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Hepatitis C, testing and
treatment in Glasgow...

What's changed since the
Hep C Action Plan?

Are more people aware of Hep C?



YES

- More community awareness
- More support groups (e.g. Waverley Care, Brownlee Clinic)
- More people talking about it
- Awareness of new treatments

-MY STORY.....

- Previously used drugs until 2007
- Was aware of Hep C when using, but wasn't a priority issue
- Dealing with homelessness, addiction
- At back of my mind

-MY STORY (cont).....

- Tested in drug rehab
- Hep C Positive
- Not interested in treatment at that time
(not ready)
- Took time to become treatment ready

- Support needed not just with Hep C, but underlying issues

- Counselling
- Healthy eating
- Peer support
- Addiction services
- Housing support
- Information
- Advice and guidance

- Becoming treatment ready
 - Overcome barriers – Ignoring negative stories, speaking to others for support, being encouraged, getting stable, abstinence, keeping busy, having structure
 - Getting into treatment depended on my own motivation and doing it at the right time FOR ME