

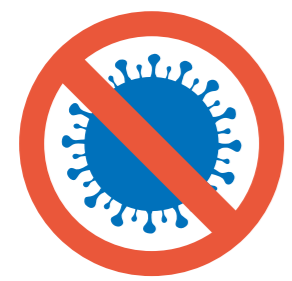
Hepatitis C Elimination

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Overview



- Hepatitis C (HCV) continues to be a major public health threat.



- Inclusion has had an innovative approach to eliminating hepatitis C for several years through the Hep C U Later project, and are close to micro-elimination across Inclusion services.



- In the South East region alone, we have around 4000 service users in structured substance misuse treatment.

Methods



By forming a system-wide partnership to eliminate hep C, we have implemented the innovation necessary, to better address the needs of this patient cohort and have supported **500+** additional patients into care.

By working in partnership, we have:



Increased staff awareness and training, ensuring our services have an effective HCV treatment pathway.



Highlighted the need for testing and re-testing and supported services to access novel ways of doing this.



Increased engagement from the NHS and encouraged adoption of best practice pathways, where providers work with third sector partners.



Collected monthly data to assess effectiveness and shared this across disciplines.

Results

From December 2021 to November 30th 2022:



1600+
service users
have been
tested for HCV



200+
successfully
treated
for HCV

Within Inclusion...



x20

known RNA+ service users are left to engage into HCV treatment



82.92%

of all HCV-positive service users have now been treated

Conclusion & next steps



Effective communication between partners and having solid system-wide partnerships has enabled us to:

- **Work together to enhance data**
- **Target those who need testing**
- **Share best practice**

This will enable us to eliminate HCV across the region.