health emergency management, policing, communications, and epidemiology.
- Continued to distribute take home naloxone kits to various sites to provide to individuals at risk of opioid-related overdoses for free, with close to 800 distributed from when the program began in June 2017 to end of September 2018.
- Continued to collaborate with community organizations and government departments to identify appropriate sites for distribution of take home naloxone kits to individuals at risk of opioid-related overdoses and to equip staff with naloxone at sites where an overdose may take place.
- Developed draft public communications plan to raise public awareness on use and misuse of opioids and draft harm reduction communications plan, and formed Opioid Communications Network of community organizations and people with lived experience.
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Committee has developed an information package including an information pamphlet for new parents/caregivers.
- Developed prescription monitoring report on narcotics.
- Liaised with the Student Well Being core teams regarding early intervention and education for youth.

## ACTIONS TO COME: **FALL/WINTER 2018**

- Investigate additional sources of information to further enhance surveillance of opioid-related overdoses. Potential sources may include 811, 911, emergency medical services dispatch and enhanced emergency department surveillance through the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System.
- Conduct evaluation of the take home naloxone program.
- Seek input on draft public awareness and harm reduction products from Opioid Communications Network, integrate input and begin implementation of plans.
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Committee to finalize information package for new parents/caregivers.
- Committee to be formed with provincial representation from Opioid Replacement Therapy (ORT) staff and to begin work of developing provincial ORT guidelines and standards for measurement, monitoring and outpatient induction to treatment.
- Release first annual public provincial prescription monitoring report on narcotics.
- Support the work of the Student Well Being core teams in the delivery of education and early intervention around opioids.
- Continue to work with HPEI to support the formation of a multi-stakeholder committee to address pain management services, practices and education.



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