



# BBV bulletin:

Monthly update report of the introduction of opt-out  
BBV testing in prisons from PHE & NHS England

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## Introduction

Following the event in Birmingham on 1 May "Introduction of the opt-out BBV testing policy in prisons" we thought that it would be useful to provide stakeholders with a monthly update on the progress of this work nationally.

## Targets for implementation

There has been previous discussion nationally about targets for implementing this work, however it has been agreed that there will be NO national agency specific targets to meet. This does not mean that stakeholders can become complacent about implementation, the decision has merely been taken to recognise that areas are at very different stages of being ready to start this work and the acknowledgement that already a lot of prisons are actually carrying out much of the work already.

It is important to state however that the new Health and Justice Indicators of Performance (HJIPs) which replace the Prison Health and Performance Quality Indicators (PHPQIs) are currently being rolled out nationally and include specific indicators around BBVs which will allow commissioners to monitor the performance of individual prisons.

## National progress

Pathfinders have now been identified throughout England and following the Birmingham event the national BBV Opt-Out Task & Finish group are now working developing the following key areas:

- **Governance structure** for the policy which will detail the role of community commissioning and specialised commissioning.
- **Risk assessment and mitigations.**
- **Finance**, ie Identify what monies are currently available within the LAs, CCGs, specialised commissioning and ATs and what monies are not available and need to be if we are to make sure the policy is implemented.
- A '**road map**' to look at existing provision, the future plan and how we learn from others experiences. This road map will also detail the initial pathfinders across England who will be in the first wave to introduce the work.

A regular briefing is being developed for Ministers to report on progress of the work and we will also be holding a further national event later in the year with the aim of sharing experiences and knowledge around the implementation of the work.



The national BBV Opt-Out Task & Finish continues to meet monthly; the membership consists of the following people:

**PHE**

**Dr Aulia Newton**, Deputy Director (Acting), Health & Justice (Chair)  
**Dr Éamonn O'Moore**, Director Health & Justice  
**Cathie Railton**, PHiPs Epi-scientist, Health & Justice  
**Prof Jane Anderson**, Consultant in Sexual Health  
**David Sheehan**, Drugs & Alcohol Specialist, Health & Justice  
**Susanne Howes**, Health & Justice Specialist, Lincs. Leics, Notts & Derbyshire  
**Dr Helen Harris**, Epidemiologist, Colindale  
**Sema Mandel**, Epidemiologist, Colindale  
**Kieran Lynch**, Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco  
**John Ratchford**, Communications

**NHS England**

**Kate Davies**, Head of Public Health, Armed Forces and their Families and Health & Justice  
**Chris Kelly**, Assistant Head, Health and Justice  
**Angie Whitfield**, Health & Justice Commissioning Manager  
**George Leahy**, Public Health Consultant  
**Ursula People**, NHSE specialised commissioning  
**Claire Foreman**, NHSE specialised commissioning  
**Lynn Elmslie**, Head of Health & Justice, South West  
**Julie Dhuny**, Head of Health & Justice, North East  
**Denise Farmer**, Pharmaceutical Adviser Health and Justice (Central and East Anglia) and member of CRG Health & Justice

**NHS England CRG reps / hepatitis care providers**

**Dr Peter Moss**, Consultant, Hull and East Riding & CRG Chair (infectious diseases)  
**Dr Iain Brew**, MO, HMP Leeds and member of CRG Health & Justice

**NOMS**

**Rupert Bailie**, Health, Wellbeing and Substance Misuse Co-Commissioning

**Public Health Wales**

**Dr Rachel Jones**, Consultant Virologist

**Third sector**

**Charles Gore**, The Hepatitis C Trust  
**Becky Hug**, The Hepatitis C Trust  
**Eleanor Briggs**, National AIDS Trust  
**Andrew Langford**, British Liver Trust  
**Dr Alan Tang**, Sexual Health & HIV Consultant & BHIVA representative

**For more information about the national BBV opt-out policy**

There is lots of information available which explains what the policy is all about. We have produced supporting documents to help stakeholders to implement this work

