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**National HIV
Testing Week,
Gilead Project,
Kuumba Imani
Testing, New Full-
screen STI testing +
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NATIONAL HIV TESTING WEEK 2025

BHA LIVERPOOL TOOK PART IN NHTW BY INCREASING TESTING
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE 'I TEST' CAMPAIGN

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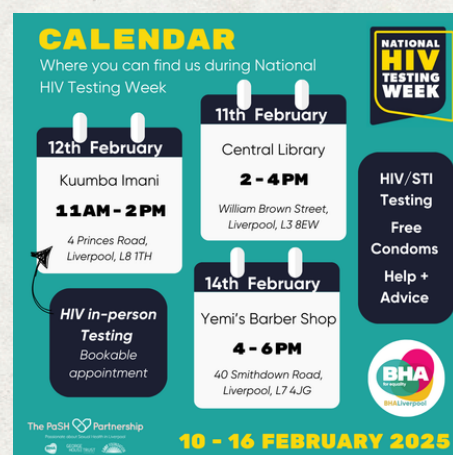
National HIV Testing Week (NHTW) is an annual event to promote regular testing in England, particularly among groups most affected by HIV, such as people from minoritised ethnic backgrounds.

BHA Liverpool partnered with HIV Prevention England (HPE) by sharing the I TEST campaign on social media and using HPE merchandise and resources when performing outreach in the community.

NHTW is a very important initiative for ending all new HIV transmissions by 2030. Testing is the only way to reach people who have HIV and ensure that they not only access the care they need, but also ensure they do not transmit the virus to others. This is easily achieved by becoming undetectable and untransmittable through simple medication.

BHA Liverpool at Liverpool Central Library during NHTW 2025.

Offering free HIV testing, condoms, sexual health resources and advice.

CALENDAR
Where you can find us during National HIV Testing Week

12th February Kuumba Imani 11AM - 2PM 4 Princes Road, Liverpool, L8 1TH	11th February Central Library 2 - 4PM William Brown Street, Liverpool, L3 8EW
14th February Yemi's Barber Shop 4 - 6PM 40 Smithdown Road, Liverpool, L7 4JG	NATIONAL HIV TESTING WEEK HIV/STI Testing Free Condoms Help + Advice 

The PaSH Partnership
10 - 16 FEBRUARY 2025

I TEST Campaign

NHTW is promoted by the I TEST campaign, which uses merchandise, advertising materials, press and social media, to share empowering individual messages encouraging everyone to test.

The campaign features a diverse range of models and various reasons for testing, this allows for targeted messaging that appeals to many different audiences.

HIV in-person Testing Bookable Appointments

BHA Liverpool offer bookable appointments at **Kuumba Imani Millenium Centre** in Liverpool.

During the 1 hour time slot you can have a HIV test, a full-screen STI test and talk with our colleagues about your sexual health.



We can offer our guidance and support or refer you to the organisations that can help.



Book a FREE HIV testing appointment at Kuumba by scanning the QR Code



Brand New... FULL-SCREEN STI TESTS

BHA Liverpool are now offering Full-Screen STI Tests.

The STI Test allows you to test for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis.

BOOK NOW



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

Saturday 8th March marked 2025's International Women's Day.

BHA Liverpool believe that women's sexual health is a very important part of female empowerment. Having agency over your sexual health is an issue for many women, especially women in minoritised ethnic communities. This could be due to religious, cultural or socio-economic reasons.

BHA are emboldened to facilitate women to reclaim ownership of their sexual health, we offer testing, sexual health support, a variety of resources (booklets on STI's, contraception, menopause etc) and expert referrals to other organisations to support in the cases where we ourselves cannot.

What is.....?

STI

A sexually transmitted infection (STI) is an infection passed from one person to another through sexual contact.

HIV

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is a virus that damages the cells in your immune system and weakens your ability to fight everyday infections

PrEP

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is used to reduce the risk of getting HIV. It can be taken by anyone who is HIV negative in the form of a small pill.

STI
TEST

An STI Test uses samples (blood, urine and/or swab) either collected by a clinician or by the tester themselves. The samples are then sent to a lab to test for a particular STI like HIV or multiple STIs.

A sexually active person should get tested at least once a year or every time they change sexual partners. In some communities, such as black minoritised ethnic groups or men who have sex with men, it is recommended that people get tested more regularly.

Rapid
HIV
Test

A rapid HIV test is a quick and simple test used to detect HIV antibodies. A small finger prick will provide the result within approximately one minute.

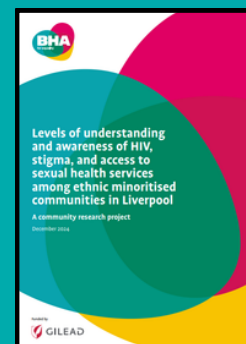


GILEAD PROJECT

BHA Liverpool were funded by Gilead Sciences to conduct a community research study throughout 2024. The study aimed at understanding levels of knowledge, access and take up of services and HIV related stigma among Liverpool's ethnic minoritised populations.

Findings revealed gaps in knowledge of combination prevention methods, and low uptake and access to sexual health services, which were often influenced by socioeconomic disadvantages, stigma, language barriers, and the lack of culturally tailored resources.

The report recommends strategies to improve HIV education, information, and service accessibility within ethnic communities.



BHA WOMENS RIGHTS CAMPAIGN



BHA created a social media campaign for Women's History Month focusing on the topic of Women's Rights and the link with Women's health.

Each posts focused on an aspect of female sexual health that connected with the specific human rights that are threatened in society.



FGM is a form of violence against women and girls. It is illegal in the UK and causes lifelong physical and mental harm.



Regardless of the reasons for getting an abortion it is ultimately a woman's right to make decisions about their own body.



Every victim of rape deserves respectful, confidential and inclusive healthcare. Accessing this care is essential to recovery.

At BHA we wanted to make it clear that we advocated for Women's rights and the specific rights for women to have control over their sexual health. In many minoritised communities women's sexual health is not only ignored but stigmatised in a way that blocks women from access to the healthcare they deserve.

WHAT'S COMING

FREE Condoms + Lube delivered discreetly to your door



Work with Savera



BHA Liverpool will be attending the Women's Sexual + Wellbeing event on Wednesday 23rd April. Hosted by Savera UK

BHA Liverpool will also be attending the community international women's day event on Friday 25th April. Hosted by Savera UK and partners.



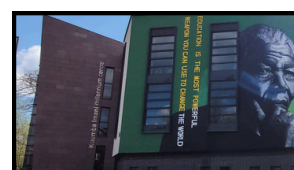
Click + Collect HIV Test from Kuumba Imani



Visit www.thebha.org.uk/hivtest for more information

BHA Liverpool will be offering HIV tests for collection from Kuumba Imani Millennium Centre

Click + Collect CONDOMS from Kuumba Imani



BHA Liverpool will be offering free packs of 40 Condoms + 10 Lubes for collection from Kuumba Imani Millennium Centre

Visit www.thebha.org.uk/condoms for more information