

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 3rd July 2025

FOI Ref No 29427

Requested Information:

Incidents of naloxone shortages triggered by treating overdoses of potent synthetic opioids over the last five years

1. Please provide the number of instances at this NHS Trust between May 2020 and May 2025, where treating a patient who has overdosed on a potent synthetic opioid has involved the hospital having to use its entire supply of naloxone.
2. Please provide me with the following information if possible:
 - a. Date of the incident
 - b. Age and gender of the patient
 - c. Type of synthetic opioid which led to the overdose (if known)
 - d. Volume of naloxone required to treat the patient
 - e. Impact on the hospital's stock of naloxone (e.g how much was used)
 - f. Action taken by the hospital as a result (e.g was a shortage officially declared?)

Response:

1. There has not been an incident at Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust between May 2020 and May 2025 where a patient has used up the hospital's entire supply of naloxone.
2. Not applicable.

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 17th July 2025