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HCV Action brings together hepatitis C health professionals from across the patient pathway with the pharmaceutical industry and patient representatives to share expertise and good practice.

News & reports...

* The finalists of the [Quality in Care Hepatitis C 2015](#) awards have now been announced. The winners of the awards programme, which recognises good practice in hepatitis C services, will be unveiled at an awards ceremony on 1st October. Full details on the finalists and the awards can be read [here](#).

* [The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group](#) has issued guidance on the use of Harvoni within [NHS Wales](#). The guidance, which recommends Harvoni's use on genotype 1 and genotype 4 patients without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis for up to 12 weeks, can be accessed [here](#).

* The next [HCV Action](#) and [PHE](#) hepatitis C good practice roadshow will be held at The Studio, Birmingham on the 23rd of October. An exciting line-up of talks and workshops is currently being finalised, with details to be announced very soon. Follow us on Twitter [@HCVAction](#) to stay up to date with how and when to register.

* Do you work in primary care? If so, take a look at [this HCV Action](#) and [RCGP](#) video on detecting and managing hepatitis C in primary care. The film is also available to view in four bite-sized chunks, all of which can be viewed via the [HCV Action resource library](#).

* [Hepatitis Scotland](#) have released a short film detailing some of the great work that they undertook with partner organisations around

HCV Action publishes summary report of London roadshow



The summary report from the [HCV Action](#) and [Public Health England \(PHE\)](#) hepatitis C good practice roadshow, held in London on 26th June, has now been published. The report, which can be viewed [here](#), includes details on the presentations delivered, as well as summaries from three workshops on addressing different hepatitis C risk groups, which were delivered during the afternoon sessions.

The workshops, which were facilitated by Dr Eamonn O'Moore (Director of Health and Justice, [PHE](#)), Stuart Smith (Drug Services Lead, [The Hepatitis C Trust](#)) &

David Badcock (Head of Recovery Engagement, [Addaction](#)), and Opal Greyson (Hepatitis C Specialist Nurse, Bedford Hospital and Luton and Dunstable Hospital) focused on testing and treatment pathways in prisons, awareness and testing in drug services, and hepatitis C among at-risk migrant communities respectively.

The report details innovative ideas discussed by participants within the workshops, and contains a number of suggested next steps that could be taken in London in order to more effectively address hepatitis C. Readers can also view some of the inspiring pledges for hepatitis C action made by commissioners, health professionals and drug service workers at the close of the day.

PHE release BBV opt-out testing event report



[PHE](#) have released the summary report from a recent national event which focused on the early lessons learnt from the introduction of the BBV opt-out testing policy in English prisons.

The report, which can be read [here](#), provides a summary of the progress that has been achieved so far in implementing the opt-out testing policy, as well as highlighting lessons that have been learned from the pathfinder prisons which were the first to introduce the

policy.

[PHE](#), [NHS England](#), and the [National Offender Management Service](#) commit to a number of key steps within the report on the basis of their findings, including publishing a quarterly bulletin detailing national progress, continuing to provide and publish guidance to support the policy, and holding a national event for stakeholders every year until 2017.

World Hepatitis Day. You can view it [here](#).

Share your good practice...

Please share your good practice by filling in the quick online form [here](#).

We want to keep HCV Action's membership updated on news and events from across the country.

If you have any news you would like to share with colleagues or would like to publicise an event please email details to hcvaction@hepctrust.org.uk.

Hepatitis C Coalition fact-sheets on hepatitis C and associated diseases



The **Hepatitis C Coalition**, a group of clinicians, patient organisations and other key stakeholders working on hepatitis C issues, has released a series of fact-sheets setting out the relationship between hepatitis C and a number of associated conditions, with a view to improving understanding of the links between them.

Five fact-sheets have been published, all of which can be viewed on the **HCV Action resource library**. They focus on **hepatitis C and alcohol-related liver disease**; **hepatitis C and tuberculosis**; **hepatitis C and thalassaemia**; **hepatitis C and HIV**, and **hepatitis C and haemophilia**.

Each fact-sheet was developed on the basis of interviews with patients and clinicians, as well as drawing upon the expertise of the **Hepatitis C Coalition's** membership, and each provides an overview of the linkages between the conditions, as well as detailing the latest policy developments.

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