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Dear Colleagues,

Re: New Occupational Health Support for Blood Borne Virus (BBV) Exposure Incidents – Primary Care Providers

The ICB has commissioned Occupational Health (OH) support for Primary Care Providers (PCPs) to assist with the management of Blood Borne Virus (BBV) exposure incidents, including sharps, splash and inoculation injuries.

The service commenced on the 1st September 2026.

This service will be provided by:

- East Lancashire Hospitals Occupational Health Service (Blackburn)
- Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Occupational Health Service (Blackpool)
- University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Occupational Health Service (Lancaster, Kendal, Barrow and Furness)

In the event of a BBV exposure incident, please follow the attached Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which outlines the immediate actions required, referral process, contact details, and supporting documentation to be completed.

For incidents occurring during working hours, staff should contact their nearest Occupational Health provider. For incidents occurring outside normal working hours, staff should attend their nearest A&E/UTC for immediate assessment and then contact their nearest Occupational Health service when it reopens.

Please note: The participating Occupational Health Services have been provided with a list of eligible Primary Care Providers covered under this arrangement. Support through this pathway is available only to staff employed and engaged to deliver services (e.g. locum staff) by those approved providers. Individuals not covered by this arrangement should seek advice elsewhere.

Please ensure all relevant staff are made aware of this service and the attached SOP.

Kind Regards,
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On behalf of the ICB BBV Exposure Support Service