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I am responding to your request for information received 8 March 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

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**Request:** We would very much appreciate your help with our national survey of Take-home Naloxone policy by answering these two questions.

**Question 1:** Does your organisation provide substance misuse services?

**Answer:** Yes, the Trust provides substance misuse services.

**Question 2:** Does your organisation have a policy on prescribing Take-home Naloxone for patients prescribed or taking opiates or opiate substitutes?

**Answer:** The Trust does not have a specific policy on prescribing Take-home Naloxone for patients prescribed or taking opiates or opiate substitutes. However, the Trust does have a section in the Path 2 Recovery – Addictions Bedfordshire Team Operational Policy:

### *7.3. Naloxone Provision*

*P2R will supply Naloxone kits to service users currently using opiate-based drugs and anyone who has a history of opiate use. Friends and family members of those who use opiate-based drugs will also be offered a naloxone kit. Naloxone is usually issued with training, but kits may be issued without training where on the balance of the risk is it judged as clinically appropriate. Training provided to those issued with a kit includes:*

- how to recognise overdose and how to use a Naloxone kit*
- to keep with them in the community that they can use in an emergency situation*
- as the effects of naloxone wear off, that person must still attend hospital after receiving it.*

*Staff supplying Naloxone should have been appropriately trained (minimum requirement SMMGP online learning package and/or P2R Overdose Awareness and use of Naloxone training package). The Clinical Lead will be responsible for keeping a register of appropriately trained staff to supply of Naloxone Replacement kits may be issued with additional training and recording of the situation in which it was used.*

*Storage of Naloxone on P2R premises needs to be done so in line with ELFT policy, in approved medicines cabinets and ensuring daily monitoring of temperatures of rooms in which stock is stored.*



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