



Gilead Hepatitis C Drug Treatment Services Provider Forum

Achieving Elimination Through Collaboration



Mission Statement

The Gilead HCV Drug Treatment Services Provider Forum is united in our commitment to eliminate hepatitis C for drug and alcohol service users in England, driving change through collaboration and fostering a healthier, stigma-free community for our service users.

Charter

The Gilead HCV Drug Treatment Services Provider Forum is united in our shared commitment to eliminate Hepatitis C in England. Recognising the urgency of this public health challenge to achieve this goal ahead of the World Health Organisation target of 2030, we pledge to work collaboratively, leveraging our collective expertise and resources.

Principles:

- 1. Shared mission:** Through collaboration and shared best practice, we aim to eliminate Hepatitis C in drug and alcohol services in England, a disease that disproportionately affects our most vulnerable service users.
- 2. Integrated approach:** We commit to a comprehensive and integrated strategy that combines best practice support for people affected by drug and alcohol use, lived experience, NHS clinical expertise and pharmaceutical innovations.
- 3. Equity and access:** We will work to address health inequalities by delivering equitable access to testing, treatment, and support services, ensuring that all communities have the opportunity to benefit from HCV elimination.
- 4. Innovation and research:** We will foster innovation through joint research initiatives, exploring new pathways and improving existing interventions to reduce stigma and increase access to care for those affected by hepatitis C.
- 5. Education and awareness:** We will jointly develop and implement educational campaigns to raise awareness about hepatitis C, reducing stigma and promoting prevention.
- 6. Data sharing and monitoring:** We commit to transparent data sharing and collaborative monitoring mechanisms to track progress, assess outcomes, and continually refine our strategies.
- 7. Service users:** We recognise the importance of centering service users and those with lived experience, incorporating their insights, feedback, wants and needs into everything we do.

Actions

- 1. Best practice sharing:** Share and publish research to advance best practice interventions to achieve HCV elimination in drug and alcohol services.
- 2. Capacity building:** Work together to enhance the capacity of drug and alcohol services, ensuring they are well-equipped to address the unique needs of people affected by hepatitis C.
- 3. Capability building:** Develop and deliver standards and training programmes for our service staff and partners, fostering a multi-agency approach to hepatitis C testing and treatment.
- 4. Awareness campaigns:** Launch joint awareness, testing and treatment campaigns to educate our services users and support them into effective pathways for hepatitis C testing and treatment.
- 5. Policy advocacy:** Develop and advocate for supportive policies at local, regional, and national levels to create an enabling and sustainable environment for hepatitis C elimination.

By signing up to this charter, we affirm our collective dedication to eliminating hepatitis C in drug and alcohol services in England. Through collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to improving the lives of our service users, we aspire to create a lasting legacy, transforming lives and building a hepatitis C free future for all.

