



Hepatitis B Immunisations

Eligibility

Hepatitis B immunisation is available to staff in the following roles:

- Police Officer
- Police Community Support Officer
- Special Constable
- Detective Staff Investigator
- Custody Detention Officer
- Crime Scene Investigator

About Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a liver infection that can range from a short-term illness to a serious, lifelong condition.

- Acute Infection: May cause symptoms such as fever, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, jaundice, and muscle or joint pain.
- Chronic Infection: Often symptomless but can lead to liver damage, liver cancer, and death. Infected individuals can still transmit the virus.

Transmission occurs through contact with infected blood or bodily fluids, including:

- Blood, vomit, saliva, urine, faeces, sweat, semen/vaginal fluid, and pus
- Needlestick injuries or sharp instrument exposure

Risk scenarios include:

- Administering first aid (e.g. at RTCs or accidents)
- Public order incidents (e.g. assaults or restraint)
- Attending scenes of sudden death
- Incorrect search procedures

Vaccination Process

The Hepatitis B vaccine is administered in three doses over six months:

- Dose 1: Month 0

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- Dose 2: After 1 month
- Dose 3: After 6 months

A blood test is required 4–8 weeks after the final dose to check immunity levels. If immunity is low, a booster may be recommended. The vaccine helps your immune system build protection but does not treat existing infections or protect against other types of hepatitis.

Accessing the Vaccine

Staff are responsible for arranging their own vaccination through a suitable clinical provider. Your GP may offer the vaccine, but as this is an occupational requirement, they may decline.

Reclaiming Costs

Eligible staff can reclaim the cost of the vaccine via Agresso. Submit your receipt as proof of payment. For guidance on claiming via Agresso, visit Connect.

Use the following financial codes:

- Cost Centre: P113
- Project Code: A8C1

Claims from individuals not in an eligible role will be rejected. If you're unsure whether your role qualifies, refer to the eligibility list above or contact the Occupational Health and Wellbeing Team for guidance.

Blood Test for Immunity

After your third dose, contact Occupational Health and Wellbeing to request a blood test form:

 **0300 122 8727**

 ohuad@derbyshire.police.uk

Attend your appointment at:

- **Phlebotomy Department, Derby Royal Hospital, DE22 3NE**
Appointment required – details on the blood form.

Bring your blood form with you. Results will be sent directly to Occupational Health, and you'll be notified by email.

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Staying Safe

To reduce risk of exposure to blood-borne viruses (BBVs), ensure you carry an adequate supply of gloves when attending scenes. If you experience exposure to bodily fluids, contact Occupational Health immediately:

 0300 122 8727 (Mon–Fri, 08:00–16:30)

Further Support

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Occupational Health and Wellbeing Department:

 0300 122 8727

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