



**UK National Screening Committee  
Infectious Diseases in Pregnancy Screening programme (IDPS)**

A pilot of the triage approach to assess whether existing population screening programmes should be continued

**Consultation comments pro-forma**

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	Whole document	BHIVA strongly supports the expert triage reports for antenatal syphilis, hepatitis B and HIV screening programmes in their conclusions that there is no evidence to justify exploring the cessation of these programmes. The sequelae of undiagnosed syphilis, HIV or hepatitis B are significant and entirely avoidable and for all three programmes the benefit of routine screening far outweighs any potential harm.

Please return to [screening.evidence@nhs.net](mailto:screening.evidence@nhs.net) by 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017