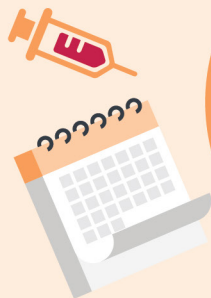




Shooting Up: Infections among people who inject drugs in the United Kingdom

Data published in the latest Shooting Up report show that among people who inject psychoactive drugs in 2019:

Crack use has remained high...



Over half of those reporting injecting in the past month injected crack

87%

reported ever being tested for HCV



46%

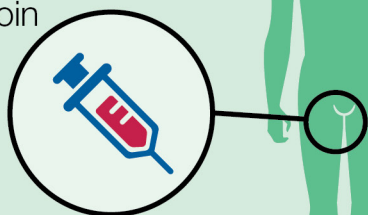
reporting being recently tested for HCV

1/4 are currently infected with HCV



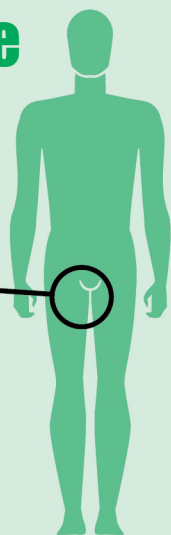
Over one in three

who injected in the last month reported injecting into their groin



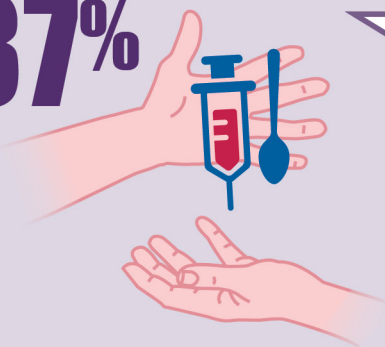
Almost one in four

who injected in the last year reported that they needed to insert the needle **4 or more** times before finding a vein



Sharing of needles, syringes and other injecting paraphernalia remains at

37%



HIV prevalence remains low at less than

1%

42%

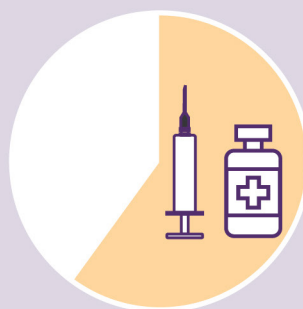
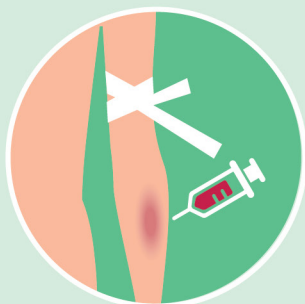


reported ever being homeless

However

38%

reported symptoms of an injecting site infection, down from **54%** in 2018



Less than

60%

of under 25s reported having the HBV vaccine