



LJWG ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020

YOUR ROLE IN ELIMINATING HEPATITIS C IN LONDON

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welcome

FROM

Dr Emily Finch and
Dr Suman Verma

CO-CHAIRS

We are excited to welcome you to the London Joint Working Group on Substance Use and Hepatitis C's annual conference. As the race to eliminating hepatitis C in London gets well underway, bringing together people working in the field feels more important now than ever before.

Since our last annual conference, we have seen incredible progress in hepatitis C care, driven by both national bodies, local organisations and individuals. The ground-breaking elimination deal that NHS England negotiated with pharmaceutical companies last summer has sparked a range of important case-finding initiatives. The dedication and passion of individual nurses, consultants and drug service staff has led to some community services already achieving 'micro-elimination', while others are not far off.

We are thrilled to be working with the Mayor of London and the Greater London Authority to bring key people and organisations from across the capital together to develop a Routemap to city-wide elimination.

As we enter what we hope will be the last few years of hepatitis C being a public health threat in London, it is more important than ever to keep the momentum up and increase testing and treatment rates among both traditionally high prevalence populations and those who may not have been targeted before.

Today offers an opportunity to not only hear from a range of people working in hepatitis C care – from clinicians to patients to public health specialists and many more besides – but also to ask questions and discuss any issues you might be facing. After each run of short talks, you will be able to raise your queries directly in panel discussions with our brilliant speakers to allow a space for challenge and learning.

It is the commitment of individuals and organisations which has got us to this point, just five years away from NHS England's elimination target of 2025, and it is this perseverance and energy which will make London the first global city to eliminate the virus. We hope this conference will give you the space to find solutions to current challenges, form new partnerships and be inspired by the work of others.

Please do share your reflections and ideas with us during and after the conference on Twitter by using the hashtag #HepCEliminationLondon and tagging us using @LJWGHepCandSM.



Foreword from

Dr Tom Coffey OBE

Health Advisor to the Mayor of London

The Mayor of London and the Greater London Authority are delighted to be supporting the LJWG and partners across London to achieve the vital goal of eliminating hepatitis C in London. For many attending this conference, being where we are now was unthinkable at the start of 2010; in the past year alone, we have seen astonishing progress made.

Ridding the city of a disease which disproportionately affects some of the most vulnerable populations is key to the Mayor of London's ambition to reduce health inequalities. Last year Sadiq Khan showed his commitment to the cause through convening high level meetings and shining a spotlight on the issues by visiting a hepatitis C testing van at a homeless shelter on World Hepatitis Day where he also got tested himself.

This year we will continue to strive towards eliminating hepatitis C in London, guided by the Routemap that is being developed with experts across many sectors. We believe the Routemap can be a template for other national and international cities who are also striving to eliminate this disease. Today we'd like to hear your views: please find the poster on the Routemap development downstairs during the break and add your thoughts on the post-it notes provided.

Eliminating hepatitis C will be impossible without partnership, collaboration and resolute determination. Let's use this conference to come together and share learning to make 2020 a definitive year in the history of disease elimination.

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The London Joint Working Group on Substance Use and Hepatitis C

G The London Joint Working Group on Substance Use and Hepatitis C (LJWG) is a group of expert clinicians and patient advocacy and voluntary sector leads, **W** working in collaboration with a wide group of stakeholders with the common goal of implementing an integrated plan to drive improvements in the prevention, diagnosis, **J** treatment and outcomes of hepatitis C in people who use drugs, and reduce the spread of the virus. LJWG welcomes new **L** partners and collaborators who share their vision and goals.



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The members are:

DR KOSH AGARWAL

Consultant Hepatologist and Transplant Physician at the Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London

DR ASHWIN BALABHADRA

GP with Special Interest in the Management of Substance Misuse and Hepatitis in Primary Care

PROF ASHLEY BROWN

Consultant Hepatologist at St. Mary's and Hammersmith Hospitals in London and Honorary Senior Lecturer at Imperial College London

JANET CATT

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VIVIENNE EVANS

Chief Executive of Adfam

DR EMILY FINCH (CO-CHAIR)

Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist at the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, London

RACHEL HALFORD

Chief Executive of The Hepatitis C Trust

DR MAGDALENA HARRIS

Qualitative Sociologist, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London

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Senior Commissioner for Substance Misuse and Sexual Health services within Public Health in Haringey Council

SHARON DAUGHTER

Executive Director of Operations in London and the South at Humankind

PROF WILLIAM ROSENBERG

Professor of Hepatology at University College London

DR SUMAN VERMA (CO-CHAIR)

Consultant Hepatologist at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and an Honorary consultant at the Royal Brompton Hospital

The group is facilitated by;

DEE CUNIFFE

LJWG Policy Lead

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Programme and timings are subject to change.

