

# **PROGRAMME UPDATE**

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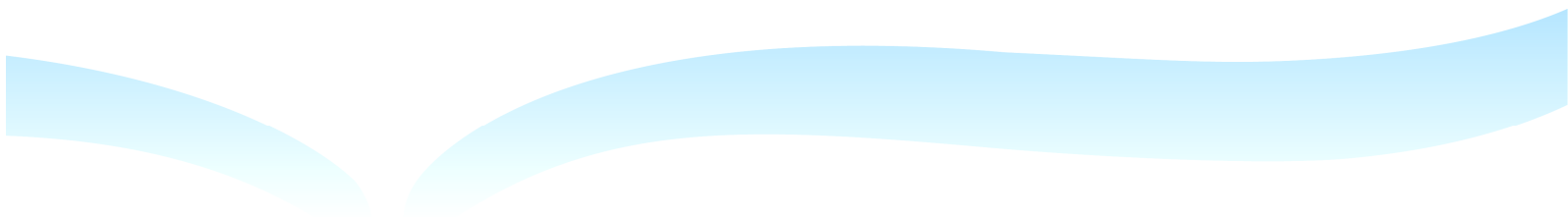


**Hepatitis C Action Plan: Phase II 2008-2011  
Year 1 Programme Update**



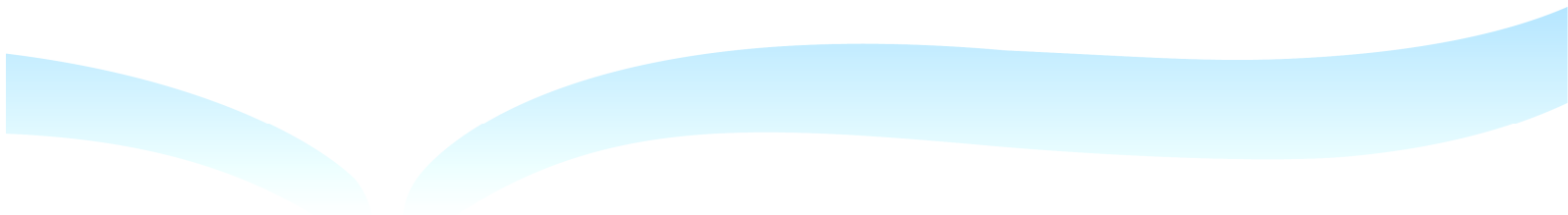
## Lead Organisations

- Progress in Year 1 reflects the hard work and collaboration of all Lead Organisations involved.
- These are the national and local organisations who have received funding to deliver Action(s) assigned to them for the Hepatitis C Action Plan Phase II.



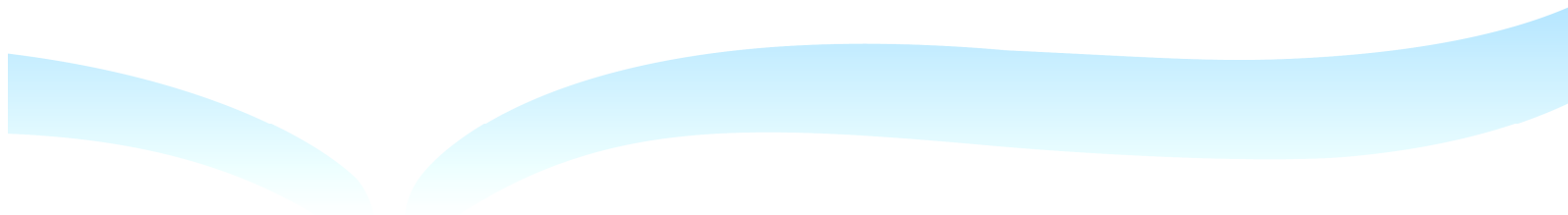
## Phase II Aims

- To ensure that those infected receive optimal treatment, care and support.
- To diagnose Hepatitis C infected persons, particularly those who would most benefit from treatment.
- To prevent the spread of Hepatitis C particularly among IDUs.



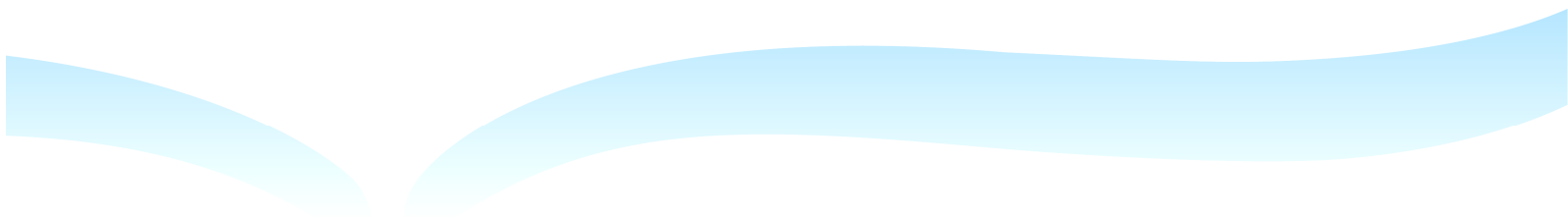
## Optimal Treatment, Care and support

- Each NHS Board has a local Managed *Care* Network
- Majority NHS Boards have appointed their MCN Lead and Co-ordinator
- Hepatitis C standards development by NHS QIS is in process, supports MCN accreditation expected in Dec 2010 (tbc)



