

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

There is an increase of HIV cases in Wakefield

You might be more at risk to HIV if you:

- Inject drugs
- Have sex without a condom with new and/or multiple partners

HIV has changed

With medication you can live well, have a normal life expectancy and not pass HIV onto your partners

The only way to know if you have HIV is to take a test. Testing for HIV is free, confidential and you get an instant result

U=U

Undetectable = Untransmittable



Free, private HIV and syphilis tests

- Available to everyone in Wakefield, to book
- Scan the QR code
- Call 07471 289156 or 07471 836101
- Online at thebha.org.uk/rapid-hiv-testing/rapid-hiv-testing-in-wakefield/

Free condoms

- Available to everyone in Wakefield, to order
- Scan the QR code
- Call 07471 289156 or 07471 836101
- Online at thebha.org.uk/condom-request/

Free needle exchange

Inspiring Recovery offers a free and confidential needle exchange across our hubs and select pharmacies throughout the district. This includes harm reduction advice and support. Please contact us if you need more information

Drop in
Radcliffe House
10 the Bullring
Wakefield
WF1 1HA

Drop in
4-6 Wesley Street
Coseford
WF10 1AE

Call or email
03001231912
Wakefield-@turning-point.co.uk



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“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 I know now”

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With thanks to BHA Wakefield and Turning Point

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