TB Service Delivery: Appendices

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228 documents matching tuberculosis OR TB in Keywords & Title among working papers and articles and books & chapters and authors.

No bulk download so only added to RefMan if post 2003, case study country, non-animals, in English and also relevant to scope.

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**Date Searched**: 28 March 2014

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- Agency for Health Care Research and Quality via [http://www.ahrq.gov](http://www.ahrq.gov)
- Black Health Agency via [http://www.thebha.org.uk](http://www.thebha.org.uk)
- British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy via [http://bsac.org.uk](http://bsac.org.uk)
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- Chartered Institute of Environmental Health via [http://www.cieh.org/](http://www.cieh.org/)
- Cochrane Infectious Diseases Group Specialized Register via [http://cidg.cochrane.org/specialized-register](http://cidg.cochrane.org/specialized-register)
- Department of Health via [http://www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- Health Quality Improvement Partnership via [http://www.hqip.org.uk](http://www.hqip.org.uk)
- Infection Prevention Society via [http://www.ips.uk.net](http://www.ips.uk.net)
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement via [https://www.icsi.org](https://www.icsi.org)
- KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation via [http://www.kncvtbc.org](http://www.kncvtbc.org)
- NICE Evidence Search [https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/](https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/)
- NIHR Health Services & Delivery Research Programme via [NIHR Service Delivery and Organisation programme](http://www.nice.org.uk) (NIHR Service Delivery and Organisation programme)
- Royal College of Nursing via [https://www.rcn.org.uk/](https://www.rcn.org.uk/)
- Royal College of Physicians via [http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/](http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/)
- South Asian Health Foundation via [http://www.sahf.org.uk](http://www.sahf.org.uk)

**Google searching**

**Website:** Google via [http://www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk)

**Date Searched:** 17 March 2014
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Supplementary methods
Reference harvesting - all of the references available on Web of Science were downloaded and then the full text was obtained and any further relevant references were also added

Citation searching - all of the citations available on Web of Science were downloaded

PubMed related item - if there were 1-100 references they were all downloaded if they were relevant to the scope. If there were 101 or more references they were sorted by relevance and then the first 100 were downloaded if they were relevant to the scope. Relevant to the scope meant TB or tuberculosis was in the title.

All three methods were conducted on 19 March 2014 using the following papers.


Post search supplementary methods
Following the initial screening a further round of supplementary searching was conducted. The papers that had been identified as potentially relevant for the review during the sifting stage were used for citation searching. All of the citations available on Web of Science were downloaded and then de-duplicated against what had already been screened. At least one paper was chosen for each of the case studies. Citation searching for effectiveness studies was conducted on 5 June 2014 and for cost effectiveness studies on 3 July 2014.
The following papers were used for citation searching for effectiveness studies.

**Barcelona**


**Canada**


**Netherlands**


**New York**


**UK (London)**


**UK (national)**


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Backx M, Curtis H, Freedman A et al. (June 2011) British HIV Association national audit on the management of patients co-infected with tuberculosis and HIV. Clinical Medicine 11 (3): 222-226


Lynch CA, Sabah S, Dedicoat M et al. (2013) Does a direct Radiology referral system to a rapid access Tuberculosis clinic improve TB diagnosis? Thorax Conference (var.pagings): December


The following papers were used for citation searching for cost effectiveness studies.


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Appendix 2 Screening criteria

*High level sift criteria – title only stage*

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## Second level sift criteria – title and abstract stage

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<td>viii. Spain (Barcelona)</td>
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<td>ii. Progression risk</td>
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### Comparison / Intervention / Alternative (if appropriate)

N/A

### Outcome

N/A

### Study Type (if appropriate)

N/A
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**Full text screening criteria stage**

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#### L3. Comparisons

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| | a. Transmission rates |
| | b. Screening opportunities |

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**Process evaluations**: examination of different services/models or frameworks which include athematic or other analysis on ‘what the drivers of change are or descriptions of how services are configured?’
Appendix 3 Additional case study material

Non-UK service models

Case Management in NYC (B44 Munsiff 2008) p.135

Case Management Flow Chart

Abbreviations: DOHMH - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, TB - tuberculosis
Delivery Model for the expansion of TB contact tracing in NYC. (B 44 Munsiff 2008 p.166)

Expanding Contact Investigation Tuberculosis Testing

* Complete testing includes both the initial TTB1 and a second test administered after window period, if needed

Source: Adapted from CDC, Contact Investigations for Tuberculosis, Serf Study Module A, 1999

TTB1 = test for TB infection
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**UK service models**

**London model**

Three levels:
- Level 1 - Generic primary and community care
- Level 2 - Recognised TB services
- Level 3 - Very specialist services

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**Improving commissioning**

- London Commissioning Board ensures the proactive, robust commissioning of services (section 5.1)
- Medically complex TB is commissioned from specialist TB centres (section 5.2)
- Field and Trial support treatment completion (section 5.3)
- Central accommodation fund for homeless TB patients (section 5.4)

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**Improving services**

- Delivery Boards ensure a coordinated, seamless approach (section 6.1)
- London risk assessment, DOT and cohort review protocols are mandated in NHS contracts (section 6.2)
- Workforce Development Group reviews capacity and capability of teams to deliver the model of care (section 6.3)

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**Improving detection and diagnosis**

- Increased awareness of TB in high-risk communities (section 4.1)
- Increased awareness and knowledge of TB among healthcare professionals (section 4.2)
- TB screening programme to detect active and latent TB (section 4.3)
## Appendix 4 Data extraction sheets for effectiveness review (31 studies)

### UK National (5 studies)

**Backx 2011**

**Authors:** Backx, M., Curtis, H., Freedman, A., & Johnson, M.

**Year:** 2011

**Citation:** British HIV Association national audit on the management of patients co-infected with tuberculosis and HIV.

**Location:** UK - National

**Aim of study:** The objective was to compare current UK management of TB-HIV with national standards, including diagnostic delay and treatment completion.

**Study design:** Audit

**Quality score:** Not evaluated in CA

**External validity score:** Not evaluated in CA

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<td>Selected population</td>
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<td>Excluded population</td>
<td>Records of patients receiving chemoprophylaxis for LTBI. Records of patients where TB therapy commenced but subsequently stopped due to alternative diagnosis.</td>
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### Population characteristics

- Men: 47%; Black African: 74.6%; from high TB prevalence countries: 84.7%; aged 30-50: 73.7%; aged 30 and younger: 13.6%; aged 50+: 9.8%; had advanced HIV disease: 69.1%; pulmonary TB: 40.7%; extra-pulmonary disease: 41.9%; pulmonary + extra-pulmonary disease: 17.4%; culture-confirmed TB: 57.6%; positive microscopy for acid-fast bacilli: 13.6%

### Setting

- Services offering adult HIV care.

### Location

- UK – National

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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**Intervention**

Current (2007/8) management of TB-HIV co-infection in the UK.

**Comparator**

National standards.
## Outcomes and methods of analysis

### Outcomes
TB treatment completion and culture confirmed pulmonary TB compared to national recommendations from the chief medical officer. Time to obtain sputum smear results compared to national standards from the Health Protection Agency. TB notification compared to Public Health Act 1913. Also assessed HIV testing of TB patients.

### Methods of analysis
Demographics, including proportions.

## Service delivery results

### Diagnostic Delays
Time between sample taken and results received in 60 sputum smear positive cases:
- 45% (27/60): same or next day
- 16.7% (10/60): within 2-3 days
- 25% (15/60): 4+ days
- 13.3% (8/60): data unavailable

National recommendation: positive results within 24 hours on six day/week service, and all results in writing within 72 hours.

### Treatment Completion:
Patient treatment status at time of audit:
- Treatment completed without interruption: 61% (144/236)
- Treatment ongoing: 21.6% (51/236)
- Therapy interrupted: 5.1% (12/236)

Reasons for failure to complete treatment:
- Left UK: 4.7% (11/236)
- Transferred care within UK: 2.5% (6/236)
- Died before treatment completion: 2.5% (6/236)
- Lost to follow-up: 2.5% (6/236)

Excluding patients still on therapy:
- 81.2% (147/181): completed TB therapy
- 4.7% (11/181): left UK while on treatment
- 2.5% (6/181): transferred care within UK
- 2.5% (6/181): died before treatment completion
- 2.5% (6/181): lost to follow-up

National recommendation: > 85% treatment completed.

### Other Results
- Proportion known TB Notifications
  - Notification documented: 36.0% (85/236)
  - Believed to be documented: 47.9% (113/236)
  - Not notified: 2.5% (6/236) – 3/6 had sputum smear positive pulmonary TB
  - Notification status known: 13.6% (32/236)

- Proportion patients with TB culture confirmation
  - Culture-confirmed: 57.6% (136/236)
  - Culture-confirmed pulmonary TB: 65.7% (90/137)

- Proportion services offering routine HIV testing:
  - Integrated TB-HIV services: 68% (13/19)
  - TB services: 56% (10/18)

- Proportion patients receiving HIV testing
  - HIV diagnosis prior to TB investigation: 55.5%
  - Diagnosed during TB investigation: 42%

### Attrition details
124/170 HIV services responded.

### Notes and other information

#### Author conclusions
Excluding patients still on treatment, treatment completion rate was close to target (81% reached, 85% goal). Unacceptable diagnostic delays were observed as the majority of sputum smear positive cases were not reported within the recommended 24 hours. Many services do not routinely test TB patients for HIV.

#### Author limitations
There was a poor response rate from TB services not providing integrated TB-HIV care that was likely due to being

#### Limitation identified by review team
A third of HIV services did not respond to the audit and TB services providing integrated TB-HIV care also had a poor response rate. It is unclear if the non-responders were different than the responders which could provide a biased picture of TB-HIV management in the UK.
indirectly recruited from HIV services. This limited information about their integrated work with HIV services.

**Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy**

HIV and TB services should provide high quality co-ordinated services for diagnosis, treatment and continuing patient care. Clinicians, trusts and commissioners should work together to promote HIV testing in all healthcare settings and reduce the proportion of undiagnosed infection.

**Source of funding**

Department of Health

# Numbers do not appear to add up; review team unable to account for this discrepancy.
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Bothamley 2011

Year: 2011
Citation: Tuberculosis in UK cities: workload and effectiveness of tuberculosis control programmes. BMC Public Health, 11:896
Location: Large cities within the UK
Aim of study: The objective was to examine how the national plan for tuberculosis control had been incorporated into control programs in large UK cities.
Study design: National evaluation
Quality score: Not provided by CA
External validity score: Not provided by CA

Population and setting

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Follow up period |
### Service delivery results

**Proportion TB treatment completed within 12 months (2006-2008):**
- Birmingham East/North: 85.1%
- Heart of Birmingham Teaching: 83.1%
- Central Manchester: 83.5%
- Leeds: 80.9%
- Bradford and Airedale Teaching: 78.1%
- Sandwell: 76.8%
- Leicester City: 86.6%
- Sheffield: 75.8%
- London (reported as region, not PCT): 82.6%

**Proportion patients who had DOT at any point during treatment last year:**
- Birmingham: 21%
- Bradford: 0%
- Glasgow: 0%
- Leeds: 3%
- Leicester: 5%
- London: 1.7% - 32% (access to DOT variable)
- Manchester: 2%
- Sheffield: 5-10%

**Target of 1 nurse per 40 cases:**
- Birmingham: 1:60-70
- Bradford: No specified TB nurses
- Glasgow: Not achieved
- Leeds: Achieved
- Leicester: Achieved
- London: Ranged from 1:21 – 1:51
- Manchester: Not achieved
- Sheffield: Achieved

### Other results

**Formal peer review against NICE guidelines:**
- Birmingham: No
- Bradford: No
- Glasgow: No – Scottish guidelines awaiting agreement
- Leeds: Internal review
- Leicester: No – regular audits/epidemiological review
- London: Formal reviews in NE and NC London
- Manchester: Yes - annually
- Sheffield: Yes

**Named worker accountable for each TB patient:**
All reported as yes.

**Joint TB-HIV clinic:**
- Birmingham: Yes
- Bradford: Run by infectious diseases (ID) physician
- Glasgow: No
- Leeds: Just starting
- Leicester: Yes between ID and genitourinary physicians
- London: All sectors have one or more
- Manchester: No, but weekly joint multidrug therapy
- Sheffield: Same physician

**Attribution details**
- NA

### Notes and other information

**Author conclusions**
TB control programmes require an adequate number of TB nurses (ratio of TB nurse to TB cases 1:40) in order to achieve early detection and effective case-holding. Good local epidemiology is important for forecasting the projected number of TB cases and resourcing appropriately.

