

# Wirral Joint Strategic Needs Assessment:

## Key Issues:



## People who are addicted to drugs

- Nearly three out of four people being treated for drug problems are aged 35 and over. Less young people use drug treatment services.

- There are many people under age 35 who have drug problems, but they do not come forward for treatment.

- There are low numbers of drug users from black and minority ethnic communities using drug treatment services.



- Around 800 drug users do not get treatment for their drug use.
- It is currently thought that one in three drug users in Wirral have a serious liver disease called Hepatitis C, with almost three in four people having now been checked for this disease.

This is problem with the liver which can cause long lasting disease. Drug users get it from sharing needles.



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