

The most comprehensive source of data on sexually transmitted infections in Northern Ireland is provided by the Sexual Health and HIV services in each Trust area.

HIV/AIDS

Surveillance arrangements for HIV/AIDS infection are based largely on the confidential reporting of HIV infected individuals to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

HIV surveillance reports:

[2023 Northern Ireland HIV data \(2022 data\)](#)

Further Information:

[Blood-borne viruses/ STIs | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)

[HIV | nidirect](#)

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is transmitted parenterally and sexually. Transmission most commonly occurs following sexual intercourse, as a result of blood to blood contact, including injury with contaminated sharp instruments or other equipment by intravenous drug misusers, or by perinatal transmission from mother to child.

Transfusion-associated infection is now rare and adequate treatment of blood

products has eliminated these as sources of infection in the UK. A hepatitis B vaccine is available and routine immunisation of at-risk groups is recommended. These include certain groups of health care workers, babies born to hepatitis B positive mothers and injecting drug users.

Hepatitis B is a notifiable disease.

For further information about hepatitis B, please view the following:

[Blood-borne viruses/ STIs | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](https://www.hscni.net/blood-borne-viruses-stis)

[UKHSA Hepatitis B: guidance, data and analysis](#)

[Northern Ireland Hepatitis B & C Managed Clinical Network](#)

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/conditions/hepatitis>

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[Hepatitis C](#)

Infection with hepatitis C virus is associated with intravenous drug use or blood products. Sexual, vertical and occupational transmission do occur, but on a less

frequent basis than HBV. Transfusion associated infection is now rare in the UK. A vaccine for hepatitis C is not available.

Hepatitis C became a notifiable disease in July 2021.

For further information about hepatitis C, please view the following:

[Blood-borne viruses/ STIs | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)

[UKHSA Hepatitis C: guidance, data and analysis](#)

[Northern Ireland Hepatitis B & C Managed Clinical Network](#)

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STI information/reports

STI surveillance reports:

[STI Surveillance Report 2023 \(2022 data\)](#)

[STI Surveillance Report 2022 \(2021 data\)](#)

STI data:

[Quarterly STI data April - June 2024](#)

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