**Author limitations**
London is a complex group of communities with several PCTs having a high burden of TB; as such, further detailed analysis is recommended.

**Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy**
Costs for MDRTB need to be allocated through a national scheme of specialised commissioning, so as not to undermine general TB resourcing.

**Source of funding**
Homerton Respiratory Research and Education Fund.

* Discrepancy found in reported incidence in Manchester and Sheffield (perhaps 40.5/100,000 and 14.6/100,000 respectively).
## Cullen 2012

### Authors:
Cullen, D., Watson, J.P., & Davies, P.D.O.

### Year:
2012

### Citation:

### Location:
Online service developed in Liverpool, UK

### Aim of study:
The aim was to assess whether an online TB service could increase dialogue between experts and TB service users for MDR-TB case management.

### Study design:
National report

### Quality score:
Not addressed by CA

### External validity score:
Not addressed by CA

### Population and setting

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| Recruitment strategy | |
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### Baseline comparisons

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### Power of study

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<td>XDR-TB: 4/64</td>
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<td>Isoniazid mono-resistant: 7/64</td>
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# MDR-TB: multidrug resistant tuberculosis
### Panchal 2012

**Authors:** Panchal, R.K., Woltmann, G., & Haldar, P.

**Year:** 2012

**Citation:** Reduced Effectiveness of the Primary-Care Registry for Targeted LTBI Screening of High Risk Immigrants with HIV Co-Infection. (Abstract). Thorax:67(Suppl 2):A1-A204. doi:10.1136/thoraxjnl-2012-202678.192

**Location:** UK - National

**Aim of study:** Objective was to investigate the effectiveness of the primary-care registry in identifying immigrants for enrolment to LTBI screening at time of GP registration.

**Study design:** Retrospective cohort study

**Quality score:** +

**External validity score:** +

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<td>Immigrants in the UK</td>
<td>Immigrants with available HIV status in the primary care registry.</td>
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**Selected population**

Primary care registrations for immigrants entering UK after 1999 who had HIV testing performed; these were cross-referenced with foreign-born TB notifications.

**Excluded population**

NR

#### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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#### Outcomes and methods of analysis

**Outcomes**

Proportion of preventable LTBI with screening at time of GP registration among immigrants with known HIV status.

**Follow up period**

NA

**Methods of analysis**


#### Service delivery results

**Proportion immigrant TB cases preventable (if screened at GP registration):**

63% (511 / 857)

**Other results**

Proportion immigrant cases:

- HIV tested: 72.8% (624 / 857)
- HIV seropositive: 13.4% (84 / 857)
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<th><strong>Proportion HIV+ v HIV- for TB cases unpreventable:</strong></th>
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<td>Significantly higher for HIV+</td>
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<td>19% v 10%; RR (95% CI) = 1.89 (1.25 – 2.84)</td>
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**Time to primary care registration:**
Significantly longer for HIV+ v HIV- immigrants
Median IQR: 1515 (555-2202) days v 415 (36-1558) days; *p* < 0.005

**Time to disease notification:**
Significantly shorter for HIV+ v HIV- immigrants
Median IQR: 587 (208-1182) days v 1163 (669-1854) days; *p* < 0.005

### Notes and other information

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<td>Targeted LTBI screening at time of primary care registration may be less effective among HIV+ immigrants.</td>
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**Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy**
The authors recommended that early GP registration and extended screening to include HIV and other blood-borne viruses is needed as part of an integrated immigrant screening programme.
### Van Hest 2008

**Authors:** Van Hest, N.A.H., Story, A., Grant, A.D., Antoine, D., Crofts, J.P., & Watson, J.M.

**Year:** 2008

**Citation:** Record-linkage and capture-recapture analysis to estimate the incidence and completeness of reporting of tuberculosis in England 1999 – 2002. Epidemiol. Infect.: 136, 1606-1616.

**Location:** England, UK

**Aim of study:** The aims were to estimate the annual incidence of TB in England, and use record-linkage and capture-recapture analysis to assess the completeness of TB reporting during 1999–2002.

**Study design:** Retrospective cohort design

**Quality score:** +

**External validity score:** +

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<td>TB cases notified through ETS, cases with <em>M. tuberculosis</em> complex isolates reported to MycobNet Laboratory, and cases admitted to NHS hospitals with a first or secondary hospital discharge code of TB from 1 January 1999 – 31 December 2002.</td>
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| Excluded population | |
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| Duplicate records. Records with incomplete or missing data for date of birth and age. | |

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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| Recruitment strategy | |
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| NA | |

| Sample sizes: | |
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| Total sample N= 28,678 observed TB cases | |
| Intervention N= 28,678 observed TB cases | |
| Comparator N= 6783 observed cases in 1999; 7139 cases in 2000; 7355 cases in 2001; 7401 cases in 2002 | |

| Baseline comparisons | |
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| NA | |

| Power of study | |
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### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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| Follow up period | |
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### Service delivery results

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<td>15.9%</td>
<td>1999: 1319 (1137-1509)</td>
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<td>2002: 917 (748-1093)</td>
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<td>All (4 years; 1999 – 2002): 5417 (5217-5737)</td>
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| Proportion records complete:                  | Estimated total number of TB cases from Poisson mixture model (95% ACI): |
|-----------------------------------------------| 1999: 8102 (7920-8292) |
| 1999: 78.2%                                   | 2002: 8398 (8229-8574) |
| 2000: 74.1%                                   | All: 34,149 (33,895-34,415) |
| 2001: 81.0%                                   | Attrition details |
| 2002: 83.8%                                   | NA |

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<td>Record-linkage improves accuracy of TB surveillance data and completeness of ascertained TB records, as performed in ETS.</td>
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<td>Assumptions of homogeneity not met for statistical analyses. Misclassification of records would have interfered with record-linkage. Hospital TB cases provided disproportionately high number of false positive TB cases. Innate limitations of capture-recapture methods.</td>
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<td>To further increase notifications a clinician (such as a chest physician) should be appointed as a TB co-ordinator in every hospital, and be consulted on every TB patient in that hospital, including extra-pulmonary.</td>
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### UK London (9 studies)

**Aldridge 2014**

**Authors:** Aldridge R, Yates S, Hemming S et al.  
**Year:** 2014  
**Citation:** IMPACT OF PEER EDUCATORS ON UPTAKE OF MOBILE X-RAY TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING AT HOMELESS HOSTELS: A CLUSTER RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL. Thorax 69(S2)  
**Location:** London, UK  
**Aim of study:** To compare current practice of hostel staff encouraging mobile digital X-ray unit (MXU) screening for TB among homeless people with the addition of peer educators with direct experience of TB and/or homelessness on screening uptake.  
**Study design:** Cluster RCT  
**Quality score:** +  
**External validity score:** ++

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<td>Residents in hostels in London that were not on active TB treatment and had not had a chest x-ray within last 6 months.</td>
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<td>Hostels excluded for various reasons, including high uptake rates, or didn’t allow peers access to residents.</td>
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| Population characteristics (Intervention v Comparator) | Hostel sites with >50% uptake (12 v 15); hostels with <43 beds (12 v 13). |
| Setting | Hostels  
| Location | Urban – London |

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<td><strong>Method of allocation</strong> Cluster randomised 46 of 59 hostels by minimisation, balancing on hostel size (≤43 beds), and previous screening uptake level (≤50%). Sites with a previous MXU uptake of &gt;80% were excluded.</td>
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<td><strong>Sample sizes:</strong> Total sample N=46 hostels</td>
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| Methods of analysis | An ITT analysis was undertaken on the proportion of eligible residents screened for TB, with interquartile ranges. Poisson regression was used to account for cluster design. |

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<td><strong>Screening rate</strong> Overall: 44% uptake (IQR 26.59)</td>
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<td><strong>Intervention:</strong> 45% uptake (IQR 33.55)</td>
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| Limitation identified by review team | Limited information from abstract. However, the authors noted that results were likely confounded by hostel sites in non-peer group being previously exposed to peers, which may have underestimated the effect of peers. |
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**Anderson 2014**

**Authors:** Anderson, C., White, J., Abubakar, I., Lipman, M., Tamne, S., et al#  
**Year:** 2014 (online 2013)  
**Citation:** Raising standards in UK TB control: introducing cohort review. Thorax, 69 (2) 187 - 189  
**Location:** London, UK  
**Aim of study:** To evaluate the effect of cohort review in a north London TB service.  
**Study design:** Before and after study  
**Quality score:** +  
**External validity score:** ++

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#### Baseline comparisons

| NA | NA |

#### Power of study

| NA | NA |

#### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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**Methods of analysis**

Proportions compared using chi squared tests or Fishers exact tests, with Bonferroni correction.

#### Service delivery results

**Results – intervention (cohort review) v comparator (before cohort review)**

| All TB cases with contacts identified | At least 1 contact identified:  86% v 77%; p<0.001  
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| Pulmonary TB cases with contacts identified | At least 1 contact identified:  88% v 78%; p=0.001  
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**Other outcomes**

- Patients requiring DOT:  21% v 16%; p=0.049  
- Patients receiving DOT:  63% v 84%; p=0.003  
- Patients refusing DOT:  30% v 9%; p=0.001
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### Contacts assessed for all TB cases
81% v 74%; p<0.001

### Contacts assessed for pulmonary TB cases
82% v 74%; p<0.001

### Treatment outcomes at 12 months
- **Treatment completion:** 86% v 87%; p=0.6
- Still on treatment: 6% v 4.2%; p=0.155
- Died: 2.7% v 4.4%; p=0.106
- Lost to follow-up: 3.4% v 2.2%; p=0.201
- Lost to follow-up overseas: 2.2% v 0.7%; p=0.04

### Notes and other information

#### Author conclusions
Cohort review enables deficiencies to be addressed and rectified, which can lead to whole system improvement.

#### Author limitations
Subjective changes in the way staff assessed and managed patients may have occurred as a result of increased focus on process and outcome.

#### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy
TB services need to ensure cohort review is used appropriately, and its impact closely monitored. A fuller evaluation of the impact of cohort review across the UK is planned.

#### Source of funding
NR

# This study was extracted in conjunction with two additional related papers:

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### Bothamley 2007

**Authors:** Bothamley, G.H.*  
**Year:** 2009  
**Citation:** Audit of the Management of Tuberculosis at Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, for patients notified in 2007 according to the NICE guidance, national British Thoracic Society guidelines and the London Service Framework for Tuberculosis.  
**Location:** Homerton University Hospital, London, UK  
**Aim of study:** The aim was to perform a retrospective audit of key TB outcomes at Homerton University Hospital compared to audits in previous years.  
**Study design:** Retrospective audit  
**Quality score:** Not addressed by CA  
**External validity score:** Not addressed by CA

**Population and setting**

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**Methods of allocation to intervention/control**

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**Sample sizes:**

| Total sample N= 155 patients in 2007 |
| Intervention N= 155 patients in 2007 |
| Comparator N= NR |

**Baseline comparisons**

| NA |

**Power of study**

| NR |

**Outcomes and methods of analysis**

**Outcomes**

Diagnostic delay. Treatment completion. HIV testing. Hospital referral and admission. TB outcomes. Smear positive and culture positive laboratory results.

