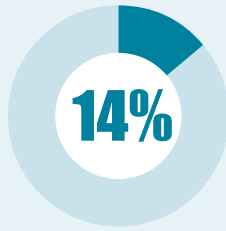




Shooting Up: Infections and other injecting-related harms among people who inject drugs in the United Kingdom

Data for 2021

Hepatitis C

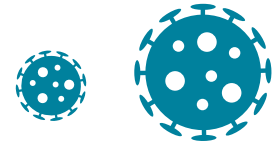


14% were currently infected with Hepatitis C

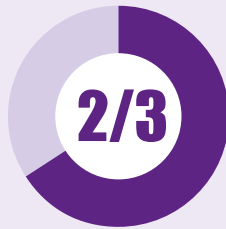
This proportion continues to **decline**, likely due to improved uptake of treatment



However there is evidence of ongoing new infections and reinfections



Hepatitis B



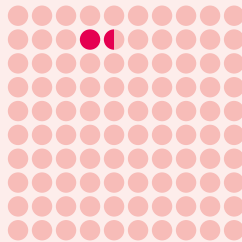
Hepatitis B vaccination uptake has declined. Less than **2/3** reported they had been vaccinated

Vaccination uptake was lowest among people aged under 25 years at

35%



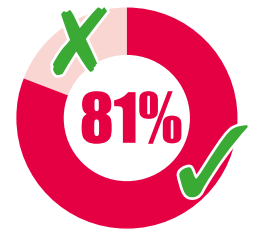
HIV



The proportion of people living with HIV remains low at **1.5%**, but outbreaks continue

The proportion of people aware of their HIV infection has declined to

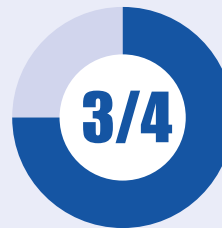
81%



Overdose and Naloxone

Reports of non-fatal overdose in the past year are at an all time high

(18%)

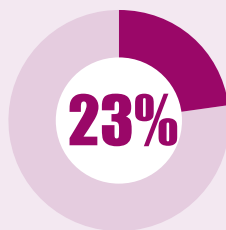


Naloxone carriage has also increased; nearly **3/4** reported carrying naloxone in the past year

Injecting risk behaviours

(Of those who injected in the past month)

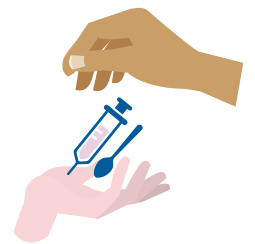
23% reported injecting powder cocaine



34% reported they did not have enough needles and syringes to meet their injecting needs



40% reported sharing any injecting equipment



The UK Government's 10-year Drug Strategy outlines additional funding for harm reduction services to improve the lives of people who inject drugs.

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