9.00 REGISTRATION

Tea and coffee available

9.20 WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

*Dr Suman Verma
Co-Chair of the LJWG and
Consultant Hepatologist, Chelsea and
Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

SESSION 1

UNITING TO ELIMINATE HEPATITIS C

9.25 LIVING WITH AND AFTER HEPATITIS C

*Rachel Halford
Chief Executive, The Hepatitis C Trust*

9.35 THE STATE OF THE NATION: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

*Prof. Graham Foster
Consultant Hepatologist at Barts Health,
and Clinical Lead, Barts ODN*

9.45 ELIMINATING HEPATITIS C AS PART OF THE MAYOR OF LONDON'S HEALTH INEQUALITIES STRATEGY

*Vicky Hobart
Head of Health, Greater London Authority*

9.55 LEARNING FROM HIV

*Prof Kevin Fenton
Strategic Director of Place and Wellbeing,
London Borough of Southwark,
and Co-Chair, Fast Track Cities*

10.05 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SPEAKERS

chaired by Dr Suman Verma

SESSION 2

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

10.15 WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE GROUND IN LONDON?

*Emma Burke
Programme Manager Alcohol, Drugs and
Tobacco, Public Health England (London)*

10.25 HARM REDUCTION: A CRUCIAL COMPONENT OF ELIMINATION

*Dr Magdalena Harris
Qualitative Sociologist, London School of
Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*

10.35 WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND CITIES?

*Professor Jeffrey Lazarus
Associate Research Professor, Barcelona
Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal), Hospital
Clínic, University of Barcelona*

10.45 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SPEAKERS

chaired by Dr Suman Verma

10.55 TEA / COFFEE BREAK (20 MINS)

SESSION 3

FINDING THE UNDIAGNOSED

11.15 INCREASING TESTING IN PRIMARY CARE

*Dr Werner Leber
Practising GP, Tower Hamlets*

11.25 ENGAGING WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

*Sarah Montague
Biomedical Research Associate,
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
and Rob Allan
King's HCV Outreach Coordinator,
The Hepatitis C Trust*

11.35 SIMPLIFYING THE PATHWAY: 1-STEP REFLEX TESTING IN LONDON

*Prof Ashley Brown
Consultant Hepatologist, St Mary's
and Hammersmith Hospitals
and Clinical Lead, West London ODN*

11.45 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SPEAKERS

*chaired by Dr Emily Finch
Co-Chair of the LJWG and
Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist, South London
and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust*

SESSION 4

IMPROVING PATHWAYS ACROSS LONDON

11.55 WHAT'S WORKING IN PRISONS?

*Mark Gillyon-Powell,
Head of the HCV Elimination Programme,
NHS England*

12.05 THE NHS PROVIDER ALLIANCE HCV PROGRAMME

*Danny Hames
Chair and Head of Inclusion at the NHS
Substance Misuse Provider Alliance
Paul Bagot
Lead Hepatitis C Elimination Coordinator,
NHS Substance Misuse Provider Alliance*

12.15 THE BENEFITS OF PEER SUPPORT

*Tony McClure
London Prison Peer Educator,
The Hepatitis C Trust*

12.25 UPSKILLING OUR WORKFORCE WITH ECHO

*Prof Geoff Dusheiko
Consultant Hepatologist, King's College Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust and Emeritus Professor of
Medicine at University College London*

12.35 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SPEAKERS

chaired by Dr Emily Finch

12.50 LUNCH, POSTERS & NETWORKING

SESSION 5

ACTION ACROSS THE ODNs

14.00 NORTH CENTRAL LONDON ODN

*Dr Doug MacDonald
Consultant Hepatologist, Royal Free Hospital,
and Clinical Lead for North London ODN*

14.05 WEST LONDON ODN

*Dr Matthew Foxton
Consultant Hepatologist, Chelsea and
Westminster Hospital and King's College
Hospital*