**Follow up period**

NR

**Methods of analysis**

Proportions.

**Service delivery results**

**Diagnostic delay**

Proportion sputum results available within a day:

- 2007: Confidential information removed
- 2006: Confidential information removed
- 2005: Confidential information removed

**Treatment completion**

Number patients cured or completing treatment: Confidential
### Author conclusions
Authors concluded that audit criteria were achieved for 100% patients.

### Author limitations
NR

### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy
DOT patients show gaps in treatment which require separate documentation.

### Source of funding
NR

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# Extracted with linked study B168 SLA 2013 – however no data available to extract from link paper as review team unable to account for proportions and sample sizes reported. This paper was received in confidence; as such data has been removed.
### Griffiths 2007

**Authors:** Griffiths, C., Sturdy, P., Brewin, P., Bothamley, G., et al.

**Year:** 2007

**Citation:** Educational outreach to promote screening for tuberculosis in primary care: a cluster randomised controlled trial. The Lancet, 369(9572), 1528-34.

**Location:** London, UK

**Aim of study:** The trial was undertaken to evaluate the effectiveness of a TB screening programme in a London Primary Care Trust (PCT) which screened patients at time of PCT registration.

**Study design:** Pragmatic cluster randomised controlled trial

**Quality score:** ++

**External validity score:** ++

### Population and setting

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<td>Persons in London.</td>
<td>Median number new patients per practice: 1,546 v 1,573; mean age: 29 v 26; male: 47% (21,143/44,986) v 46% (22,533/48,984); white: 45% (20,244/44,986) v 42% (20,573); black: 22% (9,897/44,986) v 24% (11,756/48,984); south Asian: 9% (4,049/44,986) v 10% (4,898/48,984); mean number new immigrant patients per practice: 248 v 272.</td>
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<td>Persons registering as new patients at general practices in the City and Hackney Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT).</td>
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<td>Persons registered with the participating general practices during 1 June, 2002 – 1 October, 2004.</td>
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<td>Three PCTs in Hackney were not included in the cluster randomisation – one was ineligible as it was used as a pilot practice for the present study and two declined to participate.</td>
<td>Hackney, London, UK</td>
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Patients were excluded if de-notified.

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<td>General practices were randomised to intervention and comparator groups with a computer minimisation program (Minim Version 1.3).</td>
<td>Patients at the general practices randomised to the intervention group received TB screening at their PCT registration health check. The intervention entailed a specialist TB nurse and academic GP making an educational outreach visit to each intervention practice to promote TB screening and raise TB awareness. They distributed screening guidelines. Prompts were included into the practice computer system for registration health checks to remind clinicians to ask the screening questions. Equipment for TST was provided. Telephone support from a specialist TB nurse was available. A financial incentive of £7 was paid to the practice for each TST administered.</td>
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<td>Minimisation criteria for randomisation included the number of partners in the general practice, employment of practice nurse, approval for training of general practitioners, use of EMIS practice computer system, whether surgery registered new patients, rate of registration checks in new patients, and participation in local scheme to promote registration of asylum seekers.</td>
<td>Patients at general practices randomised to the control group received usual care. These general practices received no contact. Some practices in the control group had already been administering TST and continued to do so.</td>
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The definition of a TB case was specified at the start of the study and applied independently to participants’ medical records by two researchers blinded to practice allocation with arbitration of any differences by a third researcher who was blinded to allocation.

Identification route, clinical data, and patient demographics were entered blind into the study database.

**Sample sizes:**

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<th>N= 93,970 new patients; 46,624 attended registration health check</th>
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<td>Intervention</td>
<td>N= 44,968 new patients; 23,573 attended registration health check</td>
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<td>N= 48,984 new patients; 23,051 attended registration health check</td>
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### Baseline comparisons
In the year prior to the study period, 150 active TB cases were identified in Hackney, of which 55% (83/150) were referred by or diagnosed in general practice. This detection rate was assumed to be the same for the control group.

### Power of study
To detect a clinically significant increase of 20% (thus an increase in diagnosis rate from 55% at baseline to 75%) with 80% power at the 5% significance level, a total of 280 active TB cases were needed during the study period.

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

#### Outcomes
- Proportion new cases of active TB identified (primary outcome).
- Proportion new cases of latent TB identified.
- Persons aged 5 and older receiving BCG immunisation.
- Percentage new registrations screened for TB. Numbers of TST undertaken.

#### Methods of analysis
Intention-to-treat analyses using generalised estimation equations with a logit link to account for clustering were used to calculate TB cases. Poisson regression was used for tubulin skin tests and BCG coverage.

### Service delivery results (intervention v comparator)

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<td>Proportion new patients attending registration health check</td>
<td>52% (23,573/44,986) v 47% (23,051/48,984)</td>
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<td>Proportion patients screened for TB at registration health check</td>
<td>57% (13,478/23,573) v 0.4% (84/23,051)</td>
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<td>TST undertaken</td>
<td>8.5% (1996/23,573) v 0.4% (84/23,051)</td>
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<td>BCG coverage</td>
<td>Rate: 26.8 per 1000 v 3.8 per 1000 Rate ratio: 9.52 (95% CI 4.0 – 22.7; ( p &lt; 0.001 ))</td>
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<td>Active TB Diagnosis</td>
<td>47% (66/141) v 34% (54/157) OR: 1.68 (95% CI 1.05 – 2.68; ( p = 0.03 ))</td>
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<td>Latent TB Diagnosis</td>
<td>19% (11/58) v 9% (5/68) OR: 3.00 (95% CI 0.98 – 9.20; ( p = 0.055 ))</td>
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### Notes and other information

#### Author conclusions
The educational outreach intervention promoting TB screening and health registration checks improved diagnosis of active and latent TB, thus improving active case finding. It also increased BCG coverage almost seven times. Screening identified more than a third of the extra active TB cases diagnosed in primary care. The authors also suggest the intervention was mediated by promotion of screening and raising clinicians’ awareness of TB.

#### Author limitations
The study was limited in that they were able to measure the proportion of cases identified rather than changes in identification rate. This measurement would have required a much larger sample size.

#### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy
Future research should test more effective ways to detect latent TB, perhaps using serological immunodiagnostic tests. More evidence is also needed to show effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of screening method, site, and target population.

#### Source of funding
UK Department of Health, Primary Care Studies Programme and Ad Hoc Funding

#### Limitation identified by review team
As noted by the researchers, participants and practitioners may have been aware of which group they were allocated to as it was not possible to blind them to the presence or lack of a new TB screening programme.
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### Hall 2010

**Authors:** Hall J, Bethell S, Hellern S et al.  
**Year:** 2010  
**Citation:** Evaluation of TB Peer Educators – Essential Partners in Metropolitan TB Control. Thorax 65(4)  
**Location:** London, UK  
**Aim of study:** To improve service access and uptake of TB screening among hard-to-reach groups  
**Study design:** Before and after  
**Quality score:** -  
**External validity score:** +  

### Population and setting

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<td>Former TB patients with a history of homelessness and drug/alcohol dependence were trained as peer educators to work alongside mobile screening units and TB service.</td>
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### Recruitment strategy

**Recruited:** May 2009-February 2010

### Sample sizes:

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### Baseline comparisons

**NA**

### Power of study

**NR**

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

**Outcomes**  
**Follow up period** NR

### Service delivery results

**Screening uptake (diagnostic delay)**

**Following TB peer educator training of homeless shelter hostel workers:** 75%

**Pre (presumably before peer educators):** 44%  
(p value not reported)

**Other results**

Peers recruited 3200 hard-to-reach clients at 101 screening sessions resulting in 45 hospital referrals. Interviews with service users highlighted importance of peer educators in raising TB awareness and promoting service access.

### Notes and other information

**Author conclusions**

Trained peer educators can improve service access and TB screening uptake in the short and medium term in hard-to-reach groups.

**Author limitations**

Limited information from abstract.
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**Hayward, 2010**

**Authors:** Hayward, J., Murray, D., Iny, I., Jarrett, J., Lonergan, K., Pillas, D., & Seager, S.  
**Year:** 2010  
**Citation:** London TB Service Review and Health Needs Assessment. Public Health Action Support Team (PHAST) Final Project Report.  
**Location:** London, UK  
**Aim of study:** Aim was to assess performance of five sector-wide clinical networks against local standards across London.  
**Study design:** Local report  
**Quality score:** Not addressed by CA  
**External validity score:** Not addressed by CA

#### Population and setting

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<td>29 TB services in London were identified and sent survey questionnaire and were included in review. The services were in five sectors: North Central London, North East London, North West London, South East London, and South West London.</td>
<td>TB service clinics around London providing outpatient and inpatient services in 2009.</td>
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#### Power of study

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#### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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### Follow up period

| NA |

### Service delivery results

#### Diagnostic delay (referred to as prompt diagnosis)

Prompt diagnosis was reported in two metrics: TB samples processed with liquid culture technology and all sputum smears should be available within one working day of sample reaching laboratory.

- 29/29 services reported prompt return of sputum smear results were in place.
- 29/29 services reported use of liquid cultures.

#### Treatment completion

Percent notifications completing treatment within one year in 2008:

- North Central: 80.0% (456 persons completed treatment)
- North East: 84.0% (761 persons)
- North West: 81.6% (929 persons)
- South East: 85.1% (430 persons)
- South West: 82.8% (308 persons)
- London Total: 82.6% (2888 persons)
- Clinic rates ranged from 61.1% (West Middlesex: 66 persons) – 94.6% (Whipps Cross: 122 persons)

#### Contact tracing

Services reported following NICE guidelines for contact tracing (actual number of services reporting this NR). However, as there is no standardised protocol for reporting this, services report they do not have the ability to measure contact tracing as an indicator of service performance.

### Other results

#### DOT use during 2009

- Overall London: 8.5% (304/3571 notifications)
- Range: 0% (Bromley) – 31.8% (Mayday)

Details on service structure, staffing ratios, and service settings noted in case study background, but not within the full extraction.

### Attrition details

#### Individual services:

- In 2008, cases lost to follow-up ranged from 1 case in Newham to 9 lost in Northwick Park and West Middlesex.

#### Sectors:

- In 2008, ranged from 1.1% (10) notified cases in NE London to 3.2% (35) notified cases in NW London.

### Notes and other information

#### Author conclusions

London needs to be brought under improved control using a London-wide structure for leadership and decision-making. A manual of TB pathways and protocols for London is needed (based on the New York equivalent).

#### Author limitations

The present review was a pragmatic survey with the purpose of making broad comparisons and conclusions about London TB services within a limited about of time. Thus detailed information is limited and often incomplete. Due to the self-reported nature of data provided, the information is subject to bias.

#### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy

A number of recommendations were made including the setting up of a TB control board, standardisation of clinical policy and practice, and specific performance metrics.

#### Source of funding

Commissioned by the London TB Commissioning Board

#### Limitation identified by review team

Review was conducted prior to restructure of NHS and thus may not reflect structures of current TB services.

