Access and Uptake of Direct Acting Antiviral Medicines in the UK and selected European countries



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Executive Summary



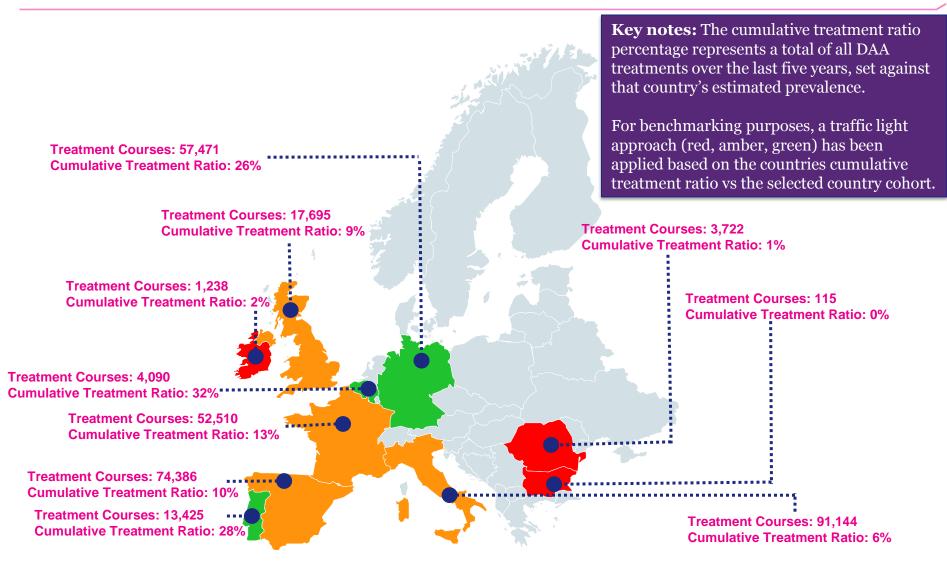
The ABPI Viral Hepatitis Initiative commissioned IMS Health to provide information related to the uptake of Direct Acting Antiviral treatments (DAAs) over the last five years, to June 2016 [1]. The intention is to benchmark the UK – in relation to patient access to these medicines – compared with other European countries. These include the remaining 'EU5' (Germany, Italy, France and Spain) and other selected European countries to provide balance, where reliable and comparable data allows. This analysis does not include other medicines such as interferon-based treatment – please see the appendix for further information related to the methodology adopted.

The data in this report demonstrates there have been significant variances in the ability of patients to access these medicines. For example, Portugal, Belgium and Germany have now treated over a quarter of their estimated prevalent patients. By contrast, the trend in the UK has been one of slower and lower levels of access.

There has been progress. England has seen a steep rise from 2015 to 2016 (around a four fold increase) which may go someway to explaining the preliminary Public Health England data that suggests a 11% fall in 2015 of HCV-related end-stage liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma [2]. This is welcome.

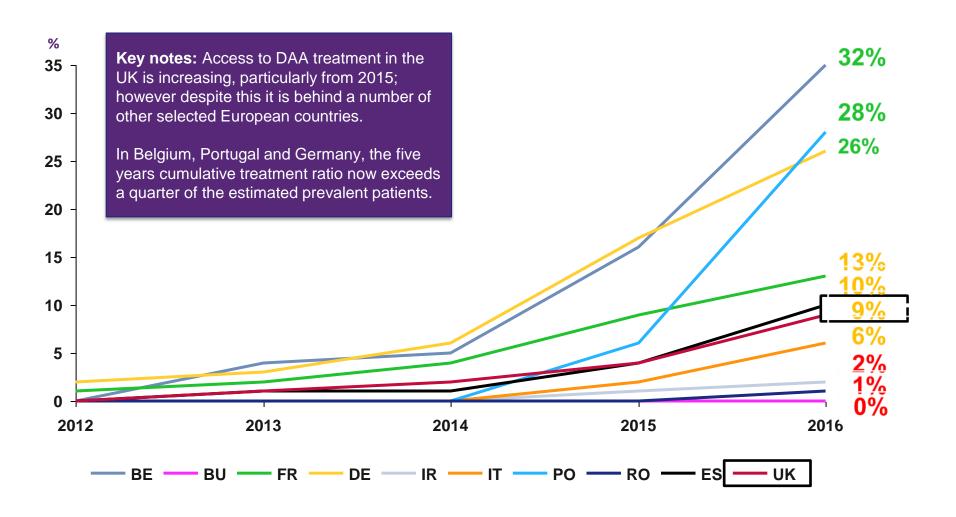
However, while around 10,000 DAA treatment courses are estimated to have been carried out in the UK in the last year, this is a number close to that of Portugal whose prevalent population is a quarter of the UK. While it has been suggested treatment numbers may increase in England [3], increases are required to support the UK to meet the World Health Organisation's goal of eliminating hepatitis C as a public health concern by 2030 [4]. Scotland is the exception with a treatment ratio reaching 20% over the last five years perhaps demonstrating the benefits of a robust, ambitious and funded national strategy such as the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework [5].

