

Blood borne viruses (BBV) screening Priority Matrix

This priority matrix serves as a guide to support a structured approach to BBV screening in your service. It is important however to use all opportunities to offer screening to the people that need it, prioritising people who are identified as a previous or current injector, as well as those people who have engaged in any high risk practices. You may see an individual who is considered a lower priority before someone in the highest risk group. All those at risk should be offered screening at the earliest opportunity.

Local Data Analysts/Data Administrators will produce these reports for staff regularly.

Priority Matrix		
Priority group:	Status/Cohort:	Definition:
1 a & b	COVID Group (Triaged since 23 rd March 2020)	a) Individuals who accepted the offer of a BBV screen since March 2020 but need it completing. b) Individuals triaged since 23/03/20 who have not received the offer of a BBV screen, focusing on those who identify as current/previous drug injectors. Where accepted, arrange for test completion at the earliest opportunity.
2	Red Group (Offered & accepted but not yet tested Pre Coronavirus)	Individuals that have accepted an offer of a BBV screen prior to March 2020, but it has not yet been completed.
3	Grey Group (Offered and refused a BBV screen Pre Coronavirus)	People who are deemed to be at risk but have refused a BBV screen.
4	Amber Group (test date older than 12 months Pre Coronavirus)	People who have previously been screened for BBV infection, 12 months ago (or longer). The screen could have been carried out in a different treatment episode or with another organisation. It is important to discuss with the individual whether they have put themselves at risk since their last screening, if so re-test.