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Newsletter

New projects, summer activities and Free Condoms!

Find out more...



Are you feeling it?

Sexual Health Week 2024: Are You Feeling It? Our team traveled across Greater Manchester, promoting HIV prevention, free testing, and sexual health resources at various events.

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SEXUAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

Our team went across Greater Manchester during Sexual Health Week 2024, running activities such as the 'Let's Talk about Sex' event at Salford University, and the UCEN Fresher's Fair.

Testing and free sexual health advice was carried out at Oldham Baptist Church in partnership with the British Red Cross.

We attended Bolton Central Library, as well as Rainbow Haven in Manchester. Free condoms were given and HIV testing was carried out in all boroughs.



STI CLICK AND COLLECT LAUNCHES IN OLDHAM



Greater Manchester residents now have an easier way to take control of their sexual health with a new Click and Collect STI testing service offered by Bolton Health Hive. This initiative allows individuals to discreetly test for a range of sexually transmitted infections, including Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis, all from the privacy of their own homes.

The process is straightforward: after placing an order online, test kits are available for collection at Oldham Active Leisure Centre, with pickup hours from 6.30am to 21.30pm, Monday through Friday and 8.00am to 17.00pm Saturday and Sunday. Test results are delivered confidentially via text message within three weeks, ensuring that individuals can quickly and easily take the necessary steps to protect their health and well-being.



Did you know that you can book free and confidential HIV testing across Greater Manchester? Book now using the QR code.

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SEXATION:

A project which bridges sexuality and creativity

Chantelle says, "Sexual health does not stand in isolation and is relevant to every aspect of our lives"

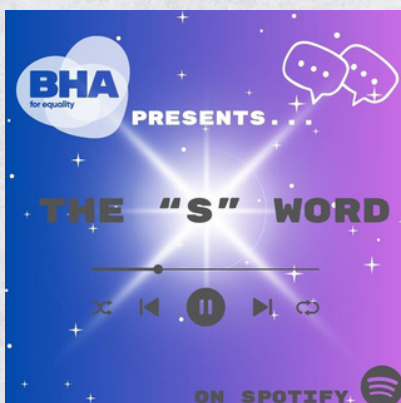
We launched the "Sizzling Summer Campaign" to empower informed sexual health choices by interviewing five men from the community at local barbershops and a convenience store. We asked about the best advice they'd received, misinformation they'd encountered, and the advice they'd give to others. Using their responses, we created social media content to dispel myths and promote understanding, gaining insights to better address their needs.

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you at risk

Boh Dee and Myah partnered with Sexation hosting workshops linking crystals, chakras, and sexual health. Sparking discussions on body image, confidence, and HIV prevention, including PrEP, PEP, and U=U. Many participants explored these topics for the first time through jewellery-making and yoga sessions.



THE "S" WORD



We launched The "S" Word Podcast, a platform dedicated to exploring the multifaceted dimensions of sex and its related topics. Through candid conversations with six members of the Black community, we delved into the impact of awareness, stigma, and communication in these areas. Tune in to discover how sexual health intersects with various aspects of our lives, from relationships to self-care.

The PaSH Partnership
Passionate about Sexual Health across Greater Manchester



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MIND, BODY + SOUL

Our sold-out Mind, Body and Soul event, in partnership with Poetry Place, celebrated holistic health in Black communities. Attendees enjoyed wellness activities like hand massages and yoga, alongside powerful poetry and open mic performances exploring sex, autonomy and love.



PREP: THE POWER TO PREVENT

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE



A new PrEP Fast Track service is now available, making it quicker and easier for eligible individuals to access HIV prevention medication. Pre-exposure prophylaxis, commonly known as PrEP, is a daily pill that significantly reduces the risk of contracting HIV, providing a powerful tool for those at higher risk.

This streamlined service allows individuals to be fast-tracked directly into an appointment with a sexual health clinic, ensuring they can start PrEP as soon as possible. The Fast Track service is designed to cut down wait times and make accessing PrEP more efficient, reducing the barriers that often delay crucial prevention measures.

WHAT IS PREP?

PrEP is a pill that can prevent HIV. It is available for free from the NHS.

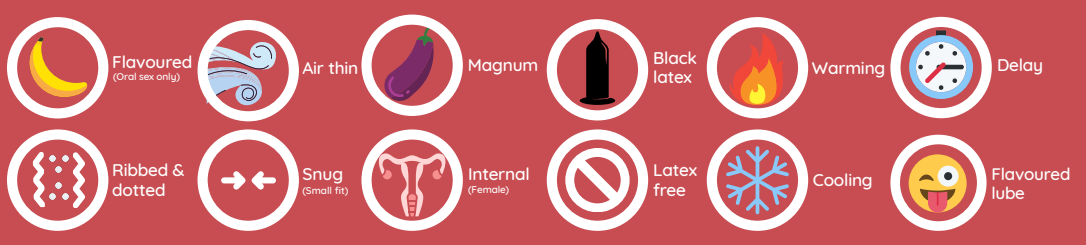
Our new PrEP Fast Track System is now live!

- ✓ PrEP can be used by anyone who is HIV negative to prevent them from acquiring HIV, even without condom use.
- ✓ PrEP can be taken once a day and protect you from acquiring HIV.
- ✓ BHA's new PrEP referral system makes it easier for you to get PrEP if you are eligible.
- ✓ You can use the QR code below to register your interest in PrEP.

For more information about PrEP, email pash@thebha.org.uk or scan the QR code.



This quarter we welcomed our new Administration Assistant, Matthew. Matthew says: "I am passionate about people and helping to reduce the stigma surrounding HIV, sexual health and overall wellbeing of diverse ethnic communities. BHA have offered me an opportunity to shift my career and enter the brand new world of health equity. I am excited to explore this opportunity and learn as much as possible from the wonderful BHA team."



ORDER FREE CONDOMS