HIV Testing Incentive Scheme aimed at people who inject drugs with links to homeless accommodation

CONTEXT

• Cluster of HIV cases identified over a period of time amongst people who inject drugs with links to homelessness accommodation

 Local HIV Prevention and Support (BHA Wakefield) and Drug and Alcohol Services (Turning Point) involved to identify additional cases and minimise further transmission as part of a UKHSA led multi-agency response



ACTIVITY

- Outreach activity to raise awareness of HIV and encourage testing aimed at people who inject drugs with links to homelessness accommodation
- Multilingual leaflets distributed promoting HIV Point of Care Testing and available support services
- £5 food vouchers as an incentive to test to be used for hot or cold food and drinks
- White British heterosexual males aged 26-46 years old were the majority tested
- Partnership approach to increase engagement and avoid duplication

RESULTS



84 HIV tests undertaken



80 food vouchers given



1 positive HIV and 1 syphilis case identified



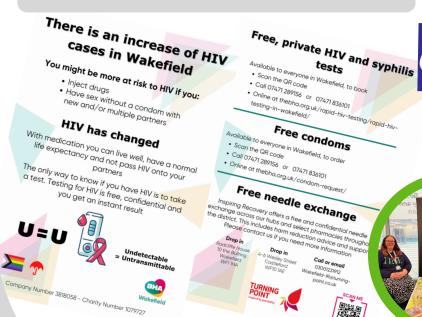
Contributed to an increase in HIV testing by 70%



Partnership working strengthened



Improved awareness of **HIV and support services**



"I didn't know you could get it through injecting, and I didn't know how to get tested"

"This means that I can eat today" "I wouldn't have tested really but the voucher made me do and I'm glad know now"

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