

Guidance for training Latent TB Champions



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Latent TB



Active TB



Guidance on using the TB Champions Toolkit

This guidance outlines the purpose of each of the documents in the TB Champions Toolkit. Some documents have sections highlighted in yellow, which indicate where local details need to be entered by the person using this pack.

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Resources for the training coordinator

Training session programmes 1 and 2

The two programmes contained in the toolkit are tested examples of how a 3 hour TB champions training session could be run.

Programme 1 gives a general introduction to TB and the latent TB testing programme, introduces the role of the champions, and sets out the eligibility criteria for the NHSE testing and treatment initiative. Programme 2 is more interactive, with time for more role play and practice in delivering the health message. You may choose to run just programme 1, with some follow up with champions further down the line, or to run both programmes 1 and 2 on different days with the same set of champions. Running both sessions will ensure that the champions are confident in their knowledge prior to speaking to community members.

The role play section is designed to give participants the opportunity to put their knowledge to practice and to check if there are areas they are still unsure about. This is an area that champions felt was necessary for them to feel confident about delivering TB information in their communities. The role play also provides an opportunity for participants to practise using the tools provided for the champions in the toolkit (i.e. list of eligible countries for NHSE testing, patient pathway flowchart, flipbooks).

Training Slides

A PowerPoint Presentation is included which can be adjusted to reflect the structure of your programme and local TB rates. Speakers' notes to guide the trainer are included, but of course these can be adjusted and added to. ***It is recommended that the person delivering the champions training has public health knowledge and a deep understanding of TB – such as a local TB nurse or public health professional.***

TB Alert can help arrange a trainer and check any amendments that you may wish to make to the presentation. Please contact Helen Clegg for details:

helen.clegg@tbalert.org, 01273 234030.

Group Exercise Scenarios and Answers

These group exercises are part of the PowerPoint presentation, and they offer the opportunity to check that TB Champions understand the eligibility criteria for LTBI testing under the NHSE programme. The scenarios and answers are also available as Microsoft Word documents.

Training evaluation form

These sample training evaluation forms can be adjusted in line with the structure of your local programme.

Tools that champions will use when talking to the community

Map and flags of eligible countries

This document is a useful reference tool for identifying contacts to direct to GPs to be tested for latent TB under the NHSE programme. It lists the names of the countries that are eligible, and also includes a shaded map and flags.

Patient pathway flowchart

This tool will help TB Champions signpost community members to the right service. People who are eligible for the free testing under the NHSE testing and treatment programme are encouraged to call their GP to make an appointment for a test. Those who are not eligible but who think they may benefit from a latent TB test should be directed to call their local TB clinic to speak with a nurse. Find the details of your local TB nurse (or respiratory nurse who is in charge of TB locally), and make sure these contact details are available for TB Champions.

If your patient pathway for new entrant latent TB testing does not run through primary care, you will need to make the relevant changes to this flowchart.

Contacts report

This form allows you to track the contacts that TB Champions make with community members. The form emphasises the criteria that contacts need to meet in order for champions to receive any remuneration. This form will not be relevant to all TB champion programmes. Therefore, the coordinator should view this report as a guideline, which may or may not be useful for your purposes and monitoring needs.

Script

This resource serves two purposes:

- a) as a tool for the 'roleplay' section of the training session. Ideally, you will have several people who can circulate around the room and offer advice and guidance to TB Champions. Alternatively, you can get people to practice in pairs or threes and then go through each section as a larger group.

- b) champions can keep this script as a reminder for the topics they need to cover when they speak to community members. It is a comforting tool to have to hand until champions become used to talking about TB and latent TB.

Flipbook

The flipbook enables champions to present visual information about TB and latent TB without the need for a computer. The flipbook is slightly larger than A4 in size and made of durable material. On one side (facing community members) there is a picture/topic, and on the reverse side (facing the TB Champion), there are speakers notes which relate to the picture. This ensures that the TB Champions have the key facts on hand, and are giving out a consistent and accurate message to community members. This toolkit contains a PDF version of the content of the flipbooks. If you are interested in supplying your TB Champions with physical flipbook, please contact Helen Clegg, helen.clegg@tbalert.org, 01273 234030.

Resources overview

This provides an overview of TB Alert's range of latent TB resources and can be used to help Champion's identify which resources they have given to contacts. The resources should be used to reinforce the messaging delivered by the champions. These resources, and many more, can be viewed, downloaded and ordered from www.thetruthabouttb.org/professionals. If you would like to adapt any of the resources for your local requirements please contact helen.clegg@tbalert.org or call 01273 234030.

FAQs on TB and latent TB

These FAQs bring together answers to key questions that champions may encounter when speaking to people in the community.

It should be expected that questions will come up that are not covered here, so it is important for the course coordinators to have lines of communications available to the champions to help them answer them. A WhatsApp group that includes a public health or clinical professional (i.e. TB nurse, local authority public health representative etc.) is an ideal solution. This would also update other Champions at the same time and help them feel part of a team. Alternatively, the coordinator could keep a live document to which they add new and relevant questions. A fresh set of FAQs could then be shared at regular intervals.