Shooting Up: Infections and other injecting-related harms among people who inject drugs in the United Kingdom

Data published in the latest Shooting Up report shows that among people who inject psychoactive drugs in 2020:

**HIV prevalence**

1 in 100 are HIV positive, but outbreaks continue to occur.

**Currently infected with HCV**

The proportion of people currently infected with hepatitis C has decreased in recent years, likely due to increased testing and treatment.

15% have never had a diagnostic hepatitis C test.

Just under half haven’t had a recent HCV test.

**HBV vaccination (all PWID)**

1/3 have never been vaccinated for hepatitis B.

**Just under half**

of PWID reported being homeless in the last year.

1 in 4 reported inserting the needles 4 or more times before finding a vein.

Groin injecting remains common, with over 1/3 reporting injecting into this site in the last month.

38% reported symptoms of an injection site infection in the last year.

Almost 2/3 reported reusing their own injecting equipment in the past month.

The proportion reporting sharing of any injecting equipment has increased to 43%.

Almost 1 in 5 reported a non-fatal overdose in the last year.

with only 61% reporting receiving naloxone.


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