



13th Annual Conference of the
National HIV Nurses Association (NHVNA)





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HIV Testing in Primary Care

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Who we are:

‘ A responsive organisation promoting high quality health care for the most vulnerable members of society’



Why we offer rapid HIV testing

- High proportion of Asylum Seekers and Refugees from sub Saharan Africa
- High proportion of patients with a history of substance misuse
- A significant number of sex workers registered at the practice
- A direct response to a critical clinical incident



Getting started 2007

- Looking at guidelines and governance for **rapid** HIV testing
- Establishing a nurse led service
- Establishing a relationship with GUM
- Researching testing kits
- Establish an agreed practice protocol



Delivery of service

- Training for Nursing team
- Part of new patient health check
- Pre test discussion - focusing on benefits of knowing HIV status
- Opt out
- Consent
- Health promotion





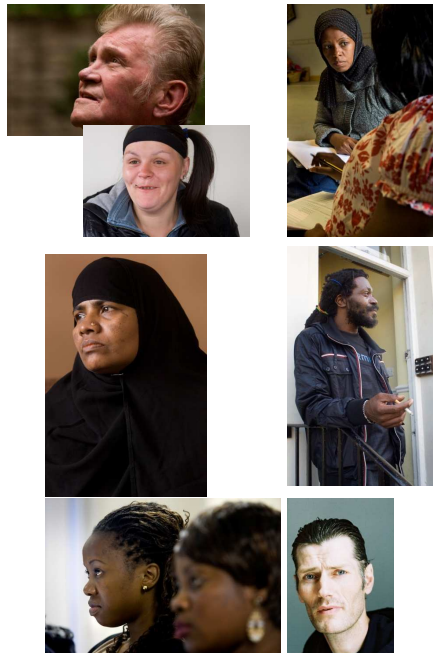
Impact of Service

- High up take of testing
- Rapid access to GUM
- Excellent rapport with patients - position of trust
- Annual physical and mental health screening
- Quality Outcome Framework – self sustaining
- Immediate access to psychological support



The barriers

- Stigma
- Cultural fears
- Language
- 'Ivory Towers'
- Commissioning





Evaluation of service

- Audit of up take
- Partnership working – Bradford Rape Crisis
OUR Project
Trinity Centre
Horton Housing
National organisations
- Shared care of patients
- Multidisciplinary case meetings



The future

- Bevan Healthcare to be commissioned to provide rapid HIV testing for the wider community
- 'Spreading the word' – sharing Bevan Healthcare's experiences
- Empowering the patients to live a full life
- Equitable access to health and social care for people living with HIV





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