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REQUEST

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

I would like to know 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.

1. Date of the incident
2. Age and gender of the patient
3. Type of synthetic opioid which led to the overdose (if known)
4. Volume of naloxone required to treat the patient
5. Impact on the hospital's stock of naloxone (e.g. how much was used)
6. Action taken by the hospital as a result (e.g. was a shortage officially declared?)

RESPONSE

None reported in the last 5 years.