14.10 Barts ODN

*Prof Graham Foster
Consultant Hepatologist at Barts Health,
and Clinical Lead, Barts ODN*

14.15 STHEPNET

*Dr Dan Forton
Consultant Gastroenterologist,
St George's University Hospital, and Clinical
Co-lead STHepNet*

*Dr Kosh Agarwal
Consultant Hepatologist,
King's College Hospital, and Clinical
Co-lead STHepNet*

14.20 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SPEAKERS

*chaired by Prof Simon Barton
Consultant Physician and Divisional Medical
Director at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust*

SESSION 6

ASK THE EXPERT Q&A CHAired BY DR EMILY FINCH

14.40 Q&A WITH:

*Prof Geoff Dusheiko
Hepatology Consultant,
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

*Janet Catt
Nurse Consultant,
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

*Mark Gillyon-Powell
Head of the HCV Elimination Programme,
NHS England*

*Dr Nicole Klynman
Consultant in Public Health,
London Borough of Hackney and City of London*

*Stuart Smith
Director of Community Services,
The Hepatitis C Trust*

15.10 CLOSING REMARKS

from Dr Emily Finch and Dr Suman Verma

15.20 TEA AND NETWORKING

16.00 CONFERENCE CLOSE

speakers

Dr Suman Verma

Co-Chair of the LJWG and Consultant Hepatologist, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Verma is a Consultant Hepatologist at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and an Honorary Consultant at the Royal Brompton Hospital. Prior to this she was a Locum Consultant and Senior Clinical Fellow at the Institute of Liver Studies at King's College Hospital.

She trained in Medicine at Edinburgh and Cambridge Universities and completed a PhD in Immunology. Following graduation, Suman has worked in major liver transplant units at King's, Birmingham and Cambridge. During this time, she developed research and specialist interests in the management of chronic viral hepatitis, end-stage liver disease and liver transplantation. Suman was involved in the NHSE Early Access Program for Hepatitis C and co-ordinated the Early Access Exceptional Case Panel multi-disciplinary meeting.

Suman has been a sub-investigator on numerous clinical trials with the new antivirals, and is a member of the BASL, EASL and AASLD.



Rachel Halford

Chief Executive, The Hepatitis C Trust

Rachel has over 20 years' experience of working with people at high risk of viral hepatitis, and liver disease generally – the homeless, prisoners, substance users and migrants – the past 18 years of which have been in senior management roles within the voluntary sector. Rachel was CEO of Women in Prison, a national UK campaigning organisation that provides support and advocacy for women affected by the criminal justice system. Passionate about equality and human rights, Rachel joined The Hepatitis C Trust in 2015 as Deputy CEO and took over the role of CEO in July 2018. Rachel is also the European representative on the World Hepatitis Alliance Board. Diagnosed with hepatitis C in 1998, Rachel cleared the disease after completing interferon treatment in 2007.



Dr Emily Finch

Co-Chair of the LJWG and Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist at the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Finch is the Addictions Clinical Academic Group Clinical Director with responsibility for Addiction services across Lambeth, Bexley, Greenwich and Wandsworth. She is currently clinical lead for the Alcohol Assertive Outreach Team is also responsible for quality for adult psychiatry service in Southwark and a member of the Trust Quality Centre.

She is currently on the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) and joint chair of the Recovery Committee. Emily is the vice-chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Addictions Executive. She is a co-chair of the London Joint Working Group on Hepatitis C.

In 2012 Emily chaired a joint RCGP RCPsych working group to develop a document defining competencies for doctors working in Addictions and has recently chaired the NICE quality standard drug use disorders topic expert group. From 2004 to 2007 Emily was the Clinical Team Leader at the National Treatment Agency (NTA) where she took a lead in the clinical aspects of national drug policy and in liaising between the NTA and the professionals working in the field.

Emily teaches and lectures on all aspects of addiction and supervises PhD students. She is an educational and clinical supervisor for psychiatric trainees. She is head of education and training for the Clinical Academic Group. Her research interests include the outcome of treatment for opiate users, hepatitis C and injectable prescribing. Emily is a Trustee of Alcohol Research UK and Gamcare.



