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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.

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* New National Clinical Guidelines for the treatment of hepatitis C in adults in Scotland have been released. The guidelines advise health boards, Area Drug and Therapeutics Committees and treating clinicians on the efficacy of available treatments for hepatitis C. The guidelines can be read [here](#).

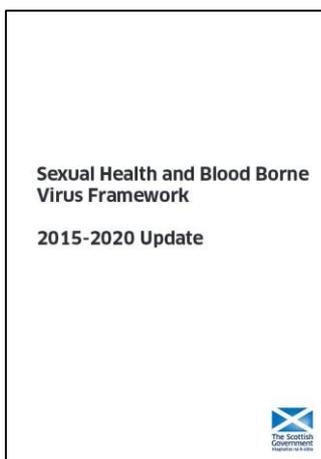
* The [Welsh Government](#) has announced that almost £14 million will be made available to allow access to new hepatitis C treatments to people in Wales. The treatments include sofosbuvir, daclatasvir, simeprevir and ledipasvir. You can read more on the announcement [here](#).

* In 2014, [Addaction](#) and [The Hepatitis C Trust](#) partnered to form a unique pilot in the south west of England to encourage and widen access to hepatitis C treatment among people who inject drugs. One year on, an update has been published, which can be read [here](#), that presents early results from the pilot and sets out next steps in its delivery,

* On 8th September, [The Hepatitis C Trust](#) held an awareness-raising and testing event at the Napiershall Street Centre in Glasgow. The event, which was aimed at South Asian communities in the city, was staged alongside [Waverley Care](#). After talks from [Hanzala Malik MSP](#), who hosted the event, and Shabana Begum, South Asian Officer at [The Hepatitis C Trust](#), 70 people were

Scottish Government commits to elimination of hepatitis C

The Scottish Government this month released the [2015-2020 Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework](#). The Framework, which drives hepatitis C strategy in Scotland, represents the next step in Scotland's world-leading efforts to tackle hepatitis C.



In addition to setting new treatment targets and committing to the introduction of opt-out blood borne virus testing in Scottish prisons, the Framework, which can be read [here](#), also confirms the [Scottish Government's](#) commitment to the elimination of hepatitis C as a public health concern.

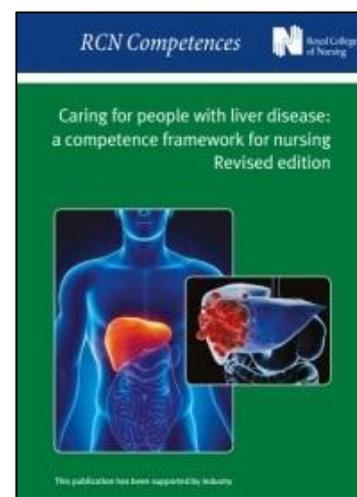
On launching the Framework at the [World Hepatitis Summit](#) in Glasgow on 2nd September, Shona Robison MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing) said: "The innovation of new therapies for hepatitis C is a watershed moment for viral hepatitis, and we have recognised the importance of this by increasing our national treatment targets for the disease...I am pleased to say that Scotland is committed to eliminating hepatitis C as a public health problem within Scotland – something that I am proud we can realistically commit to achieving only because of the foundation work we have laid over the past ten years."

RCN launches liver disease competence framework

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) have launched a revised competence framework to help improve nursing care for people with liver disease, including those with hepatitis C.

Officially launched at the [British Liver Nurses' Forum](#) Annual Conference, the framework, which can be read [here](#), aims to help support nursing staff (and others working in primary and secondary care) to gain the skills and confidence to deliver high standards of care to people with, and at risk from, liver disease.

Lynda Greenslade, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Hepatology at the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust and co-author of the framework, said: "This framework will



then tested for the virus. More about the event can be read [here](#).

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support nursing staff in building their skills and delivering effective care to liver disease patients. With relevance to a wide range of nurses and other practitioners, we hope it will have a significant impact on liver care in the UK.”

HCV Action and PHE to stage good practice roadshow in Birmingham



HCV Action and Public Health England (PHE) are next month staging a hepatitis C good practice roadshow at The Studio, Birmingham on 23rd October.

The event will be the third in a series of good practice roadshows that HCV Action and PHE are staging in England this year in areas with a high prevalence of hepatitis C. The aim of the roadshows is to highlight examples of good practice and bring together relevant health professionals, drug service professionals, commissioners and decision-makers to discuss ways in which local hepatitis C services and strategy could be further improved.

The programme for the Birmingham roadshow, which is free to attend, includes talks from Dr Meng Khaw (Chair of the Viral Hepatitis Leads Group), Dr Andrew Holt (Consultant Hepatologist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital), Catherine O'Connell (NHS England Regional Director for Specialised Commissioning, Midlands and East), and a range of others. Afternoon workshops will focus on hepatitis C in South Asian communities, awareness and testing in drug services, and hepatitis C in primary care.

You can view the event website and register your free place [here](#).

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