

PUBLIC HEALTH EVALUATION OF OPT-OUT TESTING FOR BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN ENGLAND: HIV, HEPATITIS B AND HEPATITIS C VIRUSES

NEED FOR A
BBV
APPROACH

HIV, HEPATITIS B, HEPATITIS C
Emergency Department →

WHO IS
ELIGIBLE?

ADULTS HAVING A
ROUTINE BLOOD TEST
IN EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENTS ALSO HAVE
THEIR BLOOD TESTED
FOR **BBVs**

THE SCALE OF THE PROGRAMME



HIGH UPTAKE:

70% UPTAKE OVERALL,
BUT VARIATION BETWEEN SITES

TESTING
FOR BBV

NHS

HBV & HCV
50%
OF DIAGNOSES
WERE
NEW

8.3%
FOR
HIV

GREATEST IMPACT

IN NEWLY DIAGNOSING PEOPLE LIVING
WITH HBV (3667) AND ONLY NEED TO
TEST 240 PEOPLE TO **NEWLY**
DIAGNOSE ONE PERSON WITH HBV

THE PROGRAMME
REACHED A POPULATION
NOT PREVIOUSLY
TESTED

NEWLY DIAGNOSED
PEOPLE WITH
DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHICS
AND RISK FACTORS

PEER SUPPORT IS
ESSENTIAL

1916
FOR
HIV

1276
FOR
HCV

240
FOR
HBV

NUMBER NEEDED TO TEST
TO NEWLY DIAGNOSE ONE PERSON

ALMOST 3/4
OF PEOPLE
NEWLY
DIAGNOSED
WITH BBV
THROUGH THE
PROGRAMME HAD
**NO RECORD OF
A PREVIOUS TEST
IN ANY SETTING**

51% OF PEOPLE NEWLY
DIAGNOSED WITH HIV
HAD A **LATE DIAGNOSIS**,
12.5% FOR HCV

HIGH PROPORTION
LINKED INTO CARE

81.3%
FOR
HEPATITIS
C

97%
FOR
HIV

LINKAGE TO CARE FOR HIV IMPROVED
FROM 42% WITHIN 14 DAYS TO 97%
BY THE END OF THE PROGRAMME.

OPT-OUT
METHODOLOGY
REACHING PEOPLE
WHO MAY NOT BE
TESTED IN OTHER
SETTINGS