Prof Graham Foster

Clinical Lead for Hepatitis C, NHS England

Prof Foster is the Clinical Lead for the Hepatitis C Operational Delivery Networks (ODNs) for England. He is Professor of Hepatology at Queen Mary, University of London and a Consultant at Barts and The London in East London. He trained in Medicine at Oxford and London Universities in the 1980s and completed a PhD in Molecular Biology in 1992. Graham has a long-standing interest in the management of chronic viral hepatitis and runs a clinical research program studying the natural history of viral hepatitis, its impact upon patients and their communities and novel therapies for this disease. He is the editor of The Journal of Viral Hepatitis and has published widely in the field of viral liver disease. He is a past President of BASL, Chairman of the HPB CRG, and Clinical Lead for the Barts HCV network.



Vicky Hobart

Head of Health, Greater London Authority (Public Health England)

Vicky has a long-standing personal commitment to improving public health and reducing health inequalities, with a track record of partnership working in multi-agency environments and with diverse communities. As a results-oriented Public Health Specialist with 21 years of experience gained in the UK and overseas, Vicky has worked in five different London Boroughs and in regional roles. More recently she extended her portfolio as Director of Public Health in Redbridge (East London) to include leisure and culture, adult social care, and the development of an integrated community health model across four localities.

In her current role Vicky supports the Mayor's statutory health adviser, and leads the GLA health team focused on: delivering programmes for Londoners (including healthy schools, early years, and workplaces); developing the Mayor's London health inequalities strategy; supporting a 'health in all policies' approach across the GLA group; and supporting the Mayor to champion and challenge the health and care system.

The London Health Inequalities Strategy was published in autumn 2018. With partners, the health team are currently progressing work on social prescribing, violence reduction, child obesity and mental health.



Dr Magdalena Harris

Qualitative Sociologist, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Dr Harris is an Associate Professor at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Her expertise lies in qualitative methods and the social sciences of hepatitis C and harm reduction. Dr Harris has been based at LSHTM since 2009, where she conducts a programme of research investigating the lived experience of care, risk, treatment and prevention among people who inject drugs in the UK. She is passionate about community engagement and building links between community and drug user organisations and social research institutions/academia. Magdalena is Associate Editor for the International Journal of Drug Policy; committee member for the London Joint Working Group on Hepatitis C and Substance Use and the European Hepatitis C Platform; and board member for the Global Congress for Qualitative Health Research.



Emma Burke

Programme Manager
Alcohol, Drugs and
Tobacco, Public
Health England
(London)

Emma Burke has worked in the drug treatment field for 15 years and has been an Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Programme Manager for the PHE

London team since April 2013. Prior to that she worked for the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse in a variety of roles in the London region for 9 years. Emma has a remit specifically to look at the health harms caused by drugs and has been involved in Hepatitis C since 2015, trying to promote and improve testing and access to treatment for people who inject drugs.



Sarah Montague

Biomedical Research
Associate, King's
College Hospital NHS
Foundation Trust

Originally trained as a Specialist Biomedical Scientist, Sarah worked at University College Hospital London and Great Ormond

Street Hospital prior to working at King's in August 2016. Her role is divided between research and service delivery. Sarah recently completed an MSc at King's College London in Implementation and Improvement Science and is evaluating the acceptability of the hepatitis C mobile outreach clinic amongst both patient and staff for her thesis.



Prof Jeffrey Lazarus

Associate Research
Professor, Barcelona
Institute for Global
Health (ISGlobal),
Hospital Clinic,
University of
Barcelona

Prof Lazarus is head of the health systems team at the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) and an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Barcelona. He is Vice-Chairman of the board of the EASL International Liver Foundation, a member of the INHSU international education committee and a co-investigator of the European Commission's Joint Action on infectious diseases. He is the author of more than 200 publications including a co-author of the Lancet GastroHep Commission on Viral Hepatitis (2019), is a commissioner of the EASL-Lancet European Liver Commission and lead coauthor of The Lancet HIV series on HIV outcomes beyond viral suppression. Jeffrey is an editorial board member of the International Journal of Drug Policy, HIV Medicine and the Journal of Hepatology.