## **Optimal Treatment, Care and support**

- During 2008, 560 people were initiated onto treatment
- MCN Work Plan development is in process for 2009-2011
- A national Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) has been developed and agreed between SPS and each NHS Board

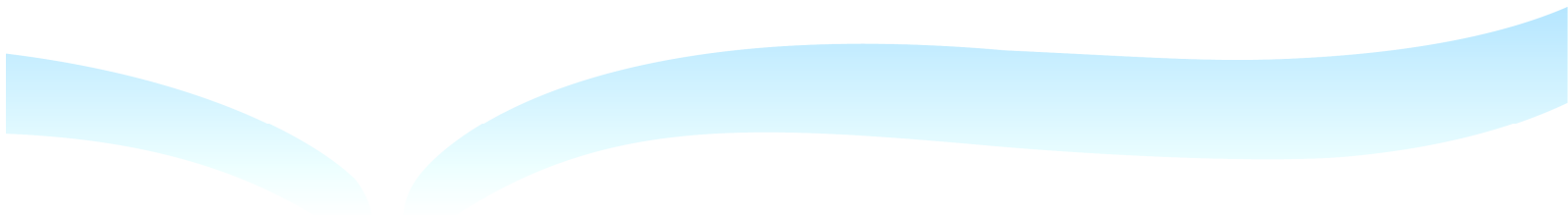


## Diagnosing Hep C

- Local MCNs developing plans for innovative testing and referral approaches in primary care, due Sep 09 (revised)
- Public Awareness Campaign will launch in Sep 09 targeting all those at risk, aimed at increasing the number of at risk people coming forward for testing & diagnosis
- On-going study to a) validate and b) evaluate the clinical usefulness of finger prick blood with
  - A Dried Blood Spot (DBS) specimen
  - A commercial Near Patient Test (NPT) device

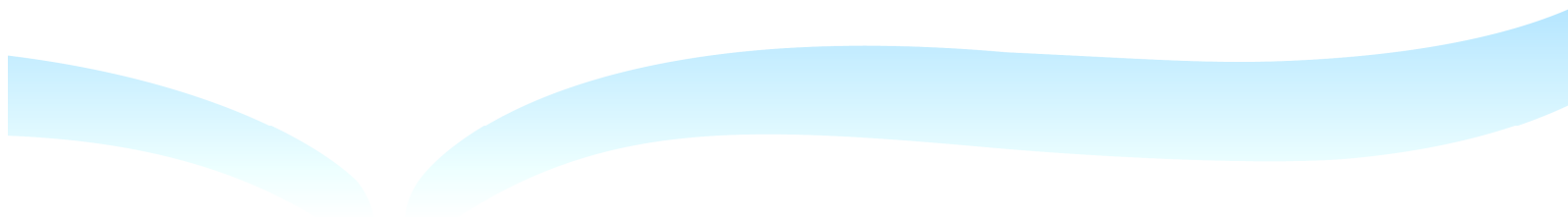
## Preventing the spread of Hepatitis C

- Making the approach to prevention consistent
  - Local Prevention Networks exist and Prevention Leads appointed
  - Interim National Guidelines published and consultation completed
- Improving Provision
  - NHS Boards currently developing local prevention plans in line with National Guidelines
  - SPS have faced significant challenges obtaining support from unions to pilot an in-prison exchange




