



BBV bulletin:

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

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Summary report from 'Early lessons learnt from the opt-out blood-borne virus (BBV) testing policy in prisons', 21 May 2015, Birmingham

A summary report from the 'National event for early lessons learnt from the opt-out Blood-Borne Virus (BBV) testing policy in prisons' held on Thursday 21 May 2015 has been published.

The full report which includes learning, feedback and next steps is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-lessons-learnt-from-opt-out-blood-borne-virus-testing-policy-in-prisons-summary-report>

Pathfinder prisons phase 3

Pathfinders are defined as those prisons who are recommending BBV testing to people in prison and have a well-defined care pathway for individuals testing positive as per national guidance and who are being included in a formal evaluation to support implementation across wider prison estate. As part of the pathfinder programme these prisons will be evaluated after 6 months of implementation of the opt-out BBV testing policy to inform roll-out of the programme across the whole adult estate in England by Q4 2016/17. Following the success of the phase 1 programme in 2014, there are now 10 prisons implementing the opt-out BBV testing work as part of the phase 2 roll out (see table 1). Phase 3 pathfinders (see table 2) have also been identified to start as part of the next stage of the roll out programme.

Table 1: Phase 2 pathfinders

| Local team | Prison |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| East Anglia | HMP Bedford |
| | HMP Hollesley Bay |
| Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire | HMP Glen Parva |
| | HMP Foston Hall |
| | HMP Sudbury |
| | HMP Whatton |
| | HMP Lincoln |
| | HMP North Sea Camp |



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|-----------------------|---------------|
| | HMP Leicester |
| West Yorkshire | New Hall |

**Table
2:****Phase 3**

| Local team | Prison |
|--|---|
| Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset & South Gloucestershire | HMP Bristol |
| Shropshire & Staffordshire | HMP Dovegate HMP Stoke Heath |
| London | HMP Pentonville |
| East Anglia | HMP Highpoint HMP Warren Hill HMP The Mount |
| Durham, Darlington & Tees | HMP Durham |

The phase 2 pathfinders will be evaluated towards the end of the year and the report will be published in March 2016. The phase 3 pathfinders will be evaluated during July to September 2016 and the report will be published in December 2016. Full implementation across the estate is hoped by March 2017.

HCV Action / PHE hepatitis C roadshows

PHE in partnership with **HCV Action** are continuing to run roadshows to enhance local service provision and showcase and share good practice in the prevention, testing, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C.

The next roadshow is planned for Birmingham on 23 October, further details are available at: www.phe-events.org.uk/hepcbirmingham and a further one is planned for Brighton towards the end of the year.

The London Joint Working Group (LJWG) Conference 2015 Hepatitis C in people who inject drugs (PWID): Improving Care for hepatitis C, a framework approach

Over 200 delegates are expected to come together at London's Guildhall on 19 October 2015 for the 5th LJWG conference. Experts will discuss strategies to address the impact of the hepatitis C virus on PWID. Practical steps to implement guidance from NICE and the collaborative work which has been taking place between NHS England and PHE will be discussed.

Further details can be found at: <https://www.phe-events.org.uk/ljwg2015>

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For more information about the national BBV opt-out policy

There is a wide range of information available which explains the purpose of this policy. We have produced supporting documents to help partners to implement this work, including 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/improving-testing-rates-for-blood-borne-viruses-in-prisons-and-other-secure-settings>

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