Review is limited to London and may not be generalisable to service structure, service delivery, and TB population in other parts of UK.
## Jit 2011

| Authors: | Jit, M., Stagg, H.R., Aldridge, R.W., White, P.J., & Abubakar, I. |
| Year: | 2011 |
| Citation: | Dedicated outreach service for hard to reach patients with tuberculosis in London: observational study and economic evaluation. BMJ, 343. |
| Location: | London, UK |
| Aim of study: | Overall aim was to determine cost effectiveness of the Find and Treat service. The economic data has previously been extracted. This extraction is of the clinical data from a retrospective cohort which was used to inform the compartmental model. |
| Study design: | Economic evaluation alongside a cohort study |
| Quality score: | ++ (economic evaluation checklist) |
| External validity score: | ++ (economic evaluation checklist) |

### Population and setting

| Source population | Persons with TB in London. |
| Eligible population | Persons with active TB who were targeted by the Find and Treat service for being in a hard to reach group. Hard to reach groups defined as persons in drug treatment services, and hostels or day centres for homeless and impoverished people. |
| Selected population | Persons with records in the Find and Treat database between September 2007 and September 2010. |
| Excluded population | Persons with non-pulmonary TB as this wouldn’t be detected by chest x-ray. |

| Population characteristics (Intervention v Comparator) | NR |
| Setting | Community, including hostels, homeless shelters and day centres |
| Location | London, UK |

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

| Method of allocation | NA |
| Method to minimise confounding | Comparators were age matched with persons detected by Find and Treat services and had one or more risk factors. Risk factors included history of homelessness or imprisonment, drug or alcohol abuse, or mental health issues. |
| Recruitment strategy | NA |
| Sample sizes: | Intervention N= 416 (48 identified by mobile screening unit, 188 cases referred for case management support, 180 cases referred for loss to follow-up) |
| | Comparator N= 252 |
| Baseline comparisons | NA |
| Power of study | NR |

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

| Outcomes | Treatment completion. Loss to follow-up. Diagnostic delay. |
| Follow up period | NA |
| Methods of analysis | Proportions for clinical data. Economic evaluation used a discrete, multiple age cohort, compartmental model. |

### Service delivery results
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<td>If in subsequent year of treatment: 67.1% v 56.8%</td>
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<td>Cases referred to Find and Treat service for case management support due to complex issues: 61.2% v 51.7%</td>
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<td>Cases under treatment referred to Find and Treat service because of loss to follow-up: 41.0% v 40.8%</td>
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<td><strong>Diagnostic delay</strong></td>
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<td>Estimated proportion of patients with the longest delays between symptom onset and treatment presentation found by Find and Treat service who likely would not have presented for treatment otherwise: 22.9%</td>
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<td>Lost to follow-up after one year in previously untreated cases: 2.1% v 17.2%</td>
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<td>Lost to follow-up after one year in complex patients: 2.6% v 34.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Author limitations</strong> The model used was based on patients with at least one risk factor in London’s enhanced tuberculosis surveillance system who presented for care. However, the Find and Treat service often manages hard to reach patients who would not present for care in the absence of the service. Due to the lack of randomisation between cases managed and not managed by the Find and Treat service there some uncertainty about the robustness of the outcomes, which may have underestimated the benefit of the service.</td>
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<td><strong>Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy</strong> The authors recommend study use of “point of care testing” within community outreach settings, such as with the mobile x-ray unit. They also recommend a randomised trial evaluate patients who are and are not managed by the Find and Treat service to confirm estimates of the service’s benefits.</td>
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<td><strong>Source of funding</strong> English Department of Health</td>
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<td>Methods of study were focused on modelling cost effectiveness of the service rather than measuring the outcomes and benefits of the service itself.</td>
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<td>In addition, the service was used among hard to reach groups in London and may not be generalisable to other populations.</td>
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## London Health Programmes 2011

**Authors:** NHS publication

**Year:** 2011

**Citation:** Case for change: TB services in London. London Health Programmes. NHS.

**Location:** London, UK

**Aim of study:** Aim of report was to describe specific problems with the way TB services in London were planned, organised and managed. For the purpose of the present review results on treatment completion were extracted.

**Study design:** Local report

**Quality score:** Not addressed by CA

**External validity score:** Not addressed by CA

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| Excluded population | |
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### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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| Recruitment strategy | |
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| Sample sizes: | |
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| **Total sample** N= 3,302 new TB cases in London in 2010; sample size from treatment completion results NR. | |

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| Comparator | |
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| N= NA | |

| Baseline comparisons | |
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| NA | |

| Power of study | |
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| Follow up period | |
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### Service delivery results

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<td>Proportion new TB notifications among London residents completing treatment within one year of notification in 2010: South East: 88.9% North Central: 87.6% South West: 86.9% North West: 86.7% North East: 85.1%</td>
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| Attrition details | |
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| NR | |
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<th>London total: 86.6%</th>
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<td>Treatment completion rates fell below 85% in: Camden, Islington, City &amp; Hackney, Havering, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, Hammersmith &amp; Fulham, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Bromley, Kingston, and Richmond &amp; Twickenham. Treatment completion rates were lowest in Tower Hamlets (79%).</td>
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### Notes and other information

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<td>Although the London proportion of new TB cases successfully completing treatment was slightly above the target of 85%, rates varied across PCTs with several scoring below the target.</td>
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<td>A number of recommendations were set out in a separate report (Model of Care for London) around: early detection and diagnosis of treatment; improving commissioning; and addressing variability in practice.</td>
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# Limitation identified by review team

The reasons for differences in treatment completion rates across London were not fully discussed.
### Story 2009

**Authors:** Story, A., Windish, P., Hall, J.et al.  
**Year:** 2009  
**Citation:** “Find & Treat”: Returning the Lost Back to Local Tuberculosis Services. Thorax, 64(Suppl IV), A104.  
**Location:** London, UK  
**Aim of study:** The aim was to describe practical steps taken by a Find & Treat service to return hard-to-reach TB patients to TB services in London.  
**Study design:** Local report  
**Quality score:** Not addressed by CA  
**External validity score:** Not addressed by CA  

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| **Population** | Of 133 hard-to-reach active cases who were referred to Find & Treat service: Men: 74%; UK-born: 34%; pulmonary TB: 77%; pulmonary TB sputum smear positive: 55%; culture confirmed: 66%; drug-resistant: 15%; smear positive drug resistant: 12%; receiving DOT from treatment onset: 38%.  
| **Setting** | Community  
| **Location** | London, UK  

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| Eligible population | Hard-to-reach persons with active TB in London who had disengaged prior to treatment completion and lost to follow-up.  
| Selected population | Hard-to-reach active TB cases in London which have been referred to the Find & Treat service by other TB services since October 2007.  
| Excluded population | NR  

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| **Method of allocation** | NA  
| **Method to minimise confounding** | NA  
| **Recruitment strategy** | NA  
| **Sample sizes:** |  
| **Total sample** N= 133 cases referred to F&T |  
| **Intervention** | The F&T service was introduced to find hard-to-reach TB patients who had been lost to follow-up and return them to TB services for care.  
| **Comparator** | NA  
| **Baseline comparisons** | NA  
| **Power of study** | NA  

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| **Outcomes** | Treatment completion. Cases returned to treatment following referral to F&T. Outcomes of cases referred to F&T.  
| **Follow up period** | NA  

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| **Proportion cases referred to F&T service who were returned to treatment services:** | Still were on treatment: 33% (29/89)  
| Overall: 67% (89/133) | Died of TB: 6% (5/89)  
| Drug-resistant: 8.9% (10/89) | Transferred out: 7% (6/89)  
| Other outcomes of cases referred to F&T service: | Treatment stopped by clinicians as case considered too  

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### Treatment completion
Of cases referred to F&T service: 38% (34/89)

### Attrition details
socially chaotic to treat: 17% (15/89)

### Notes and other information

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<td>It is possible to find and return hard-to-reach TB patients to treatment services. This service can impact public health outcomes for patients lost to follow-up.</td>
<td>The present article is an abstract and thus provides limited information on the F&amp;T service and demographics of hard-to-reach persons found by the service.</td>
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NR: Not reported.
UK Non-London urban (5 studies)

Browne 2013

**Authors:** Browne, C., Munang, M.L., Evans, J.S., Smith, E.G., Khanom, S., Hawkey, P., Kunst, H., Welch, S., & Dedicoat, M.

**Year:** 2013

**Citation:** Impact of TB Cluster Investigation in a New Migrant Community. Thorax, 68(Suppl 3), A119.

**Location:** High incidence area, UK

**Aim of study:** The aim was to identify whether a social network cluster investigation could identify whether recent TB transmission had occurred within a new migrant community.

**Study design:** Local report

**Quality score:** Not addressed by CA

**External validity score:** Not addressed by CA

### Population and setting

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<td>Eligible population</td>
<td>Persons with TB originating from a single country in a new migrant community in a high incidence area.</td>
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<td>Selected population</td>
<td>Persons with TB originating from a single country residing in a high incidence area from 2009-2012.</td>
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<td>Excluded population</td>
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#### Population characteristics (intervention v comparator)
- Median number of years in UK: 4

#### Setting
- Private homes and places of worship in a new migrant community in a high incidence area, UK.

#### Location
- Urban - high incidence area, UK. (Possibly limited to Birmingham)

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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#### Sample sizes:
- **Total sample** N= 66 occurred between 2009-2012
- **Intervention** N= 56 of 66 cases interviewed
- **Comparator** N= NA

#### Baseline comparisons
- NA

#### Power of study
- NR

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

#### Outcomes
- Contact tracing. Treatment completion. Epidemiological links. MIRU-VNTRs strain typing*. Screening completion.

#### Methods of analysis
- Proportions. Interquartile range.

### Service delivery results

#### Contact tracing
- Interviewed in homes: 85% (56/66)
- Epidemiologically linked to index case*: 23
- MIRU-VNTRs* strain typing available: 79% (19/24)
- Additional contacts self-identified for screening: 77
- Of these patients, 77% (59/77) completed screening.

#### Other results
- As a result of the cluster investigation the Tb service were invited to speak at a religious service and two community members became involved in raising awareness.

#### Attrition details
- NR
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<td>LTBI cases treated: 16</td>
<td><strong>Author conclusions</strong> The social network cluster investigation built trust within the new migrant community to allow access to TB services. The community has an increased awareness of TB which will reduce diagnostic delays in the future.</td>
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<td>BCG vaccinations administered: 7</td>
<td><strong>Limitation identified by review team</strong> The present article is an abstract and thus provides limited detail on the intervention implemented and population demographics.</td>
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<td>Undergoing assessment: 13</td>
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**# Index case was a prominent community member who had been symptomatic for 10 months.**

**MIRU-VNTRs:** 24 loci mycobacterial interspersed repetitive unit-variable number tandem repeats strain typing. 12 cases had identical strain type to index case.
### King 2009

**Authors:** King, R., Carter, M.J., Mungall, S.B., & Hetzel, M.R.

**Year:** 2009

**Citation:** Does a Specialist TB Nurse Service Improve Outcome? Thorax, 64(Suppl IV), A121-122

**Location:** Bristol, UK - Urban

**Aim of study:** The aim of the study was to retrospectively evaluate whether two community-based TB nurses could improve treatment compliance and improve cost-effectiveness compared to the former hospital-based clinic system.

**Study design:** Before and after study

**Quality score:** +

**External validity score:** ++

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<td>Persons with TB</td>
<td>Retrospective evaluation of case records of TB patients referred to two community-based TB nurses in Bristol.</td>
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| Excluded population | |
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| Persons with TB partially treated prior to referral, given chemoprophylaxis, changed diagnosis or died within first month of treatment. | |

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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<td>Information from cases notified to the Health Protection Agency in 2006.</td>
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| Sample sizes: | |
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| Total sample N= 147 | |
| **Intervention** N= 64 (64 of 117 referred patients suitable for audit) | |
| Comparator 1 N= 22 | |
| Comparator 2 N= 61 | |

| Baseline comparisons | |
|----------------------||
| NR | |

| Power of study | |
|---------------||
| NR | |

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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Presented for cost-effectiveness analysis of service compared to previous hospital-based system.

### Follow up period
NA

### Service delivery results

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<th>Assessed for requiring DOT:</th>
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<td>2008: 92% (59/64)</td>
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<td>2006a: 5% (1/22)</td>
<td>Mean contacts per patient : 15</td>
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<td>The TB nurse service introduced led to statistically significant improvement in all standards audited. Thus, the service provides better care than previous hospital-based clinics and improved attendance.</td>
<td>As the paper is an abstract limited information is provided for population demographics and the intervention implemented.</td>
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Source of funding

NR

# This study was also included in the economics review - see economics review for further details of the economic component of this study.
Lynch 2013

**Authors:** Lynch, C.A., Sabah, S., Dedicoat, M., & Kunst, H.

**Year:** 2013

**Citation:** Does a Direct Radiology Referral System to a Rapid Access Tuberculosis Clinic Improve TB Diagnosis? Thorax, 68(Suppl 3), A86.