Prof Kevin Fenton

Senior Strategic
Advisor at Public
Health England and
Co-Chair of Fast
Track Cities London

Prof Fenton is the Strategic Director for Place and Wellbeing at the London Borough of Southwark. In this role, which incorporates the Director for Public Health statutory functions, he leads the Council's portfolios on Planning, Regeneration, Community and Voluntary Sector Engagement and Public Health. He works across the entire Council to champion and promote health, wellbeing and equity in all policies and programmes. Key priorities include social regeneration, asset-based community development, developing sustainable, high-quality and integrated health and social care systems, improving health and reducing inequalities for all of Southwark's residents. At Public Health England, Kevin is the Senior Strategic Advisor for HIV, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Co-Chair of the Mayor of London's HIV Fast Track Cities Initiative.

Kevin is on secondment to Southwark Council from Public Health England, where he was the National Director for Health and Wellbeing leading PHE's national prevention programmes including screening for cancer and other conditions, Health Checks, public mental health, sexual and reproductive health, and a range of wellbeing programmes for infants, youth, adults and older adults. He also led PHE's health equity portfolio with a range of programmes and activities focused on addressing the social determinants of health and promoting place-based approaches to health improvement.



Dr Kosh Agarwal

Consultant
Hepatologist and
Transplant Physician
at the Institute of
Liver Studies, King's
College Hospital NHS
Foundation Trust,
London and Co- Lead
STHepNet

Dr Agarwal is Consultant Hepatologist and Transplant Physician at the Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital, London. He is also Lead for the Viral Hepatitis Service, which is the largest treatment centre for viral hepatitis in the UK.

Kosh graduated from Newcastle University. His postgraduate training was undertaken in Newcastle with the majority of his clinical and research training at the Regional Liver and Transplant Unit.

He also spent a year at the Division of Liver Diseases, Mount Sinai, New York, furthering his viral hepatitis expertise and developing an interest in adult-adult living related and multi-visceral transplantation. His research interests encompass adult liver transplantation, viral hepatitis, HIV-associated liver disease and hepatocellular cancer. He is an investigator for several ongoing studies evaluating the safety and efficacy of various antiviral treatment regimens for chronic Hepatitis B & C. He is a member of AASLD, EASL, BASL & ILTS.



Prof Ashley Brown

Clinical Lead,
West London ODN

Prof Brown is a Consultant Hepatologist at St. Mary's and Hammersmith Hospitals in London and honorary senior lecturer at Imperial College

London. Accredited in both internal medicine and gastroenterology, Professor Brown studied as an undergraduate at University of Liverpool Medical School before undertaking specialist training in liver disease and obtaining an MD from University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

He has a major clinical interest in viral hepatitis with a special interest in antenatal care and the family clinic. He has a major research interest in novel treatments for HBV and HCV and serves as chief investigator or principal investigator on a range of clinical trials.

Ashley has published numerous articles and abstracts in national and international journals, is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, a committee member of the British Association for the Study of the Liver and sits on a number of committees looking at improving access to hepatitis care.



Danny Hames

Chair and Head of
Inclusion at the NHS
Substance Misuse
Provider Alliance

Danny Hames has 18 years' experience working in the public and voluntary sectors, within criminal justice, long-term conditions and the drug and

alcohol treatment sector. He has worked as a practitioner, operational manager and head of development. In September 2018 he became the Head of Inclusion which is part of the Midlands NHS Foundation Partnership Trust. Inclusion is the largest NHS provider of drug and alcohol services in England, working in both prisons and the community. Inclusion also provides Sexual Health and Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT) services. Danny is an accredited PRINCE2 and MSP Practitioner and holds a PG Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Policy and a MA in Voluntary Sector Studies.

Danny is a founding member and current chair of the NHS Substance Misuse Provider Alliance (NHSSMPA) which was founded in 2016. NHSSMPA is a collaboration of 13 NHS trusts who provide drug and alcohol treatment services with the aim of supporting and developing best practice in the sector, such as "Improving Clinical Responses to Drug Related Deaths Best Practice Guidelines (April 2017)", produced with Collective Voice. The NHSSMPA also aims to provide an NHS treatment service voice to the benefit of the sector and as part of this runs annual conferences. The NHSSMPA currently work in over 50 prisons and 35 community services across England. It is currently establishing an initiative across 13 NHS trusts in England to eliminate Hepatitis C.



Paul Bagot

Lead Hepatitis C Elimination Coordinator, NHS Substance Misuse Provider Alliance

Paul Bagot is currently the lead Hepatitis C Elimination coordinator for the NHS Substance Misuse Provider Alliance Hepatitis C Elimination Programme. Paul brings 35 years' experience of working and training in the fields of psychology, health psychology, therapy and counselling as well as project and service management to this exciting new programme.