Number of treatment courses and cumulative treatment ratio with DAA medicines by selected country



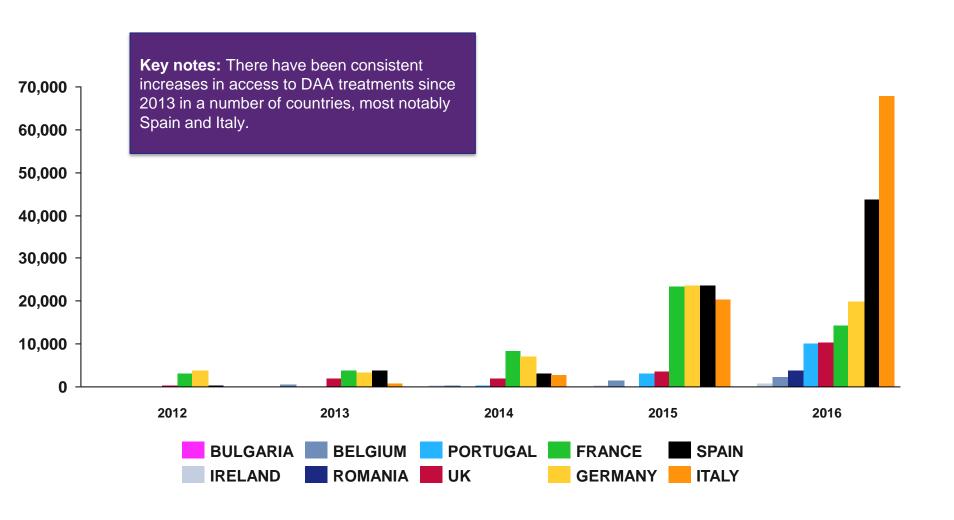
The cumulative percentage of patients treated of the prevalent population in the last 5 years





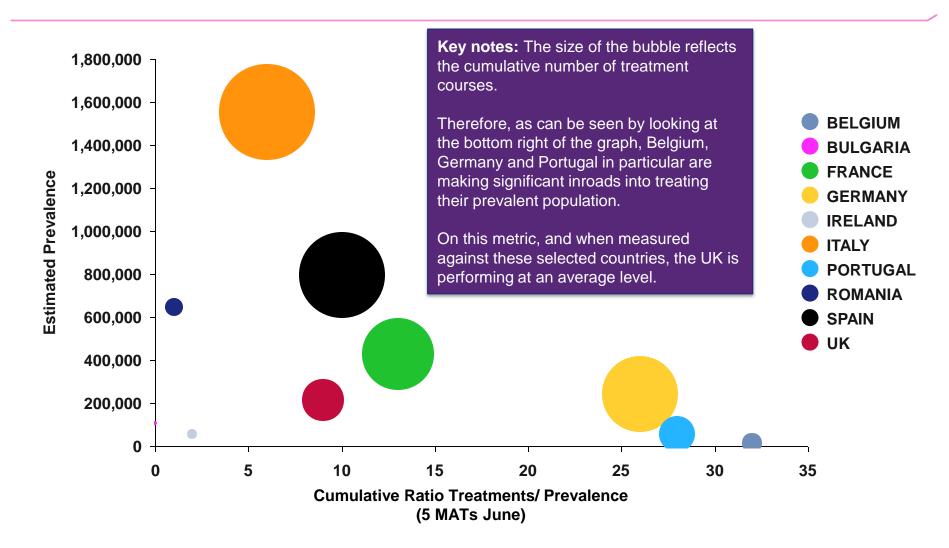
Number of DAA treatment courses in the last 5 years