**Location:** UK - Urban

**Aim of study:** The aim of the study was to evaluate whether referral of patients with chest radiographs suggestive of pulmonary TB to a rapid access TB clinic could reduce diagnostic delay.

**Study design:** Retrospective cohort study

**Quality score:** +

**External validity score:** +

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<td>Persons with TB in Centre of England.</td>
<td>Diagnosed with active TB: 50% (111/223); mean age: 38 years (range 16-83); male: 56% (62/111); from Indian subcontinent: 55% (61/111); from Africa: 19% (22/111); UK-born: 22% (25/111); from other countries: 1% (3/111); pulmonary TB: 72% (80/111); smear positive pulmonary TB cases: 59% (47/111); extra-pulmonary TB cases: 25% (28/111); drug sensitive cases: 93% (103/111); drug-resistant cases: 7% (8/111)</td>
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| Eligible population | |
| TB patients with features of active TB on chest radiograph referred to a rapid access TB clinic at a centre of England tertiary referral centre. | |

| Selected population | |
| Eligible persons referred to the rapid access TB clinic from November 2008 – May 2013. | |

| Excluded population | NR |

| Methods of allocation to intervention/control |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| **Method of allocation:** NA | **Intervention** |
| **Method to minimise confounding:** NR | Referral to a rapid access TB clinic between November 2008 and May 2013. Chest radiographs were reviewed by TB consultants who arranged clinic appointments according to degree of suspicion of active TB. |
| **Recruitment strategy:** NA | **Comparator** |
| **Sample sizes:** | NA |
| **Total sample** | N= 223 cases referred to rapid access TB clinic |
| **Intervention** | N=223 cases referred to rapid access TB clinic (111 diagnosed with active TB) |
| **Comparator** | N= NA |

| Baseline comparisons: NA |

| Power of stud: NR |

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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<td>Diagnostic delay: Days from referral to clinic review. Days from referral to rapid access TB clinic and starting treatment.</td>
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| Follow up period | |
| NR | |

### Service delivery results

| Overall: Cases seen within 14 days of rapid access radiology referral: 92% (102/111) Cases started on anti-TB treatment within 28 days radiology referral: 72% (80/111) | Days from radiology referral to rapid access TB clinic and starting anti-TB treatment: Smear positive pulmonary TB (47/111): Admitted: 2 |
| Days from radiology referral to rapid access TB clinic and clinic review: Smear positive pulmonary TB (47/111): Admitted: 2 | | < 5 days: 13 5-14 days: 23 14-28 days: 5 > 28 days: 4 |
| Culture positive pulmonary TB (33/111): | | |
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**Attrition details**

Four TB patients referred to the rapid access TB clinic did not attend.

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Monk 2014

Authors: Monk, P.
Year: 2014
Citation: "Tuberculosis in Leicestershire". Annual TB Update 2014. Public Health England. P.6
Location: Leicestershire, UK
Aim of study: The aim was to assess whether a rapid access service for patients with suspicious X-rays and positive microbiology could reduce diagnostic delay and the overall burden of TB in Leicester.
Study design: Regional report
Quality score: Not addressed by CA
External validity score: Not addressed by CA

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Intervention
In 2005 a rapid access service (modelled on approach for lung cancer) was established to enable GPs to rapidly assess patients with suspected TB. This was done by linking radiology and microbiology to the TB service so patients with suspicious X-rays and positive microbiology would be offered next day appointments.

Comparator
A comparison was made over time, with data on outcomes available from 2001 onwards before the introduction of rapid access service.
Notes and other information

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<td>The introduction of a rapid access service and establishment of a TB Board for Leicester has impacted on the smear positive cases, reducing the burden of infection and reducing the overall number of TB cases.</td>
<td>The present article is a small part of a larger TB report and provides very limited data on the intervention implemented. No data is provided on the number of patients who used this service or their specific outcomes. It also is not clear if any other changes to TB services or the rate of TB in Leicestershire occurred during the study period which may have accounted for some of the changes in TB cases.</td>
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### Verma 2011

**Authors:** Verma R, Lee J, Halder P, and Woltmann G. P54 Impact of rapid access system for the early referral of suspected TB cases. Thorax 66: A90.

**Year:** 2011

**Citation:** Impact of rapid access system for the early referral of suspected TB cases. Thorax 66: A90.

**Location:** UK - Urban

**Aim of study:** The aim of the study was to evaluate whether differences exist in disease characteristics and time to diagnosis with the rapid referral system, compared with other diagnostic pathways.

**Study design:** Retrospective cohort study

**Quality score:** +

**External validity score:** +

### Population and setting

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### Population characteristics (intervention v comparator)

- Mean age: 36.4 v 41.6 years (p>0.05); male: 54% v 51% (p>0.05); from Indian subcontinent: 191 v 226 (p>0.05); pulmonary smear positive TB: 32 v 35 (p>0.05); pulmonary smear negative TB: 41.6 v 16.2 (p<0.03); non-pulmonary TB: 26 v 48 (p<0.04).

### Setting

- Health service
- Location: Leicester, UK

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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### Sample sizes:

- Total sample: N= 588 TB patients
- Intervention: N=288
- Comparator: N= 300

### Baseline comparisons: NA

### Power of study: NR

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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### Follow up period

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### Service delivery results (intervention v comparator)

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<td>Average duration of symptoms smear positive pulmonary TB (days) 60.2 v 95.9 (p=0.03)</td>
<td>% associated with contacts 81.6 v 90 (p&gt;0.05)</td>
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<td>Average duration of symptoms smear negative pulmonary TB (days) 80.4 v 100.1 (p&gt;0.05)</td>
<td>Mean number of contacts 4.57 v 4.91 (p&gt;0.05)</td>
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<td>Average duration of symptoms non-pulmonary TB (days) 78.4 v 122.1 (p=0.03)</td>
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demographics.
**UK Rural (1 study)**

**Abubakar 2006**

**Authors:** Abubakar, I., Chalkley, D., McEvoy, M et al.

**Year:** 2006

**Citation:** Evaluating compliance with national guidelines for the clinical, laboratory and public health management of tuberculosis in a low-prevalence English district. Public health. 120:155-60

**Location:**

**Aim of study:** 1) to review the clinical management of TB; 2) to determine if all cases of TB in a local hospital were reported to the ‘proper officer’; 3) to ascertain the extent of follow-up of identified contacts

**Study design:** Audit

**Quality score:** Not available from CA checklist used

**External validity score:** Not available from CA checklist used

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<td>TB cases in rural England district (East and North Hertfordshire)</td>
<td>46.9% Female; Median age: 48.5 years; 40.6% Caucasian; 37.5% Indian Subcontinent; 47% (15/32) non-UK-born; 62% pulmonary TB; 45.5% HIV positive (of 11 tested)</td>
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<td>Any patients with confirmed TB in the targeted area</td>
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**Confirmed TB case defined as either culture-confirmed TB or based on clinician’s judgement, clinical and/or radiological signs and/or symptoms compatible with TB diagnosis and on whom clinician decided to treat with full course of anti-TB treatment**

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<td>Eligible patients who attended between 1 April 2002 and 30 November 2003</td>
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| Excluded population | |
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### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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<td>-public health (including notification and follow-up of close contacts) management of patients by an ‘appropriate clinician’ -facilities and support -case management -measures to reduce transmission</td>
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<td>Search of all statutory notifications of cases to the proper officer, district enhanced surveillance database, pathology database, local microbiology laboratory data, hospital administration records, paper records held by TB nurse and the pharmacy database.</td>
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| Sample sizes: | |
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| Total sample N= 32 | |
| Intervention N= NA | |
| Comparator N= NA | |

| Baseline comparisons | |
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| Power of study | |
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### Service delivery results

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<td>TB cases reported to ‘proper officer’:</td>
<td>‘Several cases’ were encountered where the national recommendation of minimum 1 nurse for every 50 notifications per year did not provide enough resources</td>
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<td>81.2% (26/32) cases reported to ‘proper officer’</td>
<td>21 had sputum smear test for AFB – 48% positive (average 9.3 days, SD 23.5 days to obtain result)</td>
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<td>90.6% were on TB treatment</td>
<td>52% (13/22 tested) had culture + disease</td>
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<td>2 not on treatment at time of audit due to adverse reactions – subsequently resumed therapy.</td>
<td>2 drug-resistant TB</td>
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<td>82% had 2-24 contacts (2 cases had wider contacts)</td>
<td>During audit process:</td>
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<td>73.4% (91/124) contacts seen by specialist nurse</td>
<td>7 died (1 unrelated to TB)</td>
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<td>2 patients refused to give contact names</td>
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<td>54.9% contacts had BCG scar/history</td>
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<td>7 needed treatment</td>
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<td>3 had abnormal chest x-ray</td>
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### Clinical management of contacts:  

| Compliance rates did not significantly vary by age, ethnicity, gender or place of birth. |
| 12 days (SD 13) average referral time to respiratory physician (11/32 had a recorded referral time) |
| 12.9 h (SD 46.6h) average time from requesting the chest x-ray results to reaching the managing clinician |
| 19% patients were not notified (2 were 'out-of-district') |
| All TB/HIV co-infected notified to proper officer (GUM clinics not aware of 1 patient) |
| 18 admitted to hospital: 55% had risk assessment prior to admission; 61% (11/18) care plan in case notes |
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<td>A small number of patients are still not notified.</td>
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<td>Ensuring TB specialist nurse early in course of illness improves initiation of prompt contact tracing.</td>
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<td>Guidelines definitions of casual and close contacts are not clear enough in practice, which can lead to difficulties in contact tracing.</td>
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<td>Anxiety among clinical and non-clinical staff in low-prevalence areas is not recognised enough and this can complicate the management of contacts.</td>
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### Author limitations

Small sample size limits generalisability

### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy

Recommend the routine monitoring of national standards within the hospital. Availability of rapid diagnostic tests would improve care by limiting delayed diagnosis.

### Source of funding

NR
### UK Prison (1 study)

**Ahmed 2007**

**Authors:** Ahmed, S., Newton, A., & Allison, T.  
**Year:** 2007  
**Citation:** Tuberculosis in a Yorkshire Prison: Case Report. Eurosurveillance. 12:7-9  
**Location:** Yorkshire, UK  
**Aim of study:** To conduct and report on the contact tracing of a TB case in a Yorkshire prison  
**Study design:** Cross sectional  
**Quality score:** Not addressed by CA checklist  
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<td>For prison contacts: those who spent less than 30 cumulative hours with the case</td>
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| Population characteristics | Index TB case: 28 year old male prisoner of Pakistani origin with a diagnosis of pulmonary TB |
| Setting | Yorkshire prison |
| Location | Yorkshire, UK |

#### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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| Methods of analysis | Frequencies |

#### Service delivery results

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<th>Contact tracing of prisoners</th>
<th>Contacts selected using cumulative 30 hours cut-off point = 34/600 prisoners</th>
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| Contacts | Prisoners from training course contacts = 19  
Close friend contact = 1  
Prison officer contacts = 12  
Teacher contacts = 2 |

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<th>Contact tracing of family</th>
<th>Family contacts were managed by relevant CCDCs; 3 contacts were screened no cases were found.</th>
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<td>Contact tracing of hospital contacts</td>
<td>16 contacts were screened at the A&amp;E department were the prisoner spent 13 hours. No cases were detected.</td>
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| Attrition details | |
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### Number of people quantiferon positive = 3/34
- Prisoners from training course contacts = 1/19
- Prison officer contacts = 1/2
- Teacher contacts = 0/2

### Number of people with abnormal chest x-ray = 1/34
- Close friend contact = 0/1

### Number of people receiving therapy = 3/34
- Prisoners from training course contacts = 1/19 given 2 months prophylaxis
- Close friend contact = 1/1 given 6 months therapy
- Prison officer contacts = 1/2 given 3 months prophylaxis

