

KIRKLEES LTBI PROGRAMME

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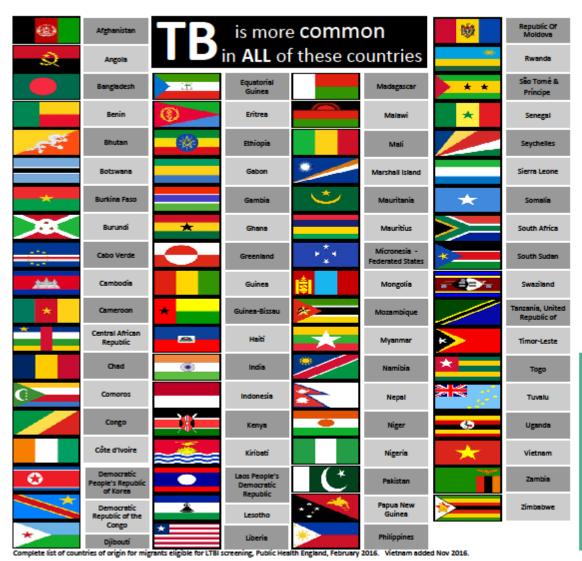


Early decision to stick with existing providers

- TB nurses employed in community by 'Locala'
- Hubs in Huddersfield and Batley
- University Health Centre Huddersfield 10 years+ LTBI testing
- 3 hubs in total
- Switch to IGRA testing for eligible patients

What worked well

- Good communication between providers and lead CCG
- Frequent meetings initially to pre-empt/iron out problems
- Good communication with Oxford Immunotech to iron out problems transport issues,
 'borderline' results etc
- Support from IT lead
- Local LTBI 'Flag' leaflet
- LTBI page on CCG intranet



What can I do?

Protect your own health, and reduce the risk of passing on TB bacteria to your family and friends, by having a blood test.

A blood test can tell us if you have been infected in the past. If we know this, TB disease can be prevented.

Register with a GP and ASK

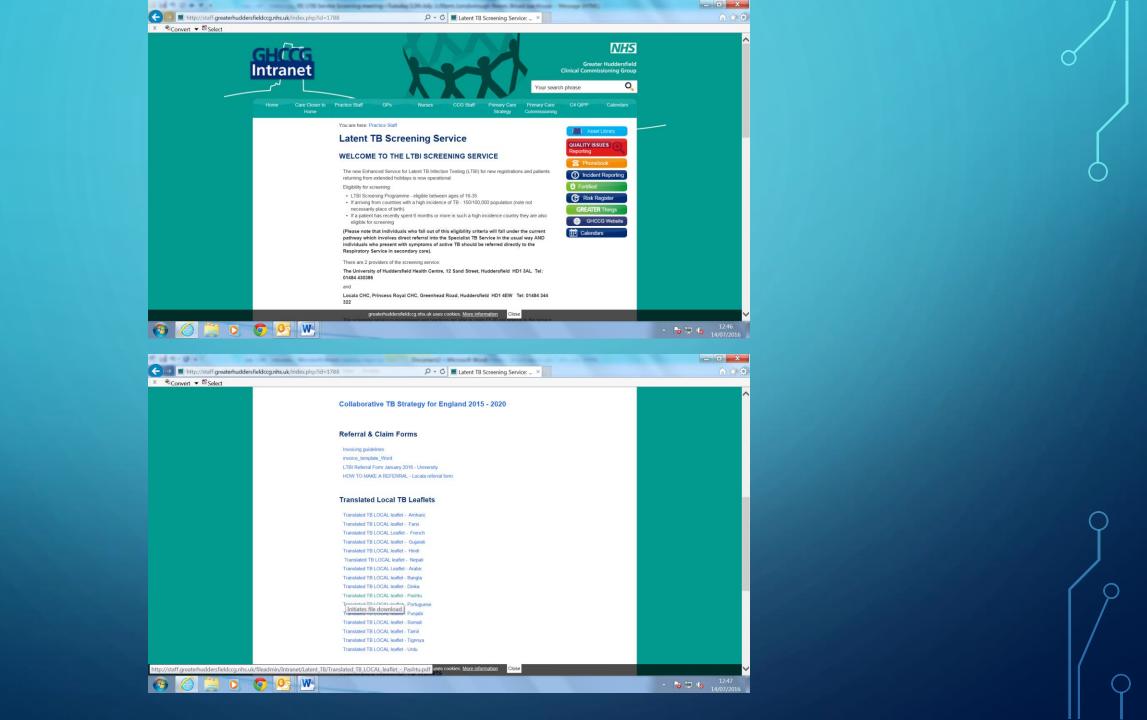
What happens if my blood test is positive?

If your blood test shows that you have latent TB, you will be offered antibiotic treatment. The treatment will last three or six months. Your doctor will explain about your care and why it is important to finish your treatment. As with all medications, there is a small risk of side effects which your doctor or nurse can help you manage.

Making things better for everyone

Every blood test checking for TB germs helps us understand a little more.

- Negative and positive results show us any links between the high risk country you've come from and the risk of latent TB, and how it spreads.
- We have a national TB database; where we will store your TB test results. This means you help us in the global fight against TB.



What we struggled with

- CCG had little understanding of LTBI initially (now experts!)
- The two CCGS sometimes differed...
- Application of the templates... straightforward for the Uni HC

Not so for the Locala TB nurses – a lot of duplication and extra admin time

Engaging Primary Care

Ongoing work

- Delays in patients getting consultant appt to start chemoprophylaxis
- Work with Primary Care PPT session with practice managers
 Targeting of high incidence practices
- Only just starting to engage with vulnerable groups
- Ongoing data/template issues

World TB Day 24th March



Why should I be tested for TB?

Have you lived in or visited any of these countries for more than six months in the last five years?

If you have - ask about a TB test at reception or talk to your nurse or GP.

You may have had an X-ray in your own country, but you still need this simple blood test in the UK to test for Latent, or 'sleeping' TB.