The DAA treatment ratio versus prevalence (slide 1 of 2)





The DAA treatment ratio versus prevalence (slide 2 of 2)



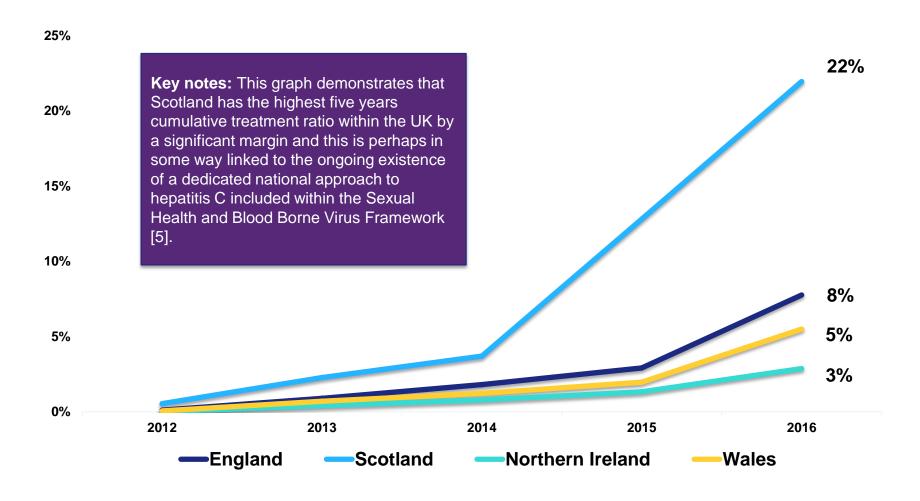
	Estimated Prevalence	Treatment Courses	Cumulative Ratio Treatments/ Prevalence
ITALY	1,555,580	91,144	6%
SPAIN	795,090	74,386	10%
ROMANIA	644,708	3,722	1%
FRANCE	429,195	52,510	13%
GERMANY	241,860	57,471	26%
UK	214,000	17,695	9%
BULGARIA	108,900	115	0%
PORTUGAL	56,484	13,425	28%
IRELAND	55,080	1,238	2%
BELGIUM	13,440	4,090	32%

Key notes: This table provides the background information reflected on the previous slide, in ascending order based on estimated prevalence.

Germany and the UK have been highlighted as two countries with similar prevalence figures. However, there are significant differences in the number of DAA treatment courses and resulting cumulative ratio of treatments vs prevalence providing an explanation as to why the UK is rated 'amber' rather than 'green'.

Cumulative percentage treated of prevalent population in the last five years – split by UK country [1]





^[1] AbbVie Data on File, IMS Health report for ABPI VHI: Hepatitis C Treatment in Europe, AXDoF162070

^[5] Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework 2015-2020 Update, Scottish Government. Available at: http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00484414.pdf (Date accessed: November 2016)

Number of treatment courses in the last five years – split by UK country [1]





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References and Methodology



The methodology adopted by IMS for this report includes source material and certain assumptions that are company confidential held only by IMS Health and is therefore not publicly available, as agreed by the Terms and Conditions of the commissioned report. For example, such assumptions would relate to the conversion of medicine 'pack sales' to patient numbers made by each company. The sources for the treatment information included IMS Midas, IMS Health HPA and IMS Health PBS datasets.

The project consisted of 2 main analyses conducted by IMS Health to provide the information contained within this report. However, for illustrative purposes IMS Health have provided the following information.

Analysis	Steps		
Treatment Courses	 Convert counting units to treatment courses using daily doses and duration of therapy Correct double counting by applying ratio of usage of combination therapies Information obtained from IMS MIDAS and IMS Health refer to estimates from ABPI Viral Hepatitis Initiative members. 		
Treatment Ratios	 Correct the prevalent population based on response rates as seen in clinical trials of the medicines, i.e. those achieving virological cure are deducted from the prevalent population. Percentage and cumulative percentage of treated cases are calculated as a ratio of the corrected prevalent population 		

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About the ABPI Viral Hepatitis Initiative

The ABPI Viral Hepatitis Initiative brings together interested and relevant ABPI member companies to work collectively and with one voice on structural and policy issues affecting the screening, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis in the UK.

The members of the group are: AbbVie Ltd, Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Janssen-Cilag Ltd and Merck Sharp & Dohme Ltd.

