



**Turning Point
Specification for
Community
Pharmacy Take Home
Naloxone (THN)
Programme**

**Bristol
Community
Pharmacy Agreement
(Part B)**

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Community Pharmacy Agreement

1. Introduction, aims and objectives of service

This document sets out a Service Specification for a community pharmacy Take Home Naloxone (THN) to be provided by the Contractor¹ to service users across Bristol.

Pharmacies are well placed to be able to provide services as part of the local harm reduction strategy.

The THN service relates to the supply of Prenoxad® 1mg/ml pre-filled syringe (2ml) injection for lay administration and includes the details of who may supply Prenoxad®, who may receive a supply of Prenoxad®, who is excluded from receiving a supply of Prenoxad®, the procedure that must be followed and the information that must be recorded.

This specification has been informed by the following recommendations and guidance:

- Department of Health and Social Care (2025): Supplying take home naloxone without a prescription <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supplying-take-home-naloxone-without-a-prescription>
- Clinical Guidelines on Drug Use and Dependence Update 2017 Independent Expert Working Group (2017) Drug use and dependence: UK guidelines on clinical management. London: Department of Health

This Service is for anyone aged 16 years and above. Any person aged under 16 years can access the Company's² specialist substance use service and should be referred through local offices (see appendix B for further details). Contractors are also reminded that their own safeguarding policies need to be followed.

2. Supply (Service Description)

- People employed or engaged in the provision of drug treatment services including community pharmacy staff can supply Prenoxad® that has been obtained by their pharmacy to others for the purpose of being available to save life in an emergency.
- Community pharmacy staff issuing supplies of Prenoxad® to individuals must as best practice:
 - Be authorised by name to make Prenoxad® supplies (individuals are authorised to make supplies once they have completed training as detailed in Appendix B and signed the training record in Appendix A)
 - Have undertaken the locally approved Prenoxad® training for supply under this service (See appendix B).
 - Know where to refer to for further information and advice (see appendix B).
 - Keep up to date with any changes to the service. Any changes to the service will be communicated via Turning Point.

¹ The term “Contractor” is used throughout this Agreement to represent Community Pharmacies

² The term “Company” is used throughout this Agreement to represent Turning Point

- Undertake refresher training at least every 12 months³ as agreed with Turning Point.
- If registered with a professional body, adhere to any relevant standards.
- The pharmacy should retain a training record for each member of staff completing the training (Appendix A).
- Authorisation to supply using this service only allows supplies to be made as specified; it does not cover supplies issued on prescription or by Patient Group Direction (PGD) which must be made by the appropriate professional.
- A label should be applied to each Prenoxad[®] unit confirming supply by the named pharmacy only. See Appendix C
- Contractors will offer a user-friendly, non-judgmental, client-centred and confidential service.

3. Information for Monitoring

- The staff member making the supply must:
 - Ensure that the individual is 16 years of age or over.
 - Ensure that the individual is not knowingly allergic to Prenoxad[®] or any of the ingredients. Any details of an adverse drug reaction should be recorded.
 - Check that the individual knows how to use Prenoxad[®].
 - Issue a Prenoxad[®] assembly and administration leaflet to support this and signpost to the Prenoxad[®] information website.
 - Recommend that the client reads the leaflet and watches the video on the website which shows them how to administer.
 - If you have any concerns then refer the client to Turning Point services.
- Details of the supply should be recorded on PharmOutcomes
- Monthly submissions and payment will be provided through an automated PharmOutcomes report to Turning Point in a timely manner.
- Pharmacies supplying Prenoxad[®] as part of their drug treatment service must have an SOP in place which covers the ordering, storage, access, supply, monitoring and disposal arrangements for Prenoxad[®].