Paul has worked in a variety of public and voluntary sector posts throughout the UK and Europe. For 20 years, predominantly in Avon Wilshire and Bristol, he worked as a senior practitioner and manager in housing, drugs and alcohol and criminal justice arenas. Paul developed and managed specialist services around mental health (IAPT and trauma) and MDT approaches to partnership working across physical and psychological health services. For several years, Paul worked as a consultant, in partnership with universities and hospitals in the UK and Bulgaria, to develop and deliver specialist trauma work.

After eight years managing mental health services in London, Paul joined Inclusion four years ago. Inclusion, which is part of the Midlands NHS Foundation Partnership Trust, is the largest NHS provider of drug and alcohol services in England working in both prisons and the community. Inclusion also provides Sexual Health and IAPT services.

Paul has been the Operational Lead for Inclusion Thurrock, Essex, from 2016, helping to develop the partnership and coproduction landscape. In Thurrock, Paul chaired the Diabetes and LTC, MDT, steering committee tasked with identifying and engaging patients who would benefit from LTC services.

Tony McClure

Prison Peer Educator for London, The Hepatitis C Trust

Tony has been working as a Prison Peer Educator in The Hepatitis C Trust's Thames Valley Prisons team for over a year, having volunteered for the Trust beforehand.

Tony had been caught up in drug use, including IV use, from his teens to late thirties, resulting in serious consequences and his contracting hepatitis C. Tony got clean in 2016 after completing inpatient detox and rehabilitation and cleared hepatitis C with DAAs in 2017.

On completion of rehabilitation, Tony wanted to change career, change direction and leave his old lifestyle completely behind. He started volunteering with various wellbeing services as well as The Hepatitis C Trust helpline, and regularly interacted with local health services. He also volunteered in the community at detoxes, hostels, rehabs, and with Rob Allan on the outreach test and treat mobile van. In January 2019 Tony began working full-time in a paid role for The Hepatitis C Trust.



Dr Douglas MacDonald

Consultant Hepatologist, Royal Free Hospital, and Clinical Lead for North London ODN

Dr Doug Macdonald graduated in 2001 with Honours and Distinctions in Medical Sciences and Clinical Medicine. He trained as a junior doctor on the Hammersmith SHO rotation (now Imperial College Hospital) and King's College Hospital Liver Transplant Unit, before working as a Research Fellow in infectious diseases in Lima, Peru in 2005. He returned to London for specialist registrar training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology based in the Imperial College Hospital Trust. He completed a PhD in Virology and Immunology at University College London between 2008 and 2012 and was awarded a fellowship at Yale University in 2012. He has been a Consultant Hepatologist at the Royal Free Hospital since 2013, leading the introduction of new oral antiviral agents for hepatitis C.

Doug's main research interest is the interaction between viruses and the liver and digestive system. His publications and ongoing work focus on means of harnessing viruses as vaccines to treat infections and cancers. He is a faculty member of a number of courses teaching communication skills and medical ethics and has published two textbooks guiding trainee doctors through their membership of the Royal College of Physician exams. He is currently developing applications with computer science students at UCL which aim to enhance rather than distract from a human and empathic interaction between doctor and patient.



Rob Allan

King's HCV Outreach Coordinator, The Hepatitis C Trust

Rob joined The Hepatitis C Trust in October 2018 as an outreach worker to help people be tested and treated for hepatitis C. Rob was caught up in IV drug use for 30 years, suffering serious consequences including contracting hepatitis C. He became drug-free in 2004 after accessing a crisis intervention in London and in 2006 successfully completed interferon hepatitis C treatment. Rob has rebuilt his life since being drug-free, including going to college at age 46. He engaged with voluntary work in drug services across London and was able to access training programmes to access full time work. Since qualifying as a substance misuse practitioner he has worked in a variety of different services from criminal justice, outreach, residential rehabilitation and opiate substitute prescribing.



Dr Werner Leber

Practising GP, Newham

Dr Werner Leber is a practicing GP in Newham, as well as an NIHR CLAHRC clinical lecturer in primary care and clinical co-lead at the Clinical Effectiveness Group, Institute of Population Health Sciences, Queen Mary University of London. His main areas of research are: promotion of HIV screening in primary care; multiple chronic infection screening including HIV, hepatitis B & C, and latent TB; and mental and physical health co-morbidity.



