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Dorset 'Pop Up' Hepatitis C clinics  
– reaching the unreachable,  
engaging the disengaged.

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# Acknowledgements

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This was a multiagency approach led by Hep C U Later, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust and Dorset Hepatology Service University Hospitals Dorset

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The logo for the 'HEP C U Later' programme. It features the text 'HEP C' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with 'U Later' in a red, cursive script font below it. A red underline is positioned under the 'U'.

# Who are we?

- NHS APA's Hep C U Later programme is a **bold and ambitious effort to eliminate Hepatitis C within its members' community services by 2023.**
- This initiative was formulated with Gilead Sciences in response to NHS England's innovative procurement of initiatives that aim to eliminate Hepatitis C by 2025.
- This project is a partnership with Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, Pan Dorset Hepatology and Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole (BCP) Public Health and Dorset Public Health

The logo for NHS APA, featuring the text 'NHS' in a blue box and 'apa' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

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Health Partnership**  
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# What we did?

- Identified the issue
- Innovative solutions
- Applied for funding
- Secured funding



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# What is a Pop Up Clinic?

**Outreach:** An effort to bring services or information to people where they live or spend time (Cambridge English Dictionary)

**Pop Up Clinic:** Exactly what it says on the tin!

Can be done:

- services
- via clinical vans,
- hostels,
- homeless provision,
- church halls,
- Foodbanks



# What is required?

- Willingness
- Understanding of where to target – can be data informed
- Positive risk taking
- Human resources
- Testing equipment
- Fibro scanner
- High quality information



# Planning and implementation

- Established project boards
- Agreed joint working
- Identified venues and pooled resources



Then..... COVID hit

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# Covid Response

- Adapted model
- Made use of 'Everybody In' Homeless initiative
- Rolled-out new treatment pathway
- Each organisation was used effectively for their strengths
- Fully utilised peers, housing and homeless health teams
- Pan-genotypic drugs were used

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# Why is it important and the benefits

- Traditionally service users do not attend hospital based appointments
- Meets people where they are at
- Reaching populations not engaged with services
- Service users feel valued and empowered
- Builds trust
- Less opportunity to drop out
- Multi agency approach
- Holistic health



# Important considerations

- Data
- Roles and responsibilities
- Coordination
- Safety
- Consistency
- Using staff and resources most effectively
- Confidentiality



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# Results

20 Pop-up clinics over 4.5 months.

Various locations

222 individuals (patient contacts 247)

74 patients treated

14 organisations

Model was so effective it is now being carried on.

Winner of the British Journal of Nursing Hepatology Team of 2021

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