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| **Author conclusions**  
The agreed upon selection criteria, screening tools and effective integrated community and hospital TB service resulted in the successful management of the incident. Challenges of dealing with TB in prisons include:  
- Movement of prisoners from one prison to another  
- Prisoner behaviour (e.g. tampering with tests)  
- Concerns/attitudes of prison staff  
- Relatively low prevalence leading to diagnostic delay  
Although guidelines are available for the management of TB in the community (for example, BTS and NICE guidelines) these may not be entirely suitable in a specialist setting and additional pragmatic measures may be necessary.  

| **Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy**  
It would be helpful if prison regulations allowed for restriction on movement of prisoners during investigation of a case or outbreak of a communicable disease. Development of mechanism to improve medical follow-up of released prisoners would be valuable. Need to raise awareness of TB among prisoners, prison officers and health care workers working in prisons.  

| **Source of funding**  
NR  

| **Limitation identified by review team**  
No data analysis, only frequencies reported  

| Courses contacts:  
1 refused  
4 prisoners released prior to screening (2 did not attend screening, 2 unknown attender/non-attender)  
Teacher contacts:  
1 declined Heaf test but completed blood test and chest x-ray |
### New York City (5 studies)

**Anger 2007**

| Authors: | Anger HA, Proops D, Harris TG, et al. |
| Year: | 2012 |
| Citation: | Active case finding and prevention of tuberculosis among a cohort of contacts exposed to infectious tuberculosis cases in New York City. CID, 2012, 54:1287-95. |
| Location: | New York City, USA. |
| Aim of study: | To assess the impact of contact investigation as an active case-finding modality and an opportunity for TB prevention. |
| Study design: | Retrospective cohort study. |
| Quality score: | + |
| External validity score: | + |

#### Population and setting

| Eligible population | Contacts of people with TB in NYC who had a known date of birth, were living in NYC, did not have an index case with MDR-TB, and did not have an index case aged 5 years old or less. |
| Selected population | Contacts of people with TB in NYC who could be evaluated. |
| Excluded population | People died during contact investigation, relocated during contact investigation, treated for active TB within 1 year prior to diagnosis of index case. |

#### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

| Method of allocation | NA |
| Method to minimise confounding | NR |
| Recruitment strategy | NA |
| Sample sizes: | |
| Total sample | N=36,606 contacts (of 5731 cases) |
| Intervention | N=30,561 contacts (of 5,182 cases) |
| Comparator | N=NA |

#### Baseline comparisons

| NA |

#### Power of study

| NR |

#### Outcomes and methods of analysis

| Outcomes | Proportion of contacts screened, LTBI diagnosis, chemoprophylaxis initiation, treatment completion. |
| Follow up period | Contacts were retrospectively followed up for 4 years after exposure. |
| Methods of analysis | Poisson regression, clustered cox proportional hazards regression, absolute risk reduction with 95% confidence intervals, and multivariate analysis. |

#### Service delivery results

| Contact tracing outcomes | 89% of contacts were eligible for TST testing (27,363/30,561) |
| 27.1% were TST-positive (8,270) |
| 48% were TST-negative (14,654) |
| Development of active TB | 46/6001 contacts developed active TB during the 4 year follow up |
| 22 of the cases had initiated chemoprophylaxis |
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| 7.2% were not tested (2,199) | 24 had not initiated treatment |
| 7.3% were window-negative TST (2,240) | The absolute risk reduction afforded by chemoprophylaxis was 1.1% (95% CI 0.6% to 1.9%). |
| 1% active TB (378) | Number needed to treat to prevent 1 TB case was 88 contacts (95% CI 53 to 164) within 4 years of exposure. |

### Treatment completion

| 47.9% completed LTBI treatment (3,642) | Attrition details |
| 29.2% did not complete LTBI treatment (2,219) | NA |
| 21% did not start LTBI treatment (1,596) | |
| 1.8% stopped LTBI treatment due to adverse events (140) | |

## Notes and other information

### Author conclusions
Contact investigation facilitates active case finding and TB prevention, even with suboptimal chemoprophylaxis completion rates.

### Author limitations
Due to the fact the study used data collected for routine purposes many contacts had missing data, including details on HIV status. The study was also unable to account for incident TB among contacts who moved outside of NYC.

### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research or policy
The effectiveness of contact investigation would likely be improved if chemoprophylaxis uptake and completion rates were increased through the use of shorter but equally effective chemoprophylaxis regimens.

### Source of funding
NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of TB control.

### Limitation identified by review team
Due to the nature of the study there is the potential for a high degree of confounding. This was not controlled for or discussed.
### Munsniff 2006a

**Authors:** Munsniff, S. S., Ahuja, S. D., King, L. et al.  
**Year:** 2006  
**Citation:** Ensuring accountability: the contribution of the cohort review method to tuberculosis control in New York City. International Journal of Tuberculosis Lung Disease 2006, 10:10  
**Location:** New York City  
**Aim of study:** To describe the methodology to implement cohort review in a large urban TB control program and make suggestions on how to initiate it in a variety of settings.  
**Study design:** retrospective cohort study  
**Quality score:** +  
**External validity score:** +

#### Population and setting

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<td>TB cases (as defined by CDC) in NYC reviewed by the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control (BTBC) at cohort review meetings.</td>
<td>57.1% sputum culture-positive <em>M. tuberculosis</em>; 64.7% positive sputum AFB smear results; 17.8% had <em>M. tuberculosis</em> isolated by culture from another respiratory specimen; 16.3% HIV-infected.</td>
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<td>All new and retreatment TB cases presented during the 16 cohort review meetings in 2004.</td>
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| Excluded population | |
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| NA                  | |

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<td>The NYC BTBC cohort review process* in 2004. This included a review of epidemiology, individual patient history and treatment, and assessment against national targets. As each case is presented cases are documented. Meetings are quarterly and results are sent to managers. <em>(BTBC developed the cohort review process in 1993)</em></td>
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<td>&quot;outcome indicators of [cohort review of] 1999 TB cases were also reviewed as an arbitrary (5 years back) point of comparison.&quot;</td>
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| Recruitment strategy | |
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| NA                   | |

| Sample sizes: | |
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| **Total sample** N= number of cases registered from 1989-2004 presented on graph and unable to extract figures. | **Intervention** N=1039 (TB cases in 2004) |
| **Comparator** N=1433 (TB cases in 1999) | |

| Baseline comparisons | |
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| NA                   | |

| Power of study | |
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| NA             | |

#### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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| Contact tracing.  
 ‘Treatment completion’ = cases who completed treatment within 365 days of treatment initiation.  
 ‘Likely to complete’ cases = not completed treatment at the time of cohort, but, barring any unforeseen complications, are likely to complete treatment within 365 days of treatment initiation.  
 ‘Cohort failures’ = did not complete treatment within 365 days due to treatment problems or poor adherence. | **NR** |

Issues identified during cohort review meetings:
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| Data issues (incorrect, unclear or unknown patient information); treatment issues (follow-up of drug regimen, clinical diagnosis, clinical procedures); case management issues (execution of standard procedures with TB cases); education and training issues (outreach to the community, private providers and/or Bureau of TB Control staff); contact investigation issues (e.g. not identified or delayed or not done); epidemiology issues (cases requiring expanded contact investigations and high-risk cases e.g. health care workers or cases living in congregate settings). |
| Follow up period |
| Each case followed by cohort review meetings until discharge from TB care |

| Service delivery results |
| Results |
| International indicators: |
| Treatment success: 2004 (n=996): 80.6% v 1999 (n=1406): 82.8% |
| National indicators for all new and retreatment cases: |
| ≥90% of newly diagnosed patients who began treatment completed treatment within 365 days, (excluding cases with isolates resistant to RMP, and cases who died): 2004: 86.5% v 1999: 85.7%; |
| ≥90% of cases appropriate for contact investigation will have contacts identified: 2004: 95.3% v 1999: 90.5%; |
| NYC indicators for all new and retreatment cases: |
| ≥50% of cases presented in cohort complete treatment at the time of cohort (excluding cases with isolates resistant to RMP, and cases who died): 2004: 49.7% v 1999: 69.2%; |
| ≥70% of patients eligible for DOT and have been on DOT 2004: 72.2% (median of 6 months of DOT at time of cohort review) v 1999: 66.1%; |
| Contact tracing |
| 2004: of 718 eligible cases, 5933 contacts identified 1999: of 1020 eligible cases, 5105 contacts identified Mean contact index: 2004: 8.3 v 1999:5.0 |
| Of evaluated, previous TB cases: 2004: 0.8% v 1999: 2.0% |
| Of the patients who were tested with TB: 2004: 1.0% v 1999: 1.8% |
| with LTBI: 2004: 27.2% v 1999: 31.7% |
| started on LTBI treatment: 2004: 90.5% v 1999: 88.2% |
| completed or were still on LTBI treatment at time of cohort: 2004: 82.9% v 1999:72.8% |
| Outcomes of 2004 NYC TB cases: |
| Treatment initiated for 98.4% By the cohort review (approx. 5-8 months after initial TB diagnosis): 45.3% completed treatment; 37.1% 'likely to complete'; 7.0% died prior to treatment completion; 3.7% 'cohort failures'; 3.2% defaulted; 2.1% transferred outside NYC. |
| Outcome indicators improved from 1999 to 2004: Patient deaths: -2.4% Contacts identified: +4.8% |

| Other results |
| NYC TB cases decreased by 72.7% from 1992 – 2004 Treatment success rates: increased by 26.7% between 1992 (62.8%) and 2004 (85.6%) |
| Treatment completion (met national objective of completing treatment within 365 days): 1992: 39.7% to 2004: 85.6% (p<0.001). |
| Tracking of issues raised during 2004 cohort review: 596 issues identified in 2004 among 424 patients Data issues: 55.0% Treatment issues: 13.8% Case management issues: 12.4% Contact investigation issues: 10.6% Epidemiology issues: 5.5% Education and training issues: 2.7% 76.5% of issues identified addressed within 30 days of cohort review meeting; 85.2% issues resolved by subsequent review. |

| Attrition details |
| 2.1% transferred outside NYC |

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### Author conclusions
Cohort review process is the BTBC’s most important method of programme evaluation. A systematic review of every TB case improved the quality of patient information, enhanced patient treatment and ensured accountability at all levels of the TB control program. Cohort review was considered an important method of programme evaluation for tracking national objectives and quantifying how TB control in NYC has improved and key to improving patient outcomes. The principles of the NYC cohort review process can be applied to areas of high and low TB incidence.

### Author limitations
Although there was improved patient care, limitations of the cohort review process was that they are time- and labour-intensive and are undertaken 5-8 months after treatment initiated, therefore some aspects of care cannot be assessed and it may be too late to intervene.

### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy
The general principles of cohort review can be applied to a broad range of public health issues, any programme that monitors and evaluates outcomes of patients or that requires intensive case management using a team of staff can use this method.