Appendix: Country profiles – Germany





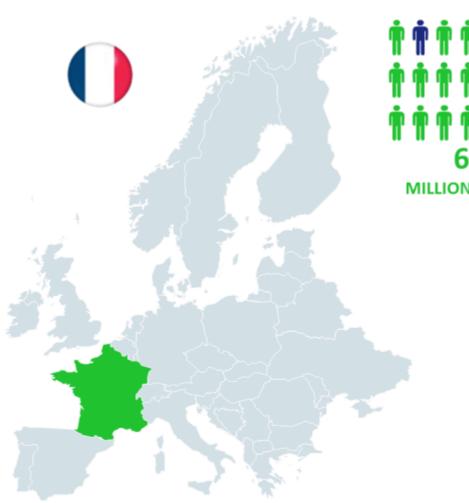


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Prevalence 0.3%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C 241,860

Appendix: Country profiles – France







Prevalence 0.65%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C 429,195

Appendix: Country profiles – Italy



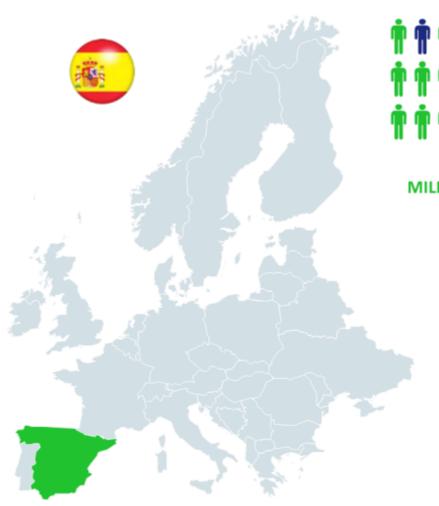


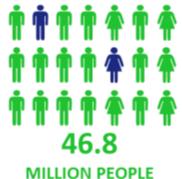


Prevalence 2.6%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C 1,555,580

Appendix: Country profiles – Spain



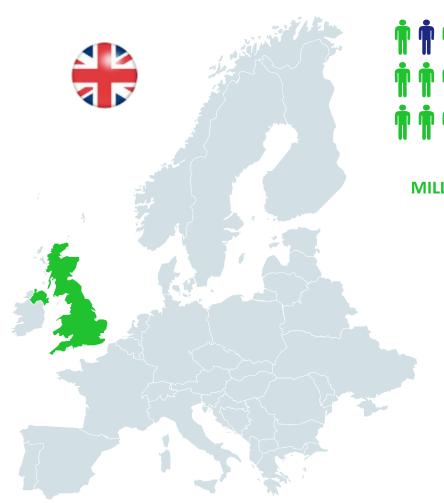


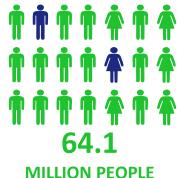


1.7%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C - 795,090

Appendix: Country profiles – United Kingdom



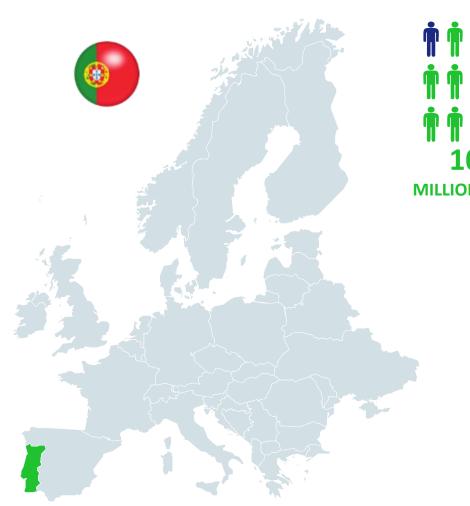




Prevalence 0.33%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C 214,000

Appendix: Country profiles – Portugal





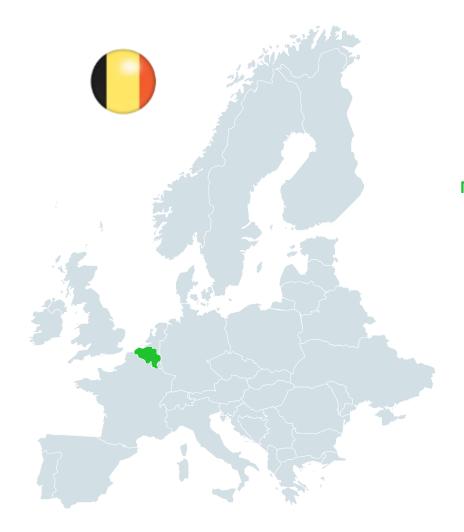


