

Monday 21st September 2026

10.30 Opening of meeting

10.45 **Chair: Kate Jack** (Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust)

10.45 **Supa Chantschool** (HBV Companions):

The good, the bad and the ugly of HBV care in the UK

11.15 – 12.30

5 x 15 minute talks

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| 1) Jodi Palmer (Bristol) | HBV Interventions: A Systematic Review |
| 2) Rachel Jackson (Nottingham) | Inclusion Health HBV systematic review |
| 3) Clare French (Bristol) | Interventions to increase Hepatitis B virus screening among migrants in Europe: A scoping review |
| 4) Bethany Elder (Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust) | Implementing the new BASHH Hepatitis B guidelines: experience from a London sexual health centre |
| 5) Emma Shiel (Manchester) | Attendance among people with hepatitis B in UK Secondary Care: a scoping review |

12.30

Lunch

1.30 **Chair: Anna Maria Geretti** Royal Free London NHS Trust (UK) and University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy)

1.30 **Alasdair Bamford** (Great Ormond Street Hospital):

Management of children with HBV infection

2.00 – 3.30

6 x 15 minute talks

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| 6) Sameera Lyons (UKHSA) | Characteristics of UK-born children living with hepatitis B: findings from the Hepatitis Infection Paediatric Surveillance Network (HIPSNet) |
| 7) Justin Willenborg (UCL) | HBV in pregnancy in England: Characterisation of pregnant women living with HBV in England using population-based surveillance data |
| 8) Alexandra David (UCL) | Repeat viral load testing and infectivity status change among pregnant women living with hepatitis B in England, 2021–2026 |
| 9) Shun King Ko (UCL) | Engagement with community members and healthcare professionals to set research priorities for the improvement of maternal and infant hepatitis B virus care in England |
| 10) Eloise Cross (UKHSA) | Pilot of a centralised household contact testing programme |
| 11) Meghali Banerjee (Oxford) | Scalable Extraction of Longitudinal Imaging Phenotypes from Ultrasound Reports in Chronic Hepatitis B' |

3.30

Tea

4.00 Chair: Sema Mandal (UKHSA)

4.00 Mark Gillyon-Powell (NHSE): NHSE progress towards HBV elimination

4.30 -6.00 6 x 15 minute talks

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| 12) David Leeman (UKHSA) | Progress towards WHO elimination goals in England |
| 13) Stephanie Smith (UKHSA) | Acute Hepatitis B infections in England 2020-2025 |
| 14) Nick Easom (Hull) | ED BBV testing in a low HIV-prevalence area |
| 15) Josephine Walker (Bristol) | Cost-effectiveness of ED opt-out testing for HBV |
| 16) Alexander Scott (Hull) | Estimating the regional undiagnosed burden of CHB |
| 17) Aaron Lim (Bristol) | Modelling HBV and HDV disease burden in the UK |

7.00 **Conference Dinner**

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

9.0 Chair: Anna McNaughton (Bristol University)

9.00 Peter Simmonds (Turku University, Finland):
Mechanisms underlying occult HBV infection

9.30 – 10.30 4 x 15 minute talks

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| 18) Medhi Boutasbih (Oxford) | The geography of HBV: what is its address, and who are its neighbours? |
| 19) XiakuanZhu (Oxford) | Host chromatin surveillance reshapes hepatitis B viral gene expression and interplay with endogenous retroelements |
| 20) Nadina Wand (Oxford) | Every Cell Has a Story: Spatial Profiling of HDV Infection in Human Liver |
| 21) Marion Delphin (Crick) | Whole-Genome sequencing of hepatitis B virus in Malawi reveals high prevalence of hepato-cellular carcinoma-associated mutations and novel regions of hyper-variability |

10.30 Azim Ansari (University of Oxford):
Exploring the Genomic Landscape of Hepatitis B

11.00 **Coffee**

11.30 Ivana Carey (King's College Hospital, London)
Navigating HDV Diagnostics: Challenges, Testing Strategies and Laboratory Pathways

12.00 – 13.00 4 x 15 minute talks

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| 22) Paul Park (Dusseldorf) | HBV reactivation under BLV monotherapy |
| 23) Tesfa Alamneh (Bristol) | Modelling HBV and HDV transmission in Uzbekistan |
| 24) Anita Rose (Vir Biotechnology) | Expanding Clinical Evidence in HDV: Updated Findings from the SOLSTICE Study |

25) Maggie Bassendine

The discovery of hepadna & nakedna viruses

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

2.00 **Doug MacDonald** (Royal Free London NHS Trust):

Management of patients with HBV-HDV co-infection

2.30 – 4.00

6 x 15 minute talks

26) Samuel Jayson (York NHS Trust) Global burden of exposure to hepatitis B virus

27) Myat Sandi Min (Bristol) Modelling of Hepatitis B Elimination in Georgia

28) Anna Maria Geretti 2026 BHIVA HBV Vaccination Guidelines

(Royal Free London NHS Trust (UK) and University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy))

29) Lorin Begre (Oxford) Predictors of HBsAg loss in people with HIV/HBV

30) Lucy Rivett (Cambridge) Digitising Hepatitis B Care (CUH team)

31) Aaron Lim + Clare French Co-producing creative approaches to support hepatitis B screening among migrants (Bristol)

4.00 **Close of meeting**

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