### Source of funding
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<td>This is specific to the NYC TB system: case management system, coordination of the BTBC and funding.</td>
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### Munsiff 2006b

**Authors:** Munsiff, S. S., Ahuja, S. D., Li, J. et al.  
**Year:** 2006  
**Citation:** Public-private collaboration for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis control in New York city. Int. J. Tuberc. Lung Dis. 10:6  
**Location:** New York City  
**Aim of study:** To evaluate treatment outcomes of primary multi drug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) patients treated by multiple providers.  
**Study design:** Retrospective cohort study  
**Quality score:** +  
**External validity score:** +

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<td>People with MDR-TB in New York City</td>
<td>Pulmonary (only) TB: 67%; Combined pulmonary &amp; extrapulmonary TB: 21%; Extrapulmonary (only) TB: 12%; median age: 39 years s range 4-90); Male: 68%; US-born: 81%; HIV-infected: 60%; died prior to treatment completion: 57%; positive culture within 30 days of death: 51%</td>
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<td>Diagnosis date of MDR-TB was defined as the collection date of the first specimen from which an MDR <em>M. tuberculosis</em> strain was isolated.</td>
<td>There was no difference in relation to race/ethnicity, homelessness, borough of residence, respiratory smear status (for pulmonary patients) over the study period.</td>
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<td>Patients with <em>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</em> isolates resistant to at least isoniazid and rifampin, and who had ≤30 days of anti-tuberculosis treatment prior to the collection of the first MDR-TB specimen</td>
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<td>From 1993 onwards a central MDR-TB Surveillance Coordinator oversaw regional MDR-TB coordinators assigned to each of the 5 NYC boroughs.</td>
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<td>Recruitment strategy</td>
<td>Regional MDR-TB staff coordinated flow of information to all concerned parties, including BTBC staff and the medical provider. MDT-TB case management was in addition to standard case management practices in place</td>
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<td>Total sample N= 856</td>
<td>Service in 1992: no specific MDR-TB unit or centralised MDR-TB surveillance coordinator.</td>
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<td>Intervention N= 553 (1993-1997 service; n=46 in 1997 service)</td>
<td>Direct observation of treatment was the ‘standard of care’ but voluntary in most cases.</td>
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<td>Treatment completion defined as at least 18 months of MDR-TB treatment with at least 12 months of treatment following the last negative culture</td>
<td>X² test, linear regression, Cox proportional hazards model</td>
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starting MDR-TB treatment, regardless disease site
Death before treatment completion.

Relapse defined as positive culture occurring after treatment completion

**Follow up period**
Until transferred out of NYC, were lost to follow-up prior to treatment completion, death, date of relapse or until 31 January 2001. Follow-up after treatment completion was passive.

### Service delivery results

#### Results

**Treatment completion**

- Whole cohort: 27% (27/102)
- Rates improved significantly over study period:
  - 43.5% in 1997 vs 11.6% in 1992 (p<0.001)

- Of patients given MDR-TB treatment (n=610):
  - Treatment completion: 37.2% (227/610)

- By HIV status (n=856):
  - HIV-infected: 17% (87/512)
  - Non-HIV-infected: 59.3% (105/177)
  - HIV unknown: 21% (35/167)

  Factors associated with treatment completion stratified by HIV status showed that patients with HIV infection were more likely to complete if diagnosed later in study period or had cavity chest radiograph.

**Death prior to treatment completion**

- Whole cohort: 57.2% (490/856)
- The proportion of patients who died prior to treatment completion:
  - 39.1% (18/46) in 1997 vs 69.0% (209/303) in 1992 (p<0.001)

- Patients given MDR-TB treatment (n=610) = 44.4% (271/610)
- Patients who received treatment but not MDR-TB treatment (175/856) = 92% (70.9% HIV-infected)
- Patients who received no treatment (71/856) = 90.1%

**Treatment failure**

- HIV-infected: 17.4% (89/512)
- Non-HIV-infected: 17.5% (31/177)
- HIV unknown: 5.4% (9/167)

**Relapse**

- Of patients who completed treatment (227/610) = 3.5% relapsed (8/227)
- Overall rate = 1.01 per 100 person-years of follow-up
  - Rate for HIV-infected = 2.06 per 100 person-years of follow-up
  - Rate for non-HIV-infected = 0.52 per 100 person-years of follow-up
  - Rate for HIV status unknown patients = 0.61 per 100 person-years of follow-up (p= 0.049).

#### Attrition details

16.0% (137/856) transferred out, refused treatment or were lost to follow-up

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### Notes and other information

**Author conclusions**

A comprehensive MDR-TB control programme improved the outcomes of both HIV-infected and non-infected individuals. Relapse was infrequent among patients who completed the recommended regimens. However, many patients still died before or despite receiving treatment.

**Limitation identified by review team**

May not generalise outside of NYC as substantial funding and infrastructure in place to combat MDR-TB in NYC.
MDR-TB treatment and a significant proportion were lost to follow-up.
The long duration of MDR-TB therapy can lead to greater risk of non-adherence to treatment.

**Author limitations**
The authors noted that reasons for changes in drug regimens and choice of particular drugs were not available.
The authors also noted that it was not feasible to collect data on adverse events or analyse outcomes based on specific drug regimen because of the complex individualised regimens/frequent changes due to intolerance.
They also did not have data on some clinical aspects that would have allowed correlation of outcomes with severity of HIV infection or measure the impact of highly active antiretroviral therapy on the survival of HIV-infected patients from 1997 onwards.

**Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy**
Use of evolving technology to obtain more rapid DST results could significantly improve treatment outcomes.

**Source of funding**
Supported by NYC Department of Health, BTBC programme funds.
## Pursnami 2014

**Authors:** Pursnani, S., Srivastava, S., Ali, S., Leibert, E., & Rogers, L.

**Year:** 2014

**Citation:** Risk Factors for and Outcomes of Detention of Patients With TB in New York City. An Update: 2002-2009. Chest 2014, 145:1

**Location:** New York City, United States

**Aim of study:** To examine the characteristics and outcomes of people detained for non-adherence to TB treatment

**Study design:** Retrospective cohort study

**Quality score:** Not addressed by CA checklist

**External validity score:** Not addressed by CA checklist

### Population and setting

| Source population | Patients undergoing TB treatment in the Bellevue Hospital  
| Excluded population | NA  

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<th>Population characteristics (Intervention v Comparator)</th>
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| Mean age: 42.16 years (SD 10.19) v 43.5 (SD15.36); Male: 65% v 77%; Black: 47% v 17%; Hispanic: 32% v 26%;  
| Asian:4% v 53%; White: 16% v 4%; Non-US born: 38% v 93%; HIV: 61% v 15%; Drug abuse: 52% v 13%; Alcohol abuse: 38% v 11%; Tobacco use: 77% v 15%;  
| Homelessness: 42% v 7%; Incarceration: 18% v 6%;  
| Mental illness: 25% v 9%; 1 chronic medical illness: 28% v 19%; >1 chronic medical illness: 13% v 11%; Pulmonary TB: 86% v 83%; Extrapulmonary TB: 0 v 11%; Both Pulmonary & Extrapulmonary TB: 14% v 6%; Drug resistance (any): 19% v 9%; SDR: 10% v 4%; MDR: 9% v 4%; Sputum smear positive: 23% v 17%; sputum culture positive: 46% v 44%  

| Setting |
| Hospital  
| Location |
| Bellevue Hospital, New York City  

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

| Method of allocation | NA  
| Method to minimise confounding | NR  
| Recruitment strategy |
| All those detained plus a comparator sample selected by every third record selected for data abstraction.  

| Sample sizes: |
| Total sample N= 149  
| Intervention N= 79  
| Comparator N= 70  

| Baseline comparisons | NA  
| Power of study | NR  

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

| Outcomes |
| Outcome of the detainment: Completion of treatment during hospitalisation or reduction to court-ordered out-patient DOT (CoDOT)  
| Risk factors for detainment  
| Follow up period |
| Duration of TB treatment  

| Methods of analysis  
| Fisher exact test, Wilcoxon-rank sum, Univariate and Multivariate logistic regression, stepwise multivariate logistic regression. $X^2$ test.
### Service delivery results

#### Treatment completion
Of the patients detained: 95% (75/79) completed treatment
- 58% (46/79) completed in-patient detention
- 37% (29/79) completed treatment under outpatient court-ordered DOT

Of patients undergoing DOT:
- 89% (62/70) completed treatment
- 1% (1/70) died
- 10% (7/70) lost to follow up

#### Other results

**Multivariate analysis** Independent predictors of detention (when controlling for other variables):
- Presence of substance abuse: OR 9.25 (95% CI 2.81-30.39, p<0.001)
- Mental illness: OR 5.80 (95% CI 1.18-28.51, p=0.03)
- Younger age: OR 0.96 (95% CI 0.91-1.00, p=0.05)

Less likely to be:
- Black: OR 0.15 (95% CI 0.02-1.23, p=0.077)
- Hispanic: OR 0.04 (95% CI 0.00-0.38, p=0.005)
- Asian: OR 0.01 (95% CI 0.00-0.09, p<0.001)

More likely to be:
- Smear positive: OR 3.93 (95% CI 1.05-14.75, p=0.04)
- Trend toward longer duration of culture conversion in hospitalised detainees v comparators: 41.0 ± 40.0 days v 17.5 ± 17.0 days, p=0.06

#### Attrition details
10% of DOT patients lost to follow up.

### Notes and other information

#### Author conclusions
Majority of patients undergoing court-ordered detention for TB treatment successfully completed therapy. Likelihood of detention was most strongly associated with mental illness and substance abuse.

#### Author limitations
Incomplete data on substance abuse in the DOT control group. Data on HIV status were missing frequently in both groups.

#### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy
There are challenges in providing medical care to vulnerable patients who may have difficulty recognising or articulating symptoms, may distrust or avoid health care system and have poor adherence to prescribed medication. There is a need for stronger coordination with mental health and substance abuse programmes to facilitate adherence to TB treatment.

#### Source of funding
NR

#### Limitation identified by review team
Findings potentially only relevant to NYC and NYC legislative landscape.
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## Udeagu 2007

**Authors:** Udeagu C-C N, Dorsinville MS, Munsiff SS et al.  
**Year:** 2007  
**Citation:** Evaluation of case management in tuberculosis control: a three-year effort to improve case management practices in New York City Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 11(10):1094–1100  
**Location:** New York City, NY, USA  
**Aim of study:** To describe a 3-year effort to identify factors associated with lapses in case management (CM) and to improve CM practices.  
**Study design:** Before-after (retrospective review)  
**Quality score:** +  
**External validity score:** +

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<td>2002 (n=131): 68% (90) confirmed TB cases, 17% with HIV-infected</td>
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<td>2004 (n=317): 99% (314) confirmed TB cases, with 19% HIV-infected.</td>
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<td>CDC Framework for programme evaluation of CM strategies in 2003-2005. Improvement strategies implemented including CM and related protocols were revised, training, appointment of a DOT working group to improve strategies for offering DOT and enrolling patients</td>
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### Baseline comparisons

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### Power of study

| NR |

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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<td>Patient education, patients offered DOT.</td>
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### Follow up period


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Knowledge of diagnosis: 36 vs 35; p=0.84
Offered DOT: 74 vs 32; p<0.001
Importance of monthly follow-up: 51 vs 24; p=0.001
Informing patients about availability of NY TB (BTBC) services: 61 vs 36; p<0.001
Knowledge of development of resistance: 61 vs 36 p<0.001

**Supervision %**
Patient records with no supervisor’s notes: 31 vs 50; p<0.0001
Addressed completeness of forms: 14 vs 15 ; p=0.73
Address inaccuracy of information: 11 vs 8 ; p=0.28

Patients vs other cases: 68% vs 64%;
Conduct interviews within 3 days:
for all patients:
(74% BTBC clinic case managers vs. 56%, non-BTBC patient case managers p= 0.001) for AFB-positive smear patients:
(87% BTBC clinic case managers vs. 69%, non-BTBC patient case managers p= 0.02).
Patients managed at BTBC clinics compared to non-BTBC were more likely to receive education on:
benefits of DOT (90% vs. 75%, p= 0.001) and to enrol in a DOT program (96% vs. 76%,p=0.0001).
57%(17/314) were non-adherent to treatment at any time during the course of their treatment and 23%(13) had more than one episode of non-adherence.

**Attrition details**
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**Netherlands (2 studies)**

**De Vries 2007**

**Authors:** de Vries, G., van Hest, R.A., & Richardus, J.H.
**Year:** 2007
**Citation:** Impact of Mobile Radiographic Screening on Tuberculosis among Drug Users and Homeless Persons. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 176:201-207
**Location:** Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Aim of study:** Describe trends and characteristics of TB among illicit drugs users and homeless persons with TB, evaluate four years of systematic screening, and determine effect of radiographic screening on transmission.

