

# Community Drug Poisoning (Overdose) Response Plan Revision

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# Outline

- Background of the current response plans
- Review of the purpose of the plan
- Plan components
- Need to revise
- Considerations for municipalities



# Background

- Mandated by MOHLTC in 2016
- 2 reports were produced in July 2017; Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Community Response and the Opioid Overdose Cluster Plan
- Developed in partnership with municipalities, first responders and community agencies
- Linked to the CSWB plan in Lanark



# Intention of the Response Plan

- Outlines the driving forces and current landscape of situation on LGL
- Identify key locally focused strategies and areas for ongoing action (baseline activities)
- Surge identification and response actions
- Recovery response



# Plan Components

## Mandatory

- Education and awareness building
- Drug poisoning early warning and surveillance system
- Naloxone distribution strategy
- Harm reduction outreach services

## Locally Focused

- Community healing (addressing community level trauma from the overdose crisis)

• Advocacy

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# Why Revise Now?

- Current plans are dated (2017)
- Significantly different situation in 2023 than in 2017 (change in substances, increases in overdose, increases in homelessness)
- Growing body of evidence based research and best practice guidelines now available
- Impact of the pandemic on the people who use substances and the social determinants of health



# Considerations for Municipalities

1. What information related to drug poisonings is needed?
2. How could information be used to inform decisions?
3. What is best format and method to receive information?
4. Are there service gaps that need to be addressed in order to ensure a comprehensive response plan?
5. Who else (individuals, agencies etc.) should we be ensuring that are consulted during this revision process?



# Community Consultation Process

- Late Fall 2023
- Inviting municipalities, community partners and people with lived and living experience
- Draft community response plan to be presented
- Working together to provide feedback and further align the plan with the broad needs of the communities





# Questions?



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