The Situation in HALDIMAND-NORFOLK

Local Illicit Drug Use Stats
Overall rates in H-N were higher in both males (52.9 per 100,000) and females (36.3 per 100,000) when compared to the province (45.6 and 34.4 respectively).

Prescription Opioid Use
In 2015, H-N had the highest percentage of individuals taking high strength opioids when compared to all other municipalities in Ontario.

Sharing injection drug equipment is the most common risk factor for Hep C

Hepatitis C rates from 2011-2015:
- H-N rates are higher than the provincial rates in both males and females.
- Provincial rate hovered around 31 cases per 100,000 population.
- H-N rate averaged 40.9 cases per 100,000 population.

Hepatitis C - Males
- In H-N, 25-29 yr olds represent the highest number of cases for males.
  The province has the highest cases in 50-54 yr olds.
- H-N has double the provincial rate for males age 25-29 (100.8 vs. 49.8 per 100,000 respectively).

Hepatitis C - Females
- 25-29 yr olds represent the highest number of cases in females in both H-N and the province.
- H-N's rate for females is almost double the provincial rate (75.6 vs 38.1 cases per 100,000 respectively).

Overdoses
Norfolk EMS overdose calls:
- 2014: 37 calls
- 2015: 59 calls
- 2016: 90 calls
- 2017: 23 calls (Jan-March)

Haldimand EMS overdose calls:
- 2015: 56 calls
- 2016: 46 calls
- 2017: 16 calls (Jan-May)

The distribution of safe injection supplies is associated with a significant decline in equipment sharing and/or re-using

For safe injection through HNHU needle exchange program
Number of needles/syringes distributed
- In 2014: 37,536 needles were distributed.
- In 2015: 64,070 needles were distributed.
- In 2016, over 108,000 needles were distributed.

4X Drug overdoses in Norfolk in 2016 QUADRUPLED in number from January to December comparatively.