Dr Dan Forton

Consultant Gastroenterologist, St George's University Hospital, and Co-lead STHepNet

Dr Forton PhD FRCP is a Consultant Hepatologist and Reader at St George's Hospital, London. He is Associate Medical Director, responsible for Research at St George's, sits on the board of the South London NIHR Comprehensive Research Network and is Co-Chair of the South Thames Hepatitis Network (STHepNet). His main clinical and research interests lie in viral hepatitis and through these he is committed to the elimination of hepatitis B and C.



Dr Matthew Foxtan

Consultant Hepatologist, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and King's College Hospital

Dr Matthew Foxtan qualified from St George's Hospital Medical School in 1995. He undertook specialist training in gastroenterology in the South East London region and completed his training in 2007 having gained sub-specialty accreditation in hepatology. He was awarded an MD from the University of London in 2009 following the submission of his thesis on hepatitis C recurrence after liver transplantation.

He was appointed as a Consultant in gastroenterology at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich in 2007 and took up a post as Consultant Hepatologist at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and King's College Hospital in 2010. In 2011 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. His interests are new treatments for viral hepatitis, early detection of liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma.



Prof Geoffrey Dusheiko

Hepatology
Consultant, King's
College Hospital

Geoffrey Dusheiko, MD, MB, BCH, is an emeritus professor of medicine at the Royal Free Hospital and University College London School of Medicine as well as a consultant hepatologist at King's College Hospital, London, UK.



He earned his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. After graduating, he completed his internship at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Johannesburg and his residency at Johannesburg Hospital. His fellowships were conducted at the Johannesburg Hospital Liver Unit, the National Institutes of Health (MD, USA), and the University of Minnesota (MN, USA).

Prof. Dusheiko's research interests include the management and treatment of HCV, HBV, and small hepatocellular carcinoma. He has a special interest in research on viral hepatitis, particularly viral genotyping, applied molecular virology, the natural history of chronic viral hepatitis, and antiviral therapies. A member of several organisations, including EASL, AASLD, and the International Association for the Study of the Liver (IASL), Prof. Dusheiko is also a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Physicians of South Africa, and the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. He served as educational councillor on the Governing Board of EASL for 4 years and was the recipient of the EASL Recognition Award in 2014. He was the interim Deputy Director of the Blood Safety, HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Diseases at Public Health England during 2019.

In addition to being on the editorial board of the Journal of Viral Eradication, he is co-editor of Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics and he has previously served on editorial boards for the Journal of Viral Hepatitis, Hepatology, Best Practice & Research: Clinical Gastroenterology, and Gut, among others. Prof. Dusheiko has authored or co-authored more than 450 articles and chapters published in international peer-reviewed journals or books.

Prof Simon Barton

Consultant Physician
and Divisional Medical
Director at Chelsea
and Westminster
Hospital NHS
Foundation Trust.

Prof Simon Barton is Regional Medical Director of Commissioning at NHS London. He was previously Chair of Programme of Care Board for Blood and Infection in NHS England (until 2019), Divisional Medical Director and Caldicott Guardian at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital until 2019 and Chair of HIV Clinical reference Group until 2016.



Mark Gillyon-Powell

Head of Programme
for Hepatitis C
Elimination, NHS
England

Mark joined NHS England in 2016 and is currently the Head of Programme for Hepatitis C Elimination.

In his previous role within NHS England Health & Justice, Mark led on Public Health in secure and detained settings and was policy lead for the health and care of transgender prisoners and Gypsy, Roma & Traveller communities.

Before this, Mark had spent 15 years as a senior manager in the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse and PHE, developing addiction treatment policy and delivery. Mark also spent a period overseeing the implementation and roll out of new cancer screening technologies for PHE, project managing the development of the bowel scope screening programme.

Before these national roles, Mark was an operational manager and practitioner within sexual health, alcohol and drug services within local authority and third sector organisations. As a part of his practitioner role, Mark trained in Counselling and Psychotherapy as well as gaining management qualifications.

Outside of NHS England, Mark is an active Justice of the Peace (adult criminal court and family court justice) on a bench in the north of England, and an elected Parish Councillor.



