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- Groundswell – supporting people affected by homelessness to attend health appointments
- Find & Treat Mobile Health Unit – Multi disciplinary team that Find & Treat people affected by homelessness across London for TB and HCV

Peers are integrated into the clinical team and trained to become equal members of the service

- BBV Testing
- Fibro-scanning
- Referral for treatment
- VOT (Video Observed Therapy)
- Case management and provide Peer support throughout treatment

Why it's important to be equal members

- Feeling valued and included
- Trust and Responsibility
- Gives the peer skills necessary to build a career
- Builds self-esteem and confidence
- Incredibly proud to be a part of something important

Challenges

- Overwhelming/Scary
- Relapse
- Boundaries – Patients and Employers
- Progressing at the right speed

Taking care of your Peers

- Using already established Peer organisations
- Relapse prevention
- 1-1 support
- Group counselling
- Career progression