NESI: Needle Exchange Surveillance Initiative
2017-2018

31 in 100 respondents are chronically infected with hepatitis C

61% of respondents have been tested for hepatitis C in the last year*
This is a 53% increase in testing since 2008-09

22% of respondents† started taking therapy for hepatitis C in the last year

2 in 100 respondents are HIV antibody positive

49% of respondents have been tested for HIV in the last year*
This is a 63% increase in testing since 2008-09

77% of respondents‡ are currently taking drug therapy for HIV

* Excluding those who had been diagnosed from a test prior to 12 months ago.
† Among those who self-reported as eligible for treatment, i.e. said they were HCV positive or had cleared HCV through treatment.
‡ Among self-reported HIV positive individuals.