WP 7: Supporting national TB control programmes

The aim of E-DETECT TB Work Package 7 is to support the development of action plans in EU/EEA member states by surveying TB control plans and strategies, and reviewing evidence for actions to control and prevent TB. Information from the survey and reviews will inform an expert meeting to develop a TB strategy toolkit.

TB control and prevention in the EU/EEA

Rates of TB have been declining across the EU/EEA, but…

…projected trends show that greater efforts are needed if WHO End TB goals are to be met

What do we need to know?
- the current status of TB control plans and strategies in EU/EEA countries
- the priority action areas for TB control
- the main obstacles in each country

What do we need to do?
- bring together up-to-date information and evidence for best practice
- reach consensus on common approaches
- share and communicate practical advice on how to develop and implement a national TB control plan or strategy

Gather information from national TB programme leaders across the EU/EEA regarding:
- availability, implementation and content of national TB control plans
- prioritisation of action areas and barriers to the implementation of interventions

Conduct systematic reviews of:
- the evidence base for interventions to control and prevent TB
- barriers and facilitators to TB control strategies in EU/EEA countries

Main objectives
- Hold a meeting of national TB programme leads and other TB experts to:
  - prioritise the summarised evidence within the context of EU/EEA countries
  - arrive at a consensus regarding best approaches to TB control & prevention
- Develop a toolkit to aid national TB plan development and implementation based on:
  - evidence
  - expert views
  - experience in EU/EEA countries
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Key achievements to date

- We have obtained up-to-date information on the development and implementation of national TB action plans and strategies across the EU/EEA by means of a web-based survey, with a 100% response rate from the 31 EU/EEA member states. A peer reviewed publication is being finalised.
- We have completed a systematic review of reviews of interventions for TB control and prevention in countries with low to medium TB incidence. A peer reviewed publication is being finalised.
- We are reviewing evidence of barriers and facilitators to the implementation of TB control programmes in EU/EEA countries and have started the quality assessment phase for the final pool of articles that meet inclusion criteria.

Survey of plans and strategies

Evidence review

Expert meeting

TB strategy toolkit

Online survey of 31 EU/EEA member states

National TB programme leads and other TB experts

Effectiveness of interventions and barriers to implementation

Based on evidence, expert views and experience in EU/EEA countries

Expert stakeholder meeting

- As part of an expert stakeholder meeting, evidence will be summarised and collated to assist EU/EEA member states develop or improve their TB control and prevention strategies or TB action plans.
- This meeting will involve representation from national TB programmes from EU/EEA member states and key stakeholder groups and will seek to build consensus of priority components of national TB plans and strategies, potential implementation steps for these plans and strategies.
- A TB strategy toolkit will aid national plan development or refinement using expert views and cumulative EU/EEA member state experience, summarised evidence on priority components and barriers and enablers for their implementation.
- Any queries on the expert stakeholder meeting and WP7 activities can be directed to the team via Fatima.Wurie@phe.gov.uk