



Hepatitis

SCOTLAND

Training & Capacity Building



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What is Hepatitis Scotland?

Hepatitis Scotland is the national voluntary sector organisation funded by the Scottish Government to help improve responses to viral hepatitis prevention, treatment and support.

Hepatitis Scotland supports and leads the work of voluntary sector groups in partnership with statutory agencies and patients towards:

- reducing the spread of viral hepatitis
- increasing the numbers of people diagnosed with viral hepatitis
- improving access to hepatitis treatment and support
- improving the range and quality of prevention, treatment and care services
- reducing stigma associated with viral hepatitis.

Why Hepatitis Scotland offers training

Hepatitis Scotland recognises that workers from a range of sectors are uniquely placed to engage with high risk groups and raise awareness of viral hepatitis. By doing so they can contribute to the prevention of viral hepatitis and support more people through treatment.

People who are affected or at risk should feel confident that their needs and issues are known, understood and can be met by a wide range of services that offer support.

Services need to:

- be aware of viral hepatitis and how to prevent it
- know how the virus and the treatment process affects people's lives
- develop appropriate links with other relevant services

What Hepatitis Scotland can offer your service

Hepatitis Scotland offers **free** training, capacity building and networking to voluntary sector staff working in areas including:

- problematic drug use
- young people
- sexual health
- ethnic minorities
- health
- mental health
- housing
- employability
- criminal justice

What's involved?

Training can be tailored to meet the needs of frontline staff covering topics such as:

- viral hepatitis – what services need to know about it
- drug use and viral hepatitis
- engaging with vulnerable young people
- how to get the prevention message over to high risk groups.

Hepatitis Scotland also promotes capacity building and networking events across Scotland to help services get to know each other and:

- share learning
- develop best practice
- build effective working links between key local services
- explore opportunities to develop social care.

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What else can Hepatitis Scotland offer?

Hepatitis Scotland is also working towards greater patient involvement in tackling viral hepatitis through our Hepatitis Scotland Patient Involvement work. Get in touch with Hepatitis Scotland to see how our Patient Involvement Officer can assist your service.

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For more news and information on viral hepatitis and the work of Hepatitis Scotland, see www.hepatitisscotland.org.uk

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