

**Introduction** Leeds is an area of high HIV prevalence of 2.3/1000 and in accordance with National UK guidelines for HIV testing we introduced routine opt out HIV testing to the acute medicine unit at St. James's University hospital in January 2015. Opt out testing is offered to patients between 16 and 65 years of age admitted to any of the acute medical areas.

**Methods** Ensuring high testing rates in this busy environment with rapidly changing medical staff is challenging and we have used a number of interventions to help sustain a high testing rate. These include providing weekly feedback and training to the acute medicine doctors and nurse practitioners, an electronic prompt on the Ordercoms pathology system and for patients who have blood tests in the emergency department, the facility to have HIV testing performed on samples sent to biochemistry. We employ a 0.5 WTE nurse to support this project.

**Results** Between January 2015 and February 2017 there have been 11,715 eligible patients admitted of which 7263 (61%) patients underwent HIV testing. HIV testing was highly acceptable to patients with almost no patients refusing the offer of an HIV test. 16 patients (0.22%) had a positive HIV test and 2 partners were subsequently tested positive. 10 of the 16 patients had a very late diagnosis with a CD4 count <200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> and we identified many missed opportunities for earlier diagnosis. 2 patients had primary HIV infection and would almost certainly not have been tested otherwise.

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#### HOW DO HIV TESTING INITIATIVES IMPACT ON HIV TESTING RATES AND DIAGNOSIS IN PRIMARY CARE?

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**Introduction** Undiagnosed HIV leads to late presentation, increased morbidity, and contributes to onward transmission. It is estimated that in our area approximately 17% of those living with HIV are undiagnosed. Little is known about the impact of National HIV Testing Week (NHTW) initiatives in general practice (GP). In 2016 we implemented a 'pop-up' message alerting GPs that it was NHTW, with a 'one-click' pathway to adding an HIV-test to bloods requested for other reasons.

**Methods** Number of HIV tests carried out in GP and new HIV diagnoses made were collected between 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and separated into the time period spanning 3 months pre-NHTW, NHTW itself and 3 months post-NHTW.

**Results** 464 HIV tests were performed in 37 GP practices in the pre-NHTW period (approx. 36/week), 96 test during NHTW and 534 tests in 3 month post-NHTW (approx. 41/week). 1 HIV-diagnosis was made in GP during the pre-NHTW period (c.f. 20 across all services), no new diagnoses in NHTW and 1 case (7 across all services) in the 3 month post-NHTW period.

**Discussion** Testing initiatives result in greater awareness across the city and an increase in HIV testing, which was sustained, although no increase in new HIV diagnoses. The decrease in HIV diagnoses in this study reflects the national trend of a reduction in HIV diagnoses despite increased testing; this is attributed partly to the efficacy and increased use of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

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#### ARE WE CONSIDERING HIV ENOUGH? AN AUDIT INVESTIGATING ROUTINE USE OF HIV SCREENING FOR PATIENTS AGED 18–50 PRESENTING WITH COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA TO A PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL

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**Introduction** It is known that a significant proportion of people within the United Kingdom are unaware of their HIV infection and late diagnosis is associated with HIV related Morbidity and Mortality. The British HIV Association recommend routine HIV screening for patients with an HIV indicator illness. This includes Bacterial Pneumonia, a condition commonly encountered in hospital departments throughout the United Kingdom.

**Methods** We designed an audit to evaluate the use of routine HIV screening for patients aged 18-50 presenting to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital with Community Acquired Pneumonia. Using a coding search of all discharges between May 2015 and September 2015, 38 patients were identified. Inclusion criteria required each patient to have either a positive microbiological sample or consolidation present on a chest radiograph. Of the 38 patients identified, 7 were excluded who did not satisfy the minimum inclusion criteria.

**Results** Of the patients audited, 21 patients (67.7%) did not receive routine screening during their inpatient stay. One patient who was not tested had received testing immediately prior to their acute presentation. Two patients who were not tested had a significant history of intravenous drug use, an independent indicator for routine HIV screening. Of the 10 patients (32.3%) that were successfully screened for HIV, no samples tested positive.

**Discussion** Routine screening for HIV in all patients with bacterial pneumonia could aid early identification of HIV infection, reducing overall morbidity and mortality. This audit highlights the continuing need for raised awareness of routine HIV screening for patients with HIV indicator conditions, particularly, in areas of low prevalence of HIV infection.

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#### AN AUDIT OF NICE GUIDANCE PH33; INCREASING THE UPTAKE OF HIV TESTING IN BLACK AFRICANS

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**Introduction** In 2015, Wolverhampton had the highest rates (15.8 per 100,000) of newly diagnosed HIV in West Midlands and In the West Midlands incidence rates in the black African ethnic group remain much higher than those for other ethnic groups, with a relative risk of 34 compared with the white group in 2015. This clearly shows the importance of the NICE Guidelines PH33 which was published in 2011 which aimed to increase the uptake of HIV testing in Black Africans and we wanted to audit this guidance.

**Methods** A list of patients classified as being of Black African ethnicity who were admitted to the Acute Medical Unit at Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust between April 2015 and January 2016 was obtained. Their medical notes and blood test results were retrospectively analysed for evidence of testing or any discussion of HIV tests.