

Patient Advocacy & Switching to Generics

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Shared Decision Making Project

What's Shared Decision Making?

- Health professionals and patients working together
- Patients are placed at the centre of decisions about their own treatment and care.
- Clinicians bring their expertise and patients their experiences
- Care or treatment options are fully explored, along with risks, benefits
- Different choices available to the patient are discussed and a decision is reached together

(NICE, NHS Constitution, BHIVA)



HIV Switch Initiative

National Anti-Retroviral Therapy Commissioning for Value 2016-2018

- Switching patients to therapeutically equivalent generic anti-retroviral medication
- Potential savings of £21m over 2 years
- Enable switching in line with routine outpatient review
- Discussion with patient over most clinically appropriate, cost effective regimens (NHS England)





Patient Experiences

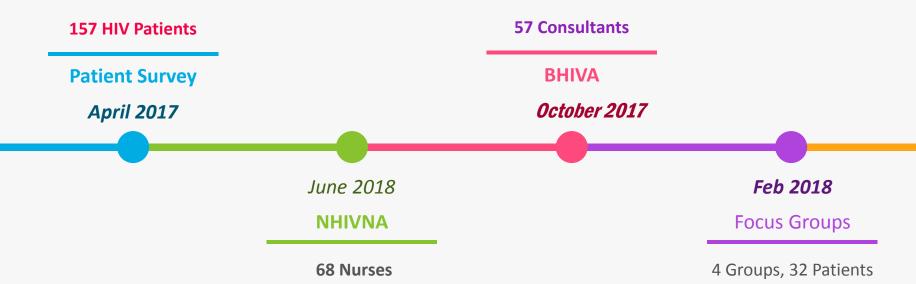
Concerns Highlighted

- Treatment changes made without adequate consultation
- Patients unaware of new treatment until delivered by homecare
- Feelings of being pressured by clinical staff to accept the change
- Insufficient information and no time to make an informed decision about the changes
- Ageing, poly pharmacy, adherence issues



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Organisations: AAF, CARA Trust, AAEGRO, Positive Voices, AHPN, NAM, OPAM





Patient Survey Results

Treatment switched without adequate consultation

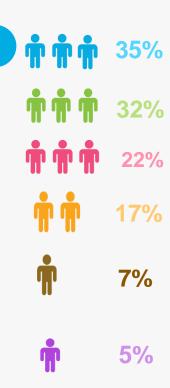
Didn't feel prepared but were switched anyway

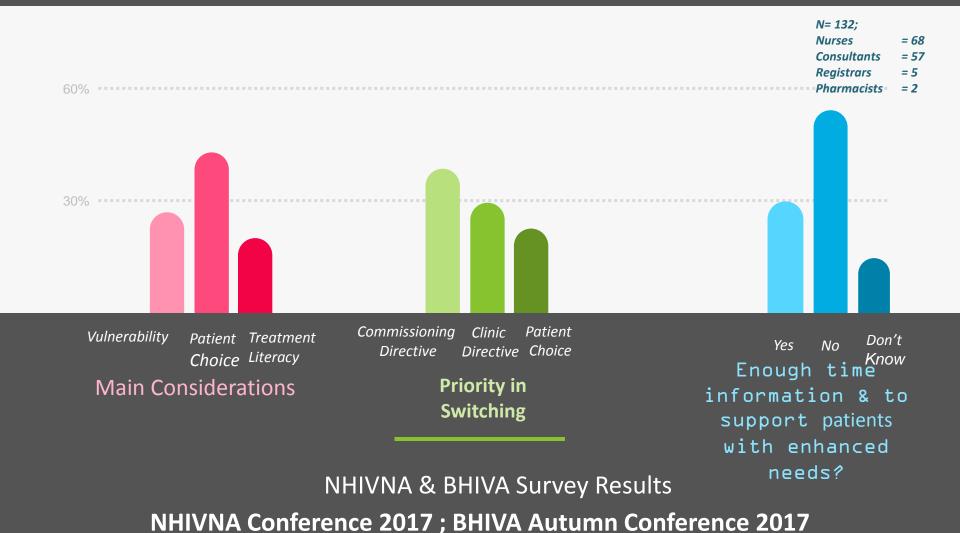
Received their treatment through homecare; No information to explain the changes?

Various problems relating to side effects; Unable to access support?

Treatment changes significantly affected adherence in terms of frequency, daily dosage?

Experienced poor mental health and wellbeing due to anxiety and uncertainty related to sudden treatment changes







Case Study 1

Male 35 Years, Black African Diagnosed 2011; VL = 1300, CD4 = 490

- Not on treatment until 2015 when he was admitted with epileptic seizures
- Initiated on branded drug A and goes undetectable



- Dec 2016 Switched to A1 generic version of treatment A
- March 2017- Goes back not happy with treatment i.e. headaches, dehydration, night sweats
- Switched to A2, but no change in symptoms. After 2 weeks, switched back to A



Case Study 2

Female 35 Years, Black African, Diagnosed 2010, CD=150, VL?

- Previously on branded drug B but switched to generic version B1; Feb
 2017
- Informed that treatment would change but didn't ask for explanation.
 Only discovered different type on arriving at home from pharmacy.
- Missed a few days but started taking medication regularly thereafter. However, started experiencing serious side effects and went back after 2 weeks. Nurse encouraged her to continue; that the side effects will stop eventually. No change in side effects.
- Subsequently stops taking medication. Needs extra support to resume treatment.





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Engaging Key Stakeholders

- Patient Organisations Outside London
- NHS England
- BHIVA- Letters
- Key HIV Organisations i.e. THT, NAT
- Round Table Houses of Parliament





Key Issues

1 Information

Ensuring appropriate and timely information

Valuing Patient Experiences/Views Patient wellbeing/rights vs commissioning and

economics decisions

3 Audit of Programme

A case for audit to determine impact on

individual or diverse groups of patients

4 Innovation

Cost saving measures vs innovation, scientific

research, what do patients think?

5 Investment

Re-investment of savings made in HIV services.

Need for 'ring fence"?



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