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Sexual Health Week 2025

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SEXUAL HEALTH WEEK 2025

Sexual Health Week Events

Book a free HIV + STI Test Appointment

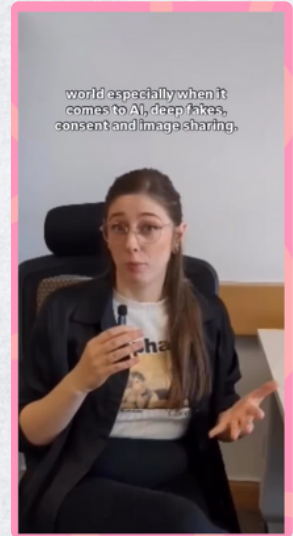
Trafford 15 th September 1pm - 4pm Limelight Wellbeing Hub	Manchester 16 th September 11am - 2pm George House Trust
Bolton 18 th September 12pm - 3pm Bolton Central Library	Rochdale 19 th September 11am - 2pm Rochdale Central Library

During Sexual Health Week 2025, BHA increased HIV and STI testing opportunities. We also increased our outreach stalls, which gave free condoms, free resources and free advice to communities in Greater Manchester.

Also, in response to the theme of Sexual Health Week 2025, 'Chronically Online', BHA developed a very comprehensive and successful social media campaign.

The campaign consisted of 2 videos per day throughout the week, each one focused on a different topic that was discussed by a different member of the BHA Sexual Health Team. All the topics related to online dating, online