

**Interferon alfa (pegylated and non-pegylated) and ribavirin for the treatment of mild chronic hepatitis C – part review of existing guidance no. 75**

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Comments sent in by specialist nurses working in the prison nursing area of health

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit evidence. The comments received from specialist nurses working in the prison nursing area of health suggest that there is no additional evidence to submit on behalf of the RCN to inform the development of this guidance.

It is considered that the protocol of the appraisal, in respect of cost-effectiveness and clinical effectiveness of the technology, is in depth and appears to meet the needs of the review. As this is a part review, one is of the opinion that evidence can be obtained via the systematic reviews.

Within the Hepatitis C Action Plan for England (2004), the DOH was intending a sustained public awareness campaign and this needs addressing. It is however, recognised that this is probably outside the remit of the review.