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HCV Action webinar: Hepatitis C services in Wales

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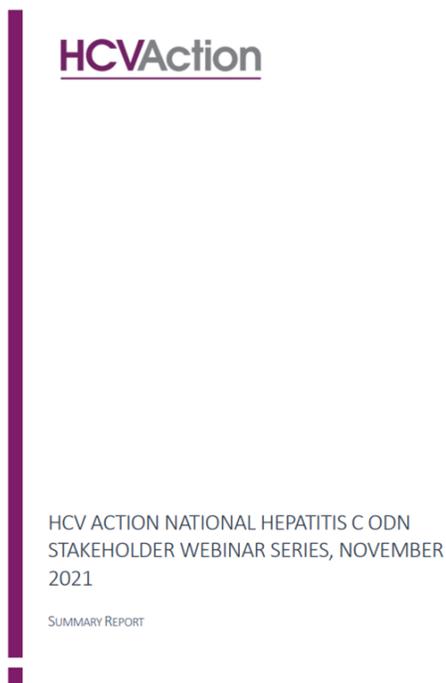
[Registration is now open](#) for this year's [HCV Action](#) Hepatitis C services in Wales webinar.

The webinar will explore hepatitis C services in Wales with talks on BBV services, peer-to-peer support, drug services, and treatment for children and young people, and will run from **15:00 to 16:30 on Tuesday 18th January 2022**.

We will be joined by experts from the [University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board](#), [The Hepatitis C Trust](#), and the [Welsh Government](#), followed by a Q&A session with speakers.

The event will take place on zoom and further details will be sent to attendees nearer the time.

National Hepatitis C ODN Stakeholder Webinar Series summary report



[HCV Action](#)'s National Hepatitis C ODN Stakeholder Webinar series took place over the course of November 2021, bringing together ODN representatives and a range of partners and colleagues working on the hepatitis C elimination programme.

In addition to a half-day series of presentations, 'breakout' webinars were held on specific areas of hepatitis C care: hepatitis C in the criminal justice system; hepatitis C in community pharmacies; and hepatitis C reinfections & harm prevention.

Our [summary report](#) gives a detailed breakdown of each webinar, with comprehensive overviews of each presentation. Recordings of the webinars are also available on our [YouTube](#).

News and reports

* Bereaved spouses and partners of those who were infected with HIV or Hepatitis C as a result of treatment with NHS blood or blood products in the 1970's or 1980's are being urged to come forward and register with EIBSS before 1 April 2022 if they have not already done so to claim support payments, following an [update to the scheme](#).

* New treatment from [NHS](#) staff is having a 'life-changing' impact on homeless people in North East Wales living with the hepatitis C virus. By taking their

services to homeless people, the team have reduced the time it takes to diagnose and begin treatment from over six months, to just two weeks. Read more [here](#).

* A simplified, rapid treatment model for hepatitis C virus improved cure rates and the cascade of care among young people who inject drugs, according to a recent [study](#).

* Engineers at the [University of Glasgow](#) have created an origami type lateral flow test that can diagnose hepatitis C with 98 per cent accuracy in around 30 minutes. The new test builds on previous work done by the Glasgow team where they used origami techniques to develop a rapid test for malaria that was trialled in Uganda. Read more about the test [here](#).

* Senior doctors, public health specialists, drug experts and health charities want the government to approve trials of “overdose prevention centres” (OPCs) to cut Britain’s soaring toll of drug deaths. Supporters of the idea say that while letting users consume hard drugs in safe places, watched over by nurses and doctors, is controversial, it reduces fatalities and drug-related crime. Read more [here](#).

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