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Non Fatal Overdose Guidance

This guidance has been developed as part of the Borders Adult Drug Partnership (ADP) range of measures to attempt to reduce the number of drug related deaths.

Non-fatal overdose is a risk factor for drug related deaths.

The guidance is aimed at Hospital and Ambulance staff and the interface with the NHS Borders Addiction Service (BAS), Addaction and the Substance misuse Liaison service.

The guidance aims to ensure that clinical presentations are managed effectively, that there is rapid access to harm reduction and minimisation strategies via referral onward to appropriate services, and that data is accurately recorded to help inform future service adaptation and provision.

All non-fatal overdose should be referred to Adult Protection

Definition of a non fatal overdose

An event which has required urgent medical intervention to avoid death following the consumption and intoxication of illicit drugs. (Definition agreed locally)

When following the protocol consideration should be given to the following:

- In attendance or caring for an individual with parental responsibilities/dependent children consider referral to children and families social work duty team.
- Both Child Protection and Adult Protection guidelines can be found on the NHS Borders Intranet site or respective organisations resource site.
- Consent must be obtained from the patient before a referral is made to Borders Addiction Service (BAS)
- All young people under 16 years must be taken to Hospital.
- To make a referral to BAS please provide the name address CHI and contact telephone number of the patient. This will provide an access gateway to referral to Borders Addiction Service, Addaction and Action for Children.
- The following pathway, contact numbers and leaflet have been designed in a way for services to copy/print and place in a prominent part of their service/department for ease of reference and distribution. Please request Naloxone cards from BAS and distribute with leaflet to make up pack.

Non fatal Overdose Incident

SAS in attendance: Patient declined transfer to hospital or hospital treatment not required

SAS in attendance: Patient transferred to Emergency Department, Borders General Hospital

SAS supply overdose resource pack and offer referral to BAS (with consent) 01896 664436

Discharged from ED: Provide 'take home' Naloxone kit and Overdose Resource Pack. Offer referral to BAS (with consent) 01896 664436

ED refer patient to Adult Protection

Admitted to Ward within BGH for further medical treatment. Refer to Substance Use Liaison Nurse 01896 827259

Declined Referral

Accepted referral

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Substance Use Liaison Nurse refer patient to BAS via email or phone if appropriate.

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PLEASE NOTE DATA PROTECTION

The patient may not consent to referral however it is important for BAS to know who the patient is as they may be open to the service and this information is critical for patient safety and reducing the risk of patient harm/drug-related death. If the patient details communicated to BAS identifies that they are not an open case the patient information will be destroyed and not retained within the service.

Contact details of appropriate services

Adult Protection concern Social Work	0300 1001800
Borders Addictions Service (BAS) Email – addictions.secretaries@borders.scot.nhs.uk	01896 664436
Substance Misuse liaison nurse	01896 827259
Addaction	01896 757843
Quarriers	01896 668411
Scottish Borders CHIMES (Action For Children)	01896 750173
Children and Families Social Work Duty Team Email - CFSWDuty@scotborders.gcsx.gov.uk	01896 662787
Out of Hours Social Work	01896 752111

Definition of terms

BAS – Borders Addiction Service
SAS – Scottish Ambulance Service
ED – Emergency department
OD – Overdose
OOH – Out Of Hours

Resource pack – please request leaflets from BAS or print the embedded PDF



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Drug and Alcohol Support Services in the Scottish Borders

There are three direct drug and alcohol services in the Scottish Borders and an emotional wellbeing service for children and young people. Details of these services are overleaf.

Please note that Addaction and NHS Borders Addiction Service share a referral and assessment process. If appropriate your details may be transferred between service to ensure you get the most appropriate help.

Other support available:

Mutual Aid:

Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 769 7555

Narcotics Anonymous 0300 999 1212

Scottish Families Affected by Drugs & Alcohol: 08080 10 10 11

Addaction Borders Telephone: 0800 028 6664 (Freephone)

Support to anyone 16yrs and over concerned about their own drug or alcohol use or someone else's.

- One to one support to help you cut down or stop
- Employment support
- Injecting Equipment/Blood Borne Virus Tests
- Take Home Naloxone Kits
- Support for adult family members affected

NHS Borders Addictions Service Telephone: 01896 664430

Support to anyone 16yrs and over with drug/alcohol dependency and physical/mental health needs.

- Psychological Therapies
- Substitute prescribing
- Access to in-patient and community detoxification
- Assessment for rehabilitation
- Take Home Naloxone Kits

Scottish Borders CHIMES (Action for Children) Tel: 01896 750173

- Support to children and young people affected by parental alcohol and/or drug use
- Parents and expectant parents experiencing problematic alcohol / drug use which is significantly impacting on their child(ren) / unborn baby

Quarriers Resilience for Wellbeing Service Telephone: 01896 668411

- Support to children and young people to improve their emotional wellbeing, resilience including those involved with risk taking behaviours
- Based in each of the secondary schools across Scottish Borders