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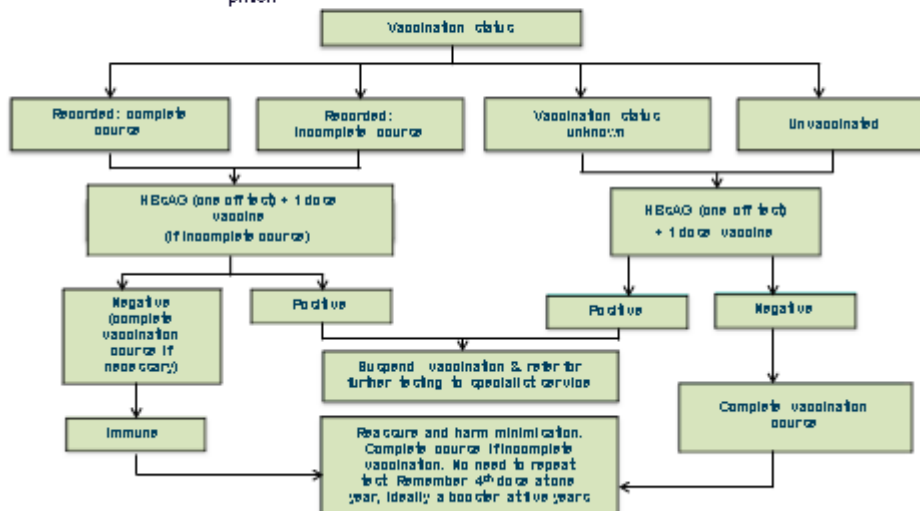
which includes the national algorithms over the page, these documents can be accessed under 'BBV opt-out supporting documents' at: <http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/PublicHealthInPrisonsTeam/Guidelines/>

If you were unable to attend the national event and would like to view the presentations go to: [https://www.phe-events.org.uk/HPA/media/uploaded/EVHPA/event\\_355/FINAL%20Full%20Day%20Presentation.pdf](https://www.phe-events.org.uk/HPA/media/uploaded/EVHPA/event_355/FINAL%20Full%20Day%20Presentation.pdf)



Opt-out BBVs (Hepatitis B, C and HIV) Testing Algorithm  
All new arrivals (within first month of arrival)\*

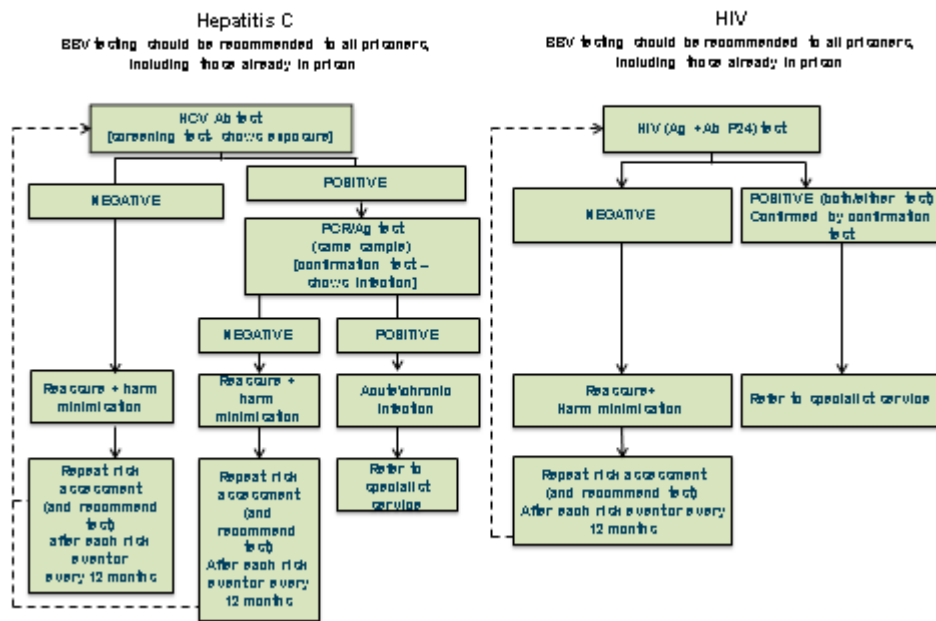
Hepatitis B  
\*BBV testing should be recommended to all prisoners, including those already in prison



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