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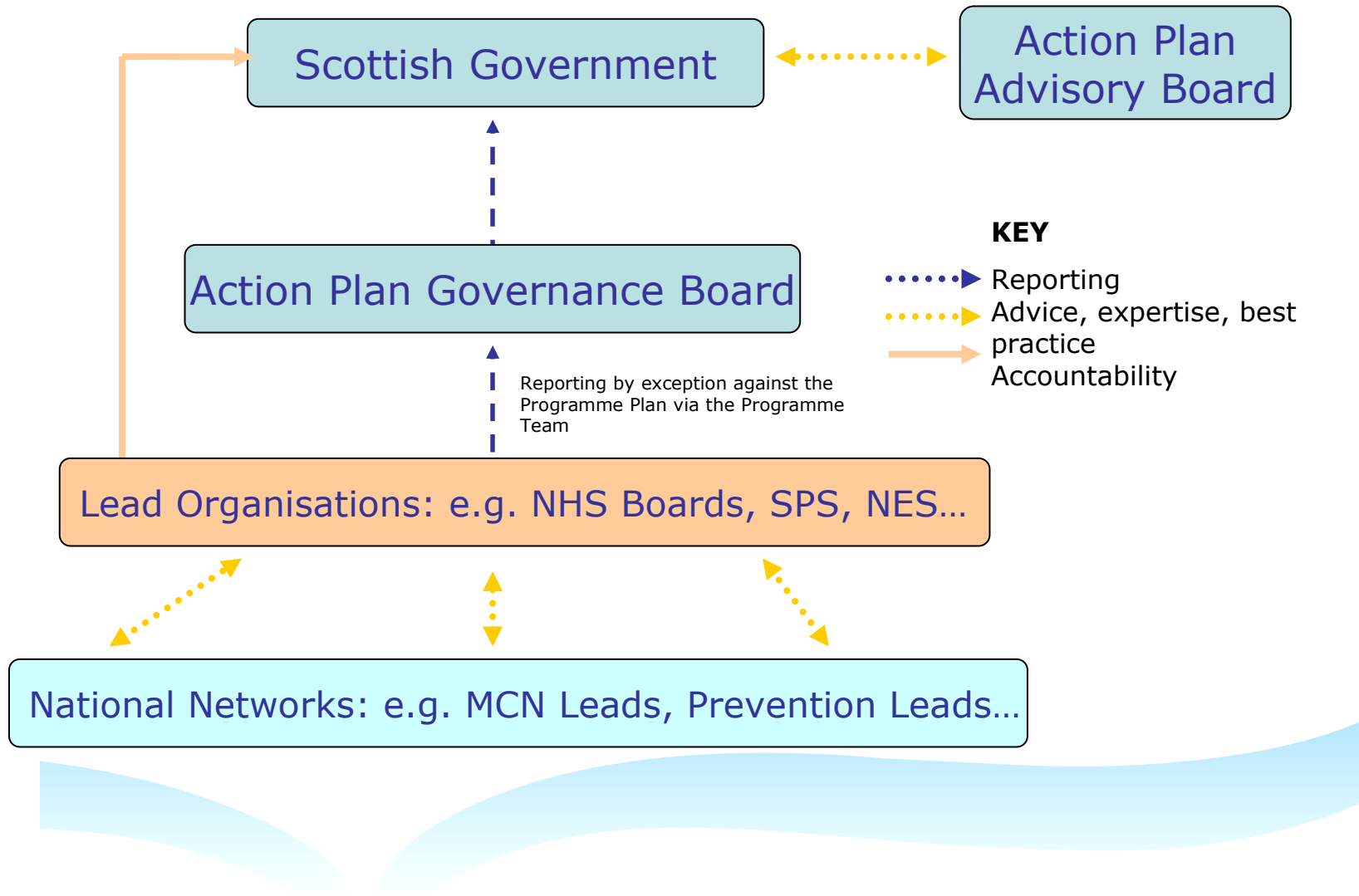
- Education initiatives for mainstream and vulnerable individuals in a range of settings:
  - Review of interventions in drug or BBV education completed
  - Developing guidelines and/or national initiatives for Hep C in schools
  - First draft of materials for schools completed



## Training the Workforce

- Majority of NHS Boards have appointed a WDE Lead
  - National Framework developed by NES, due in May 09.
  - Review of the local education and training needs is in process
  - NHS Boards workforce development and education plans, due in Sep 09
  - Professional awareness campaign is on-going
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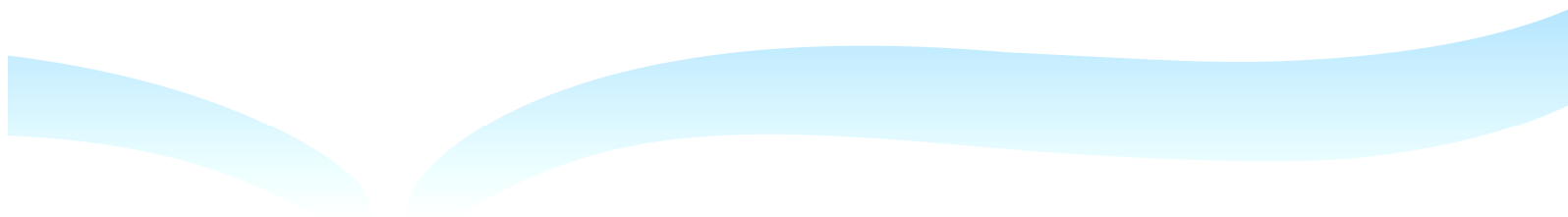
# National Coordination





## Local Co-ordination

- Most local Networks up and running
- NHS Board Communication Plans are underway
- Most NHS Boards have appointed or designated a Project Manager (or equivalent) and are implementing a local Project Management approach supported by the National Project Management Network



## Summary

- Majority of the infrastructure has been established
  - Year 1 treatment initiation target met successfully
  - Baseline established for injecting equipment provision in Year 1 to support prevention work plan development
  - Baseline being established currently for workforce development and education prior to the production of local workforce development and education plans
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