

# HEP C U Later

Wessex Clinical Van Report – Quarter 1 & 2  
2021/22

This is the first formal report for the Wessex Clinical Van service. The award commenced April 2021, however, the governance and recruitment processes took time to complete. The formal van service started on 1st June 2021 and therefore this report will cover Quarter 1 and 2 of 2021/2022 (April - September 2021). The delay in reporting was to allow us time to calculate treatment starts and outcomes.

# ***Stakeholders***

This service has been led by MPFT's Inclusion Recovery Hampshire community drug and alcohol service which has the largest footprint in the Wessex ODN, supported by Dorset Liver Service. From the initial discussions about this project, we have had multiagency stakeholder meetings comprising of:

## **Hospitals**

Southampton, Bournemouth, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Salisbury, Basingstoke, Dorchester and Weymouth

## **Drug and Alcohol Services**

Inclusion Recovery Hampshire, Inclusion Isle of Wight, CGL Southampton, Society of St James Portsmouth, Turning Point Salisbury, Avon and Wiltshire NHS Foundation Trust (Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset) We Are With You Bournemouth, EDP Christchurch and Dorset, EDAS Poole, Streetscene Residential Rehabilitation Units and ANA Residential Rehabilitation Units

## **Housing Providers**

St Mungo's, Trinity Centre, Society of St James, Two Saints, Bournemouth Church Housing Association, YMCA, Youth Hostels, Hope Housing, Pivotal Housing and Approved Premises Probation,

## **Charities**

The Hepatitis C Trust and Liver 4 Life

## *Provision*

We currently have use of two vans. The first of these comes as part of the Hampshire Substance Misuse service; the award has given us the resources to expand the offer of the van across the region. The second van is rented from Liver 4 Life a local charity. Following the success of the model in Hampshire, we have recently commissioned The Hepatitis C Trust to supply a dedicated van coordinator for the Dorset area. The two vans work in unison and have regular meetings to ensure consistency and full coverage of the ODN.

Both vans have use of MSD / NHSE Cepheid machines and these have transformed the landscape for our patients. We are working with Nottingham ODN on their Capillary Blood Project through and we are about to launch our validation and verification project to support them with the development of their service.



## *Area covered*

We conducted a HITT across Isle of Wight in May 2021. November sees us starting Pharmacy based HITT's across shared care sites in Southampton and we will be conducting a Dorset wide HITT in European Testing Week 22nd - 29th November 2021.