**Study design:** Retrospective quantitative before and after study

**Quality score:** +
**External validity score:** +

### Population and setting

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#### Population characteristics
Illicit drug users and homeless persons v other TB cases without this risk profile:
- Male: 73.8% v 59.7%; 0-19 yrs: 0.5% v 13.6%; 20-39 yrs: 56.3% v 48.4%; 40-59 yrs: 41.7% v 24.2%; 60+ yrs: 1.5% v 13.8%; born in Netherlands: 37.9% v 25.7%; previous TB history: 6.3% v 6.4%; HIV co-infection: 14.6% v 4.0%; pulmonary TB: 90.3% v 59.8%; positive sputum/bronchoalveolar lavage fluid smears: 59.7% v 48.4%; culture positive: 91.7% v 77.5%; drug resistant: 3.2% v 5.5%.

Population characteristics significantly different between groups for all characteristics except previous TB history and drug resistance (unadjusted p value).

**Setting**
Mobile TB screening in Rotterdam

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#### Sample sizes:
- **Total sample** N= 1,811
- **Intervention** N= 206 (homeless and drug users with TB)
- **Comparator** N= not reported

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### Outcomes and methods of analysis

#### Outcomes
TB cases found through active screening (contact investigation and screening) found during MDXU. Also reported treatment completion.

#### Methods of analysis
Demographics, including proportions. X² tests. Odds ratios. Multivariate logistic regression.
## Follow up period
NA

## Service delivery results

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<th>During 3 years and 8 months of screening programme the TB prevalence rate was 327 cases per 100,000 radiographs (28 TB cases out of 8559 chest X-rays taken in 3248 people).</th>
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<td>Proportion smear positive cases among illicit drug users/homeless persons:</td>
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<td>1997 – 2001: 58.0% (51/88)</td>
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## Other results

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<td>Proportion (illicit drug users/homeless persons vs TB cases in Rotterdam without risk profile): 79.1% vs 86.8% (p &lt; 0.05)</td>
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<td>Unadjusted OR (95% CI): 0.6 (0.4 – 0.8)</td>
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<td>** 25/28 (89.2%) cases identified through MDXU completed treatment.</td>
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<td>Contact investigations (active case findings):</td>
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<td>Proportion illicit drug users/homeless vs TB cases without risk profile: 40.3% vs 16.4%</td>
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<td>2002 (MDXU began) - 2005: p = 0.03</td>
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## Notes and other information

### Author conclusions
TB screening among illicit drug users and homeless persons with mobile digital X-ray units reduced the number of notified TB cases among these groups and transmission decreased. DNA fingerprinting is useful for evaluating the impact of screening programmes.

### Author limitations
NR

### Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy
The authors recommended that TB screening should be continued to prevent a resurgence of TB.

### Source of funding
NR

### Limitation identified by review team
This study is likely only generalizable to illicit drug users and homeless persons.
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### Lamberts-van Weezenbeek 2003


**Year:** 2003

**Citation:** Tuberculosis contact investigation and DNA fingerprint surveillance in The Netherlands: 6 years’ experience with nation-wide cluster feedback and cluster monitoring. Int J Tuberc Lung Dis, 7(12):S463-S470.

**Location:** The Netherlands

**Aim of study:** The aim of the study was to assess whether DNA fingerprint surveillance could enhance contact investigations.

**Study design:** Cohort

**Quality score:** +

**External validity score:** +

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<td>From 1995-2000, TB cultures were standardised by restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) typing. Those that clustered were reported to regional TB nurses, who complete questionnaires on contact investigations and epidemiological links.</td>
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<td>Questionnaires from 1995-2000 which clustered were revised. Questionnaires were completed for 91% of eligible cases.</td>
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**Sample sizes:**

**Total sample** N= 3,954 (reported to regional nurses)  
**Intervention** N= 3,602 (had completed questionnaires); N=2206 (after cluster feedback)  
**Comparator** N= 2206

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### Service delivery results

| Proportion contact investigations re-opened or extended: | 34/3602 (0.9%)  
This resulted in detection of 71 contacts with LTBI and 12 cases of smear-negative TB. |
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<th>Epi links established among clustered cases:</th>
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<td>After RFLP result: 24% (540/2206)</td>
<td>Documented contact involved in subsequent case in cluster: 21%</td>
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<td>Before RFLP result: 21% (462/2206)</td>
<td>Casual contact: 15.5%</td>
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<td>Epi links based on documented exposure:</td>
<td>Contact took place in different region: 9%</td>
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<td>After RFLP result: 550 epi links</td>
<td>Patient developed TB after passing contact investigation exam: 2%</td>
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<td>Before RFLP result: 357 epi links</td>
<td>Proportion epi links established via contact investigation but contradicted by RFLP result: 5%</td>
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<td>This was an increase of 35% (P &lt; .001)</td>
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**Notes and other information**

**Author conclusions**

DNA fingerprinting should be considered a complementary strategy which begins when conventional contract tracing ends. DNA fingerprinting has detected institutional deficiencies and provided a justification to address these problems. As such, the authors deemed that the €200,000 used to conduct DNA fingerprinting is money well spent.

**Author limitations**

NR

**Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy**

NR

**Source of funding**

Netherlands Ministry of Health

**Limitation identified by review team**

There was no attempt to formally assess the cost-impact or cost-effectiveness of the programme; thus the claim of 'money well spent' must be viewed with caution.
### Canada (2 studies)

**Richards 2005**

**Authors:** Richards, B., Kozak, R., Brassard, P., Menzies, D., & Schwartzman, K.

**Year:** 2005

**Citation:** Tuberculosis surveillance among new immigrants in Montreal. Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 9(8):858-864

**Location:** Montreal, Canada

**Aim of study:** Overall aim of study which is out of scope of review – measure performance of LTBI surveillance program among immigrants; Secondary aim which is within scope of review – physician adherence to LTBI management guidelines from Canadian Tuberculosis Standards

**Study design:** Audit

**Quality score:** CA scores not available

**External validity score:** CA scores not available

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<td>Physician treatment decisions adhered to guidelines in 331/379 (87%) patients.</td>
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<td>When standards recommended treatment: 193/203 (84%)</td>
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| physicians recommended treatment (correct); 10/203 (7%) did not recommend treatment (incorrect). | Age: per 10-year increase |
| When standards recommended NO treatment: 138/176 (93%) physicians did not recommend treatment; (correct).38/176 (16%) physicians recommended treatment (incorrect). | TST: 0.72 (0.62 – 0.83) |
| Clinicians with high-volume of patients more likely to recommend TST and LTBI treatment than clinicians with low-volume of patients : | LTBI treatment: 0.65 (0.51 – 0.83) |
| TST: 77% vs. 46% (p<0.001) | High-volume clinician: |
| LTBI treatment: 86% vs. 71% (p = 0.03) | TST: 3.9 (2.3 – 6.6) |

**Notes and other information**

**Author conclusions**
Overall physician adherence very good, especially as 93% patients ineligible for treatment appropriately discharged. Performance reduced by failure to refer potentially eligible patients for TST, even in experienced physicians. Decentralised programmes relying on diverse groups of community physicians more likely to perform poorly.

**Author limitations**
NR

**Evidence gaps and/or recommendations for future research and policy**
NR

**Source of funding**
NR

**Limitation identified by review team**
Population limited to immigrants in Montreal. Physician adherence evaluated using Canadian Tuberculosis Standards. Unclear how Canadian Tuberculosis Standards compare to WHO and UK-specific guidelines. Thus, may not be generalizable to broader or international populations.

# The main part of this study was on immigrant surveillance which is not within scope of this review. However, the paper did present information on physician adherence to Canadian LTBI guidelines, which is within scope. Only information pertaining to the physician adherence to Canadian LTBI guidelines is extracted here.
### Tian 2013

**Authors:** Tian, Y., Osgood, N.D., Al-Azem, A., & Hoeppner, V.H.  
**Year:** 2013  
**Citation:** Evaluating the Effectiveness of Contact Tracing on Tuberculosis Outcomes in Saskatchewan Using Individual-Based Modeling. Health Education & Behavior, 40(S), 98S-110S  
**Location:** Saskatchewan, Canada

**Aim of study:** The aim was to use an agent-based (individual-based) mode of contact tracing (CT) to investigate the effects of CT scope, speed, loss to follow-up, and prioritisation on TB incidence and prevalence in Saskatchewan to improve the effectiveness of CT.  
**Study design:** Agent-based modelling (ABM)  
**Quality score:** not addressed by CA  
**External validity score:** not addressed by CA

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**Population characteristics**  
The model population was constructed by initialising each agent (individual) with ethnic and historical attributes, a list of network contacts, and states regarding TB status, aging, and CT status. Population characteristics (ethnicity & age), birth rates, and death rates reflected Saskatchewan demographics and statistics.  
90% of the population was First Nations individuals. First Nations persons and younger age groups had a higher likelihood of TB infection and progression.  
Data population was obtained from authors' previous research, Saskatchewan Anti-TB League reports, the Saskatchewan TB Control database and reports, vital statistics for the Saskatchewan population, and secondary literature searches.  
Gender and family structures not represented by model for sake of simplicity.

**Setting**  
Hypothetical Aboriginal (First Nations tribes) community in Saskatchewan

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  **Intervention** N= NA  
  **Comparator** N= NA |
| Baseline comparisons | Scenarios were compared to a baseline condition of TB in the absence of contact tracing. |
| Power of study | NR |

**Intervention**  
The model produced 900 realisations across a 20-year time horizon to observe long-term outcomes of the four CT targets on cumulative TB cases. The CT parameters were drawn from estimates from Saskatchewan TB Control.  
CT targets:  
1) scope of CT  
2) speed of CT  
3) degree of loss to follow-up  
4) prioritisation for contacts awaiting tracing  
Comparator  
TB outcomes when four areas targeted compared to baseline of absence of contact tracing. The average cumulative TB incidence in the absence of CT (baseline) was 411.08 active TB cases.

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

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Barcelona (1 study)

Ospina 2013

**Authors:** Ospina JE, Orcau A, Millet J, et al.

**Year:** 2012

**Citation:** Community health workers improve contact tracing among immigrants with tuberculosis in Barcelona. BMC Public Health 2012; 12:158

**Location:** Barcelona, Spain

**Aim of study:** To determine the effectiveness of community health workers for contact tracing in a city with recent massive immigration

**Study design:** Quasi-experimental retrospective before and after study

**Quality score:** +

**External validity score:** +

### Population and setting

#### Source population
People with TB in Barcelona, Spain.

#### Eligible population
All TB cases registered by the Barcelona TB control programme between January 1st 2000 and December 31st 2005.

#### Selected population
Foreign born TB cases, both pulmonary and extra-pulmonary. A case was defined as an individual who is diagnosed with TB disease and is prescribed anti-TB treatment, including those who prematurely discontinue treatment for any reason

#### Excluded population
NA

### Methods of allocation to intervention/control

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### Recruitment strategy
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### Sample sizes:

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### Baseline comparisons
NA

### Power of study
NA

### Outcomes and methods of analysis

**Outcomes**
Proportion of contact tracing performed. Contact tracing was defined as at least one contact traced per TB patient.

**Follow up period**
2000-2002 for comparator
2003-2005 for intervention

### Service delivery results

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<td>Intervention = 66.2% (257/388)</td>
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### Population characteristics (intervention v Comparator)

| Male: 66.8% v 68.5%; Aged over 40: 18.5% v 21.9%; India-Pakistan: 28.9% v 23.8%; North Africa: 10.8% v 16.1%; Homeless: 7.5% v 8.4%; HIV: 9.3% v 8.6%; extrapulmonary TB: 26.8% v 27.8%. |

The population characteristics were statistically significantly different between groups for age, ethnicity, and district of residence.

### Setting
Community

### Location
Urban – Barcelona
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