

## **New service standards for drug treatment:**

### **What you need to know**

From April 2023, the new Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards mean that all drug treatment services in Scotland that offer medication as part of their treatment must now offer the same minimum level of service.

#### **1 Standard One: No waiting to start medication**

When you first attend a treatment service and ask for help, the service must offer you the medication you need **ON THAT DAY**.

#### **2 Standard Two: Choice of medication and dose**

The service must give you information and advice and support you to choose which medication you take and the dose of medication you are on.

#### **3 Standard Three: Support to get into treatment**

If you are not in treatment and known to be at risk of harm, services must offer you the support you need to get into treatment especially following a near-fatal overdose.

#### **4 Standard Four: Access to harm reduction while you are in treatment**

Treatment services must provide sterile injecting equipment, naloxone, advice about safer drug use and injecting practice; hepatitis and HIV testing and wound care.

#### **5 Standard Five: Support to stay in treatment**

Your treatment service must give you the support you need to stay in treatment for as long as you feel you need to be in treatment.

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