



## Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Municipal - Public Health Networking Call Friday, September 15, 2023

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### Topic(s) of Discussion

#### 1.0 **Topic: Community Overdose Response Plan** – Jennifer Adams, Clinical Services Manager, former Harm Reduction Coordinator

In 2017, the Health Unit along with community partners from across Leeds, Grenville and Lanark developed two documents; Opioid Community Response Plan and the Opioid Overdose Cluster plan in response to the escalating opioid crisis. These plans allowed for a coordinated response by service agencies in the early days of the crisis.

Mental health and substance use has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Persons experiencing mental health and substance use were impacted by reduction of social supports, lack of access to formalized resources including health care, social services and treatment, significant change in the types of substances available in the community, lack of appropriate and affordable housing and so on.

In LGL, and across the province of Ontario, the driving forces behind drug poisoning (overdose) crisis continue to be the toxic substance supply, criminalization of a health issue, lack of evidence-based supports/treatment, stigma and discrimination.

Below are some local and provincial data sources and resources to assist with knowledge building in regards to the drug poisoning (overdose) crisis.

#### Local Resources

Opioid & Suspect Drug-Related Deaths Summaries (LGLDHU) – *attachment*

LGLDHU Drug Overdose Summary (2017-2022) – *attachment*

- [Opioid Community Response Plan \(2017\)](#)
- [Opioid Overdose Cluster Plan \(2017\)](#)
- [Substance Use and Addictions Prevention \(SUAP\) Grant: People with Lived or Living Experience Using Substances 2021 Survey Summary Report](#)
- Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) Grant: Service Provider Experience in Providing Care to People who Use Substance Focus Group Summary Report – *attachment*

#### Provincial Resources

- [Ontario Opioid Indicator Tool](#)
- [Regional Changes in Harm Reduction Supplies Distribution in Ontario Over the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Regional Opioid Use and Related Adverse Events in Ontario](#)
- [Opioids and Opioid Mortality – Public Health Ontario](#)

#### 2.0 **Next Call:** Friday, October 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

- **October Topic: Health Effects of Climate Change in Leeds, Grenville & Lanark** – Kim McCann, Team Lead -Senior Public Health Inspector