Janet Catt

Nurse Consultant,
King's College
Hospital

Janet is a conscientious and experienced nurse with 18 years' viral hepatitis / hepatology experience, both in a community / countywide setting and in two tertiary referral centres in London, including prisons.

Janet's main focus for several years has been to improve patient experience amongst a wide range of service users and providers, and to develop innovative projects that will enable greater access to care for all patient groups. Improving partnership working with our stakeholders across networks and finding patients for diagnosis and treatment is recognised as a key challenge for our service. A co-ordinated approach demonstrates how engagement can lead to successful treatment outcomes, particularly for under-served populations.

Janet believes in a Whole System Approach to deliver and affect change, with the main focus to drive improvements in all aspect of patient care. She is a member of the Hep C Coalition (Parliamentary Advisory Group) and a member of the London Joint Working Group for Substance Misuse and Hepatitis C.



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Director of
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Stuart has been working for The Hepatitis C Trust for 10 years. Having had hepatitis C himself at a young age, he was an ideal candidate for working with those affected by hepatitis C, and for the Trust which is primarily a patient-led organization. Stuart played an integral part in developing the Hepatitis C Trust peer programs and has worked nationally to ensure best practice BBV interventions are delivered within nationwide drug service providers. Stuart has also fed into BBV policy at national level, the development of the Operational Delivery Networks and NICE guidance for the approval of new HCV treatments. Stuart is passionate that an effective HCV strategy exists to ensure that patients receive equity of access to secondary care services.



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Dr Klynman is an experienced Consultant in Public Health in the London Borough of Hackney and City of London. She has worked in many sectors including local authorities, the NHS and the voluntary sector with national and international experience. She has a strong track record of evidence-based commissioning, partnership working and service delivery change.

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Nicole represents the Faculty of Public Health at the Health Policy and Advisory Committee and on the Global Health Committee. She is also an educational supervisor with public health and GP trainees in Hackney and Medecins sans Frontières, alongside being a GP herself, practising in Leyton, London.



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Find & Treat Hepatitis C: The Pan-London Peer-Led Homeless Hep C Outreach Service - Evidence of Best Practice and Service Expansion

Authors: Alistair Story, Julian Surey, John Gibbons, Rachel Halford, Jim Conneely.

'Get tested LeEDs' project: Integrated HIV and hepatitis C dual testing in the emergency department combined with enhanced linkage to care to (re)-diagnose and (re)-engage high risk patients in the UK.

Authors: Page EE, Phyu K, Rezai R, Parker L, Smout E, Evans A, McLaren J, Hughes G, Ruf M, Aldersley M, Get Tested LeEDs steering Group Committee

Collaborative learning to micro-elimination in a community drug and alcohol service

Authors: Helen Boothman, Kieran Reynolds, William Hardy, Beverley Edwards, Sophie Ikuzwe, Sarah Stennett, Mayank Patel, Daniel Forton

Findings from phase 2 of the London Joint Working Group on Substance Misuse and Hepatitis C's HCV testing in needle and syringe provision in community pharmacies in London pilot

Authors: Suman Verma, Emily Phipps, Dee Cunniffe, Karthik Paranthaman, Public Health England, London Joint Working Group on Substance Use and Hepatitis C

Providing a Community Pharmacy Integrated Test and Treat Service for Hepatitis C (COPITT) in South West London

Authors: Beverley Edwards, Jennifer Hannon, Helen Boothman, Kieran Reynolds, Sophie Ikuzwe, Daniel Forton

Leave no-one behind: Engaging and empowering people in hepatitis C care and treatment through peer support

Author: The Hepatitis C Trust

What do actual patient journeys look like?

Author: David Robertson

Your views on our Routemap to eliminating hepatitis C in London

Author: London Joint Working Group on Substance Use and Hepatitis C

Beyond clinical outcomes: impact and wider social and healthcare system implications of hepatitis C virus (HCV) treatment and cure

Authors: Torrens M, Schatz E, Harris M, Dillon J, Soyemi T, Bowman D, Walker P

A spotlight on primary care services on the road to Hepatitis C elimination: experience of a sexual health outreach service in North Central London

Authors: Olivia Farrant, Ellen Rungay, Kate O'Brien, Ben Chapman, Mei Wong, Yura Shin, Stuart Flanagan, Indrajit Ghosh

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