

***Viral hepatitis and beyond***

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- Twitter impressions from 25 July – 29 July reached a total of 61,254, averaging at 12,251 impressions/day
- In July, profile visits on Twitter totalled a number of 3,868. This had risen by 420.6% from June

 Ever injected?  
Get tested

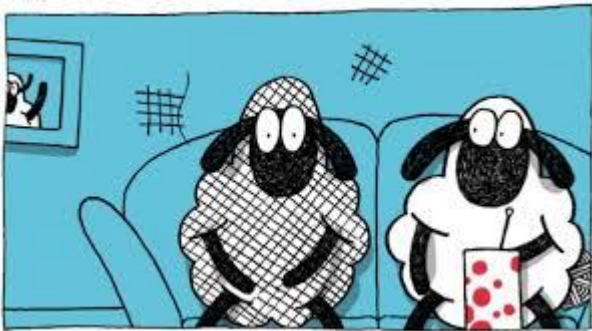
Hep It can be cured

Find out more about **Hepatitis C**  
[www.HepCScot.org](http://www.HepCScot.org) or free text 'HEP' to 81025

**IDHDP** **IDHDP**  
@idhdp

 Following

Great edition @hepscotland & reminds us sound evidence that big decrease incid HCV linked to incr in NSP & AOT (ORT).[us12.campaign-archive2.com/?u=31195d49709 ...](https://us12.campaign-archive2.com/?u=31195d49709...)



**Are you gambling with your liver?**

**HEALTHBET.scot**

Stack and Selection | Time and Meeting

**Hep C Stakes**

**'Get tested'**

**'New Treatments'**

**FANTASTIC ODDS!**

**A healthier future**

For more information visit [HEALTHBET.scot](http://HEALTHBET.scot)

**Stack the odds in your liver's favour. Get tested. Get treated.**

New treatments can cure Hepatitis C in as little as 12 weeks\*. To find out your odds, visit your GP or [HepCScot.org](http://HepCScot.org)

\*At least 91% of selected individuals are eligible for treatment. Funding is subject to change as plans for the market evolve and improve. There will be a cap on the number of people who can be treated.

**Hepatitis C**  
LIVERDISEASE

**Waverley Care**  
HEALTHY PEOPLE. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

**NHS**  
UK



A graphic for World Hepatitis Day 2017 in Scotland. The background is dark blue. At the top left is the World Hepatitis Day logo with the text 'World Hepatitis Day 2017'. At the top right is the Hepatitis Scotland logo. In the center is a white silhouette of the map of Scotland. To the left of the map, the text '36,700 people in Scotland are living with hepatitis C ...' is displayed in white and yellow. To the right of the map, the text '15,500 don't know it' is displayed in yellow and white. At the bottom left is the hashtag '#WorldHepatitisDay', at the bottom center is the date '28 July', and at the bottom right is the website 'www.HepCScot.org'.

