Dear Colleague,

***Invitation to Participate in National UKAP Audit: EPP Clearance and Management of Healthcare Workers Living with BBVs and Carrying Out EPPs* & *National UKAP Service Evaluation: A Service Evaluation of Human T Cell Leukaemia Virus Type 1 and 2 (HTLV-1/2) Practices in UK Occupational Health Departments***

We would like to invite your organisation to participate in a survey designed to contribute to the enhancement of UKAP guidance and advisory frameworks. The survey is open to all organisations that provide OH services to healthcare employers, professionals or other institutions where there is a requirement for EPP clearance.

This survey combines a National Audit and Service Evaluation in collaboration with UKAP, aimed at understanding the intricacies involved in the clearance of exposure prone procedures (EPPs) and the management of healthcare workers (HCWs) living with bloodborne viruses (BBVs) locally, along with HTLV practices in UK Occupational Health Departments.

UKAP plays a central role in offering advice and guidance concerning healthcare workers living with HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. We are commencing a national audit in collaboration with UKAP to gain deeper insights into practices across the four nations, thereby enabling UKAP to discern any potential variations therein. This initiative aims to enhance our ability to support occupational health services effectively and contribute to refining our future guidance. Notably, UKAP receive inquiries regularly relating to EPP clearance, hence this survey serves as a pivotal mechanism to address such concerns.

It is imperative that the survey be **completed by the most senior clinician of your OH service or a delegated individual well-versed in the relevant guidance and policies**. If you are not the most senior clinician, please bring this to their attention in case they have not received the link for completion.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the survey **irrespective** of whether you have an active case of or previous experience in monitoring HCWs living with BBV or no experience at all.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary, and all information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. The collection of the name of the respondent and their respective service is solely intended to prevent duplicate entries. There will be no collection of patient-level or identifiable data.

The estimated time for completion is approximately **15-20 minutes**.

To commence the survey, please access the provided link or QR code below:

 <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/LVWPCBX>

The findings of the audit will be disseminated, through publication, and will serve as a roadmap for future iterations of UKAP guidance. Additionally, participation in this survey can be documented as an audit of practice.

Kindly ensure the completion of the survey by the **14th June 2024**.

Should you require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us via emailat [imogen.koopmans@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:imogen.koopmans@gstt.nhs.uk), with "UKAP National Audit" as the subject heading.

We express our sincere gratitude for your anticipated participation and truly value the time and input you're dedicating to this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

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