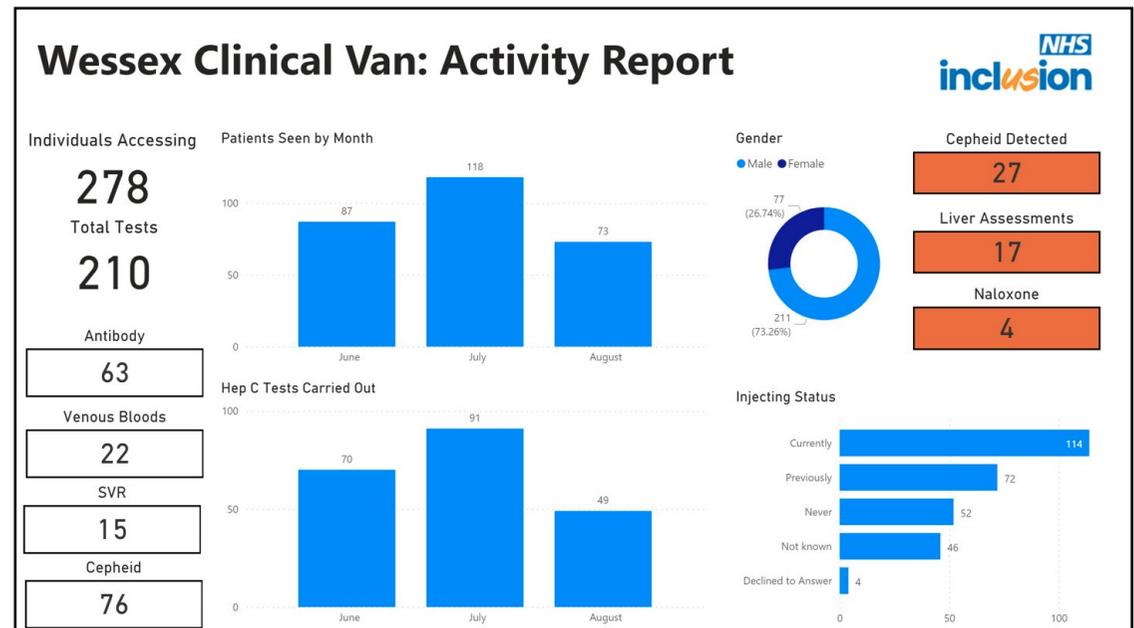


# Data

The vans have been out for a total 92 days since April and since the service formally started on June 1st 2021, it has been out on 74 operational days

April	May	June	July	August	September
7	11	16	19	16	23

We have developed the Inclusion Illy Carepath patient database to be the central point for the data collection to ensure consistency of data across the large geographical region and stakeholders. This visual representation will be available monthly from Quarter 3 2021-2022



# *Interventions*

A total of 380 contacts have been seen of the van comprising of 328 individuals

## **Hepatitis C Testing**

- 121 x Point of Care HCV Antibody Tests completed.
- All Positive results were followed up with confirmatory Cepheid screenings/venous blood tests.
- 294 Cepheid screenings were carried out of which
  - 59 SVR's
  - 25 new diagnosis
  - 188 confirmatory for treatment
  - 27 retreatments due to reinfection/compliance
- 36 Venous Blood tests re: HCV/BBV

## **Fibro Scans and Liver Assessments**

52 Fibro Scans carried out

## **Treatment**

70 patients started treatment following a van intervention and diagnosis

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## **Peer Support**

The Hepatitis C Trust Peer Support Leads are an integral part of our service and have been out with us for the majority of the days

## **Added Value**

- 18 x Naloxone kits dispensed
- 48 x Needle Exchange transactions
- 300+ litres of used sharps were collected from the community.
- 27 patients referred into other healthcare services – dentist, wound care and DVT investigations

## *Summary*

The Wessex Clinical Vans have achieved phenomenal outcomes, reaching patients that are both known, and not known to services. We attribute the success so far to the fact the project is fundamentally led by community drug services in partnership with The Hepatitis C Trust.

This ensures excellent access to those at risk of hepatitis C, including those sitting outside of services, who will invariably be known by peers. Indeed, we have engaged with at least 20 people who were not open to any other service at time of van intervention. Those people have been assertively engaged by the team and predominantly have been supported to access opiate substitute prescribing and healthcare services.

We are now in the process of recruiting a band 4 Administrator to consolidate and assimilate all the data sources across the ODN. With this in mind, we developed the Inclusion Illy Carepath patient database to be the central point for the data collection to ensure consistency of data across the large geographical region and stakeholders. Over the next few months, data will be migrated from both vans to make reporting easier moving forward.

## *Care opinion - patient feedback*

**Care Opinion has been commissioned to provide a platform for our patients to feedback**

<https://www.careopinion.org.uk/859650>

My husband is disabled, so am I I'm poor health, we requested an Hep C test and the hospital arranged for the mobile van to come up to give us both a fingerpick test at our homes, which was so helpful, as it is hard to get blood out of us both (regular blood test) and it is hard for us to get to the hospital at Basingstoke, we don't drive. The van turned up and the two people (Sean and Clive) were very friendly and very professional I was very impressed, especially that results come back so fast

The information they had about modem treatment for Hep C (as previously interferon treatment, which I went through, was not pleasant), sounded much better and it was nice to be given this information

Overall we were both very happy to be able to access this service, it was much easier for us to have the van come to us than to go to the hospital The guys on the van were both very knowledgeable and easy to talk to, We would thoroughly recommend this service and hope that it continues as it is invaluable for people such as ourselves who find it hard to attend hospital or for people who drop through the cracks in society and find it difficult to utilise healthcare for themselves. I would like to thank everyone involved.

## *Care opinion - patient feedback*

<https://www.careopinion.org.uk/859647>

Sean and Clive attended our local service in the mobile van to test us for BBVs.

They were brilliant, very friendly, informative and efficient.

The results only took 15 minutes and they both made me feel comfortable until they told me.

THANK YOU BOTH