Prevalence 0.54%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C -

56,484

Appendix: Country profiles – Belgium



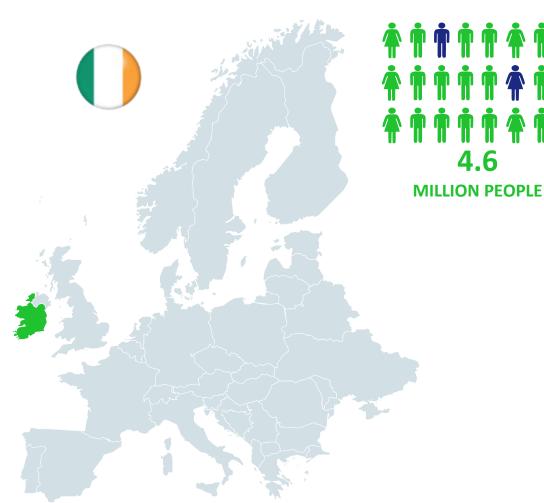




Prevalence 0.12%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C 13,440

Appendix: Country profiles – Ireland



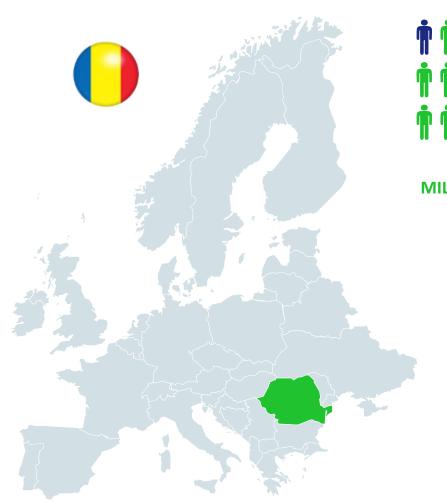


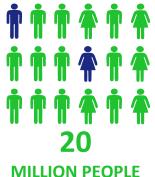


Prevalence -1.2% **Estimated number of** individuals with chronic hepatitis C -55,080

Appendix: Country profiles – Romania



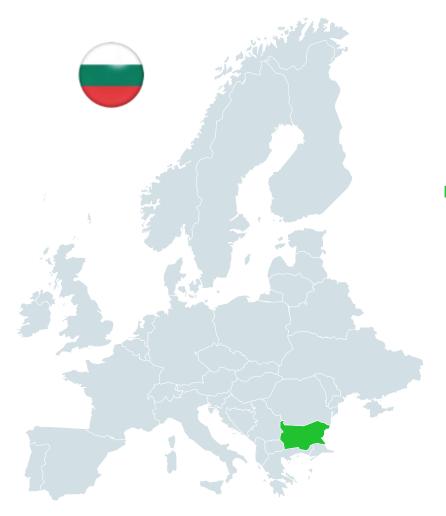




Prevalence 3.23%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C 644,708

Appendix: Country profiles – Bulgaria



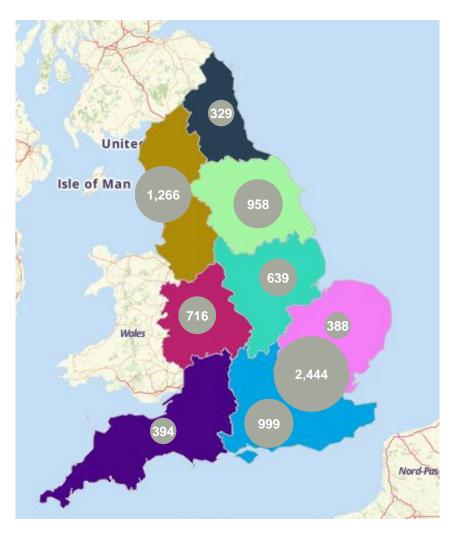




Prevalence 1.5%
Estimated number of individuals with chronic hepatitis C 108,900

Appendix: DAA treatment numbers by English region in the last 12 months (to June 16)





Appendix: Number of DAA treatment courses by English region in 2015 and 2016