4. Accreditation

- Registered pharmacy professionals and pharmacy support staff involved in the provision of THN should have relevant knowledge and be appropriately trained in the operation of the Service to a standard agreed with the Company. Training in the operation of the Service is provided by the Company in the form of the locally approved Prenoxad[®] training for supply under this service (See Appendix B).
- Delivery of these support services will be determined locally between the Company, Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), local commissioners and any other organisation or group that are considered to be a valid stakeholder in the service delivery e.g. service user group.
- All **pharmacy staff** should be encouraged to complete the free online training courses from SMMGP at <http://www.smmgp-elearning.org.uk> (registration required). This e-learning programme is free and supports learning and development in the subject.

³ This may include online training

- Registered pharmacy professionals and pharmacy support staff involved in the provision of THN are aware of and operate within local protocols agreed with the Company. The Pharmacies SOP must be based on local protocols and must be regularly reviewed.
- Contractors will be invited to attend at least one meeting per year⁴ with the Company to promote Service development and update the knowledge of pharmacy staff. This includes an awareness raising session about the drug and alcohol treatment and support services available locally and an opportunity to raise questions and/or concerns about practice. Although attendance is not mandatory, the Company would encourage engagement from Contractors to support both Service development and as a CPD update for pharmacy staff.

⁴ This may also be delivered as an online meeting

Schedule 1

Payments

Payment process

Pharmacies will enter claims on to PharmOutcomes monthly.

Turning Point will download activity reports and invoices from PharmOutcomes.

Payments will be processed and paid to pharmacies quarterly by Bristol Drugs Project.

- PharmOutcomes is funded to provide access to Contractors commissioned to provide the NSP services for recording of activity and generation of invoices on behalf of Bristol City Council

Claims will be paid in line with the “Payment Terms” of the Company “Services Agreement” document (Part A)

Paper-based claims will not be processed for payment.

For queries relating to the use of PharmOutcomes please contact PharmOutcomes directly

Prenoxad® will be ordered from exchange supplies and the cost will be charged directly to Turning Point

Appendix A: Prenoxad[®] Supply Service Training Record

Drug Treatment Service

- I have read and understood the Prenoxad[®] Supply Service Specification and SOP.
- I have completed the training as described in appendix B and have the necessary competence, training and knowledge to supply Prenoxad[®].
- A copy of the Service Specification will be retained in the pharmacy for reference.
- I know who to contact for further support and advice concerning the supply of Prenoxad[®]
- I will attend a refresher training session every year and keep up to date with developments concerning the Take Home Naloxone programme.

Staff Member (please print)	Signature	Date

This training record should be retained and kept up to date by the pharmacy

Appendix B - Locally approved training options for Pharmacy staff and Contact Details

All staff involved with the supply must have relevant training on the use and supply of take home naloxone; the level of training is dependent on the role being undertaken within the pharmacy:

All involved Staff:

Mandatory: 1 hour Turning Point online training session.

Note: If the pharmacy staff member is **unable to attend this online training session** they can view the training webinar available through the LPC.

Recommended: SMMGP Free-learn “Prenoxad Saves Lives” <http://www.smmgp-elearning.org.uk> (registration required)

Contact details

Bristol Horizons accepts referrals from health professionals as well as self-referrals from members of the public. The service can be contacted through the following routes:

- Telephone: 0300 555 1469
- Web site: <https://www.horizonsbristol.co.uk/find-support/professional-referrals>
- Email: BristolInfo@horizonsbristol.co.uk

For additional support and information please contact:

Katherine Watkinson, Head of Medicines Optimisation and Pharmacy Services
pharmacy@turning-point.co.uk

Each pharmacy should nominate a lead practitioner to support this work

Appendix C: Labelling

Below is an example of a label we use at our Suffolk service.

When producing a pharmacy label please just label as "Supplied by" with your contact details
Please do not add the client name.

Pharmacies may want to consider pre-printing these labels and adding the date to support an efficient supply model

Supplied By:	
Suffolk Recovery Network	
Turning Point	
Sanderson House	
17-19 Museum Street	
Ipswich	Tel: 0330 303 6000
IP1 1HE	Date of Supply: __/__/__

