

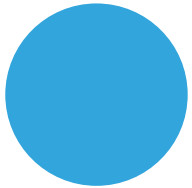
Screening considerations for LGBTQ+ populations

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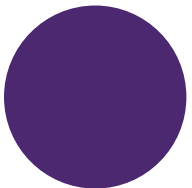
Emerging needs

Who are we seeing?



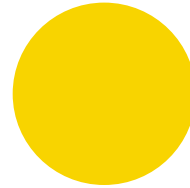
Asylum Seeking LGBTQ+ communities

Rising numbers of those from Central America seeking asylum and fleeing homophobic and transphobic gang based violence



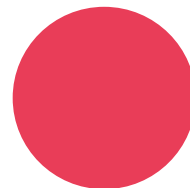
Trans communities

Getting the language right and offering safe and comfortable spaces continues to be of great importance- including for cis people having sex with Trans folks



WSW

The increasing fluidity and queerness of WSW does mean we have to be doing better when engaging this population in our services and ensuring they understand their sexual health



MSM

We continue to see a need for closeted gay men, or other MSM, for spaces to meet others, talk, listen and learn

Asylum Seekers

El Salvadorian MSM

- Central America has a higher than 1% HIV prevalence
- Growing numbers of Central American asylum seekers being dispersed across the Yorkshire & Humber region
- LGBT+ people are fleeing gang based violence
- Low use of condoms
- Hooking up during COVID (sometimes for money or a place to stay)
- Feelings of shame/embarrassment regarding sexual activity/orientations
- Low knowledge of HIV transmission, medication, U=U etc.
- Spanish speaking

Trans Communities

And cis people who have sex with them

- Trans service users report a lack of confidence using GUM clinics on their own
- Cis folks having sex with Trans folks aren't always open to identifying as LGBT+
- Different generations of Trans folks have varying levels of knowledge around queer sex education
- PrEP needs
- Trans specific clinics in outreach settings
- Home testing not always successful for Trans people
- Trans men/masc people need to be included in these conversations

Women who have sex with women

Queer women and queer sex

- Queer women have traditionally been left out of conversations around sexual health
- WSW does not mean vagina sex
- Many more queer women exploring sex with different genders and genitals
- Queer women selling sex
- PrEP needs
- Conversations about pleasure are necessary
- Shame/fear around using/talking about toys

Men who have sex with men

Still a need

- Older gay men/MSM in the closet
- Need for support for mental health
- Still accessing anonymous sex
- Not navigating conversations around safer sex
- Young gay men who are not yet sexually active
- Dry community spaces for MSM are necessary but depleting
- Vaccinations ahead of any sexual activity
- Location- rural/low income/BAME

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