



BBV bulletin:

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

We have nearly received all responses from the 11 pathfinder sites. Once we have received all of these, PHE will analyse and create a report for discussion at the BBV opt-out Task and Finish Group on 17 December. Following this meeting, lessons learned will be circulated to stakeholders to help inform the future implementation of the policy.

Table 1: Current pathfinder sites

Area team	Prison
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	HMP Nottingham
	HMP Stocken
Lancashire	HMP Kirkham
	HMP Manchester
	HMP Buckley Hall
	HMP & YOI Forest Bank
West Yorkshire	HMP Hull
	HMP Leeds
Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset & South Gloucestershire	HMP Dartmoor
	HMP Channings Wood
	HMP Exeter

Next stage pathfinders

In addition to the 11 pathfinders above, there are now an additional 14 prisons that are aiming to implement this work during the second stage. While not all prisons have agreed dates for implementation, the provisional next stage pathfinders are:



Table 2: Second stage pathfinder sites

Area team	Prison	Plan for introduction of BBV opt-out
East Anglia	HMP Bedford	February 2015
	HMP Hollesley Bay	December 2014
North East	Durham	To be confirmed
	Northumberland	To be confirmed
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire ¹	HMP Glen Parva	December 2014
	HMP Foston Hall	December 2014
	HMP Sudbury	December 2014
	HMP Whatton	December 2014
	HMP Gartree	December 2014
	HMP Lowdham Grange	December 2014
	HMP Lincoln	December 2014
	HMP North Sea Camp	December 2014
	HMP Leicester	December 2014
West Yorkshire	Doncaster	Early in 2015

The second stage pathfinders will be evaluated after 6 months of implementation. More details about this work will follow.

Ambition for full national implementation

It is our ambition to have full national implementation of the BBV opt-out testing policy by 2016/17. This allows additional time for all areas to look for better accessibility of the treatment pathway.

Please note: The next edition of the BBV bulletin will be in January 2015

For more information about the national BBV opt-out policy

There is a wide range of information available which explains what the policy is all about. We have produced supporting documents to help stakeholders to implement this work, which includes the national algorithms. These documents can be accessed under 'Improving testing rates for blood-borne viruses in prisons and other secure settings' at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bloodborne-viruses-monthly-report-on-opt-out-testng-in-prisons>

¹ All Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire prisons to introduce dried blood spot testing as the main testing method

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