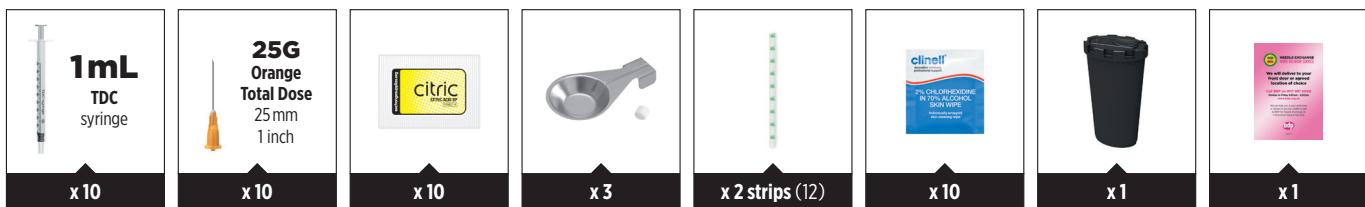




## Pack contents

Product code: NXBDP10x10



**The supply of sterile injecting equipment through pharmacies and needle exchange services is one of the most cost-effective public health interventions and has prevented an HIV epidemic in the UK.**

This information sheet explains what is in the pack.

For more information go to [exchangesupplies.org](http://exchangesupplies.org)  
or call BDP on 0117 987 6000



This pack is mainly used by people who are injecting heroin and crack cocaine.

It contains 10 syringes and 10 1 inch orange (25G) needles.

The **Total Dose low dead space needles** have been specially made with a plastic spike which fits down into the syringe to reduce the amount of blood that is in there after use, this means that if the syringe is shared there is less risk of blood borne virus transmission than a standard needle and syringe connection.

This needle is longer than the needle on the fixed needle syringes and so is used by people injecting into deeper veins.

Having separate needles also means they can be changed between attempts to find a vein if the needle becomes blunt.

The **citric acid** is supplied because brown heroin and crack cocaine don't dissolve in water – an acid has to be added. Supplying the sachets reduces the risk of using vinegar, and encourages people to use the needle exchange more often.