**World Hepatitis Day 2017**

**Hepatitis SCOTLAND**

**36,700** people  
in Scotland are living  
with **hepatitis C** ...

**15,500**  
**don't know it**

**#WorldHepatitisDay**      **28 July**      [www.HepCScot.org](http://www.HepCScot.org)

18 - 25 NOVEMBER 2016

# EUROPEAN HIV-HEPATITIS TESTING WEEK

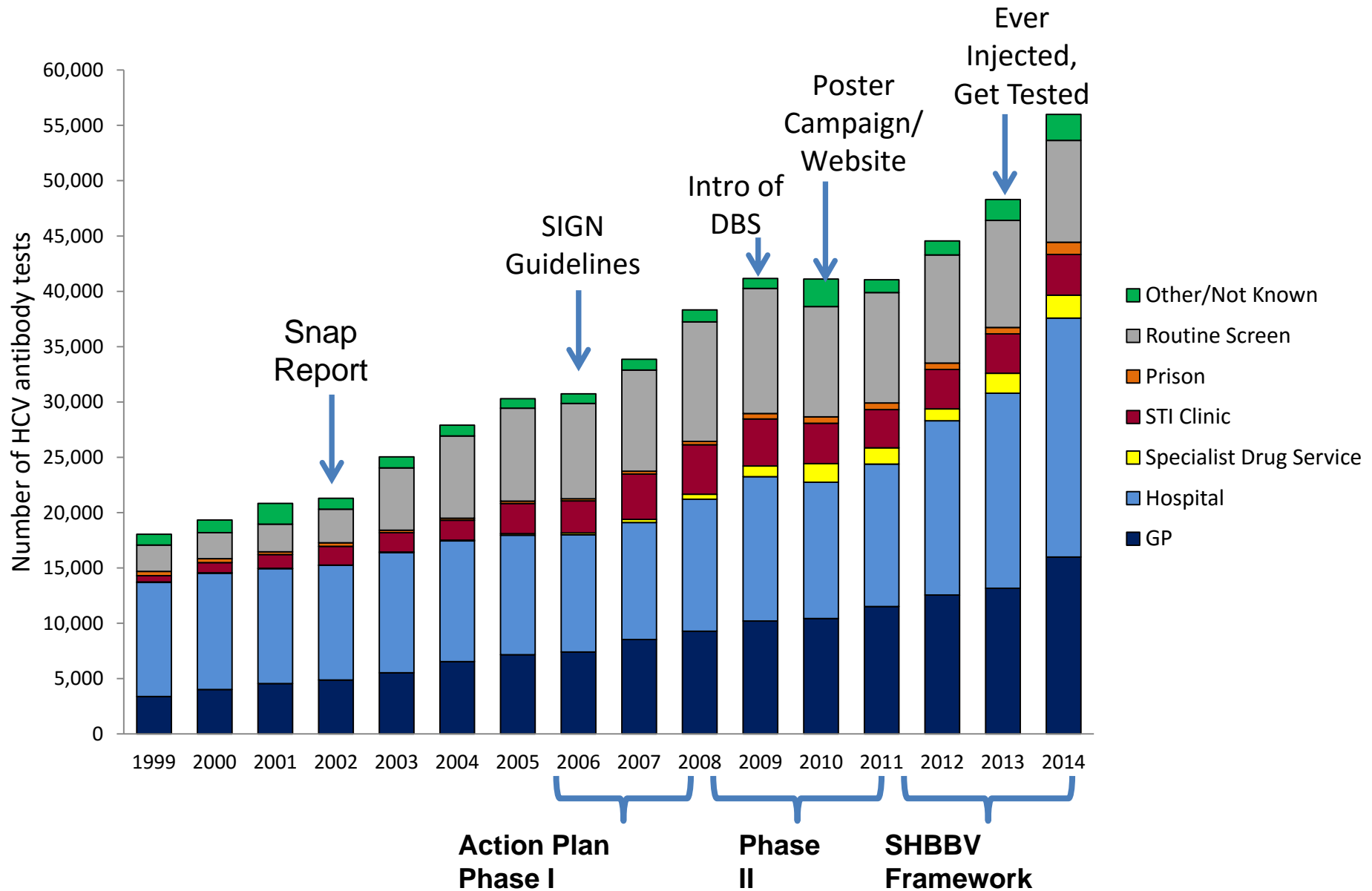
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18-25  
NOVEMBER  
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EUROPEAN  
HIV-HEPATITIS  
TESTING  
WEEK  
www.eurotestingweek.org

Hepatitis  
SCOTLAND

A screenshot of a tweet from the account "Hepatitis Scotland". The profile picture shows a blue bird icon on a white background. The tweet text says: "You were mentioned in a Tweet!". Below the text is a retweet icon and the name "EuroHIVHEptestweek @HIVheptestweek". There is also a link to a brochure: "Great brochure by @hepscotland about #Eurotestweek! Check it out here: yumpu.com/en/document/vi...". The time of the tweet is "08:55 AM - 31 Oct 16". At the bottom of the tweet are three icons: a reply icon, a retweet icon, and a favorite icon.

# Trends in HCV testing in Scotland's 4 largest NHS Boards



Source: Hepatitis C Test Database

# Chemsex in Scotland:

## *Starting the conversation*

*A national series of events, bringing together key groups to learn, and contribute to discussions on current knowledge and practice regarding Chemsex in Scotland, and how to better respond to an emerging public health issue.*









Preventable  
Not  
Inevitable

- Px
- Tx
- HR



- Long term injectors who have avoided hepatitis C can be seen as ‘positive deviants’ – people who have managed to ‘stay safe’ in environments of high risk.

- Types of drugs
- Technique
- Poor knowledge and awareness
- Access to testing and treatment

- prolong the life of veins – once they collapse, they're gone for good.
- Take time and be careful
- Give the used veins time to heal
- Inject at least one centimetre away from last injection site
- Try not to inject below a recent hit on the same vein: go above it (towards the heart) so the previous site is not irritated twice.

- [http://www.exchangesupplies.org/pdf/P112\\_slamming.pdf](http://www.exchangesupplies.org/pdf/P112_slamming.pdf)



- “Some of our patients don’t have many friends and quite a lot of them are estranged from their family ... you have to be careful, you have to make sure that the patient understands that you are ultimately doing your job and you’re not their friend ... some patients who are having trouble at the end of treatment, disengaging a bit, we actually carry on seeing them for a few weeks, every couple of weeks ... because it’s funny how they can start acting out a bit towards the end and getting a real pain, I think it’s panic, sometimes, that treatment is finishing, they’ve got quite reliant on you.”

(Mary, Manager BBV team, East London D&A)

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