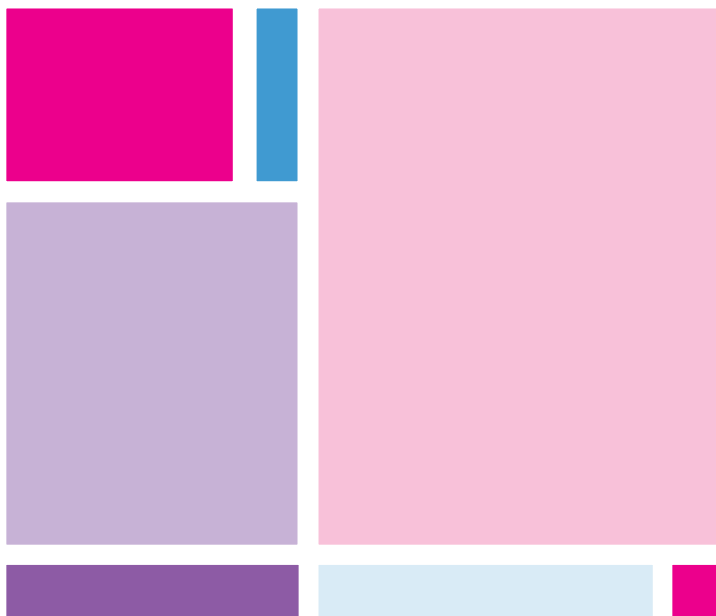


# Information for Those Accepting or Considering Hepatitis B Vaccines

## **Sexual Health Services Patient Information Leaflet**



## About the Hepatitis B Vaccine for the Immunisation of Hepatitis B Virus Infection

Hepatitis B virus (HBV) causes inflammation of the liver, which can be carried by you and passed to others without you being aware. HBV can lead to serious liver damage and in some cases can be fatal.

HBV is not very common in the UK but some groups of people are at much higher risk than others.

HBV is spread during sex or by anything that involves contact with other people's blood or body fluids. It is 100 times more infectious than HIV.

The vaccine is free of charge.

The nurse or doctor has offered you the course of Hepatitis B vaccines as you may be at high risk.

**It is very important that you complete the full course of vaccines to make sure you are fully protected!**

### After your vaccine

There are very few side effects to this vaccine, usually just discomfort at injection site, occasionally mild cold symptoms and rarely a serious allergic reaction.

Please read the patient leaflet inside the vaccine box.

If you do feel unwell following vaccination, please contact or return to the clinic telephone:

**Blackpool clinic** 01253 657171

or **Lancaster/Morecambe clinic** 0845 059 0015

between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday, or seek medical advice.

Between 5 and 10% of people have a poor response or do not respond to vaccines, in these cases extra vaccines may be offered.

**Today you have had**

A blood test to see if you have already been exposed to HBV (if this is the case we will contact you).

and/or

Started a course of 4 vaccines to have over the next 12 months (keep this as a vaccine record):

1st vaccine given .....

2nd vaccine given .....

3rd vaccine given .....

4th vaccine given .....

**PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS**

Taken a blood test to see if you need boosters (we will contact you if you need a top up).

## Options available

If you'd like a large print, audio, Braille or a translated version of this booklet then please call **01253 655588**

## Patient Relations Department

For information or advice please contact the Patient Relations Department via the following:

Tel: **01253 655588**  
email: **patient.relations@bfwh.nhs.uk**

You can also write to us at:  
**Patient Relations Department**  
**Blackpool Victoria Hospital**  
**Whinney Heys Road**  
**Blackpool**  
**FY3 8NR**

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## Useful contact details

Hospital Switchboard:  
**01253 300000**

## References

This booklet is evidence based wherever the appropriate evidence is available, and represents an accumulation of expert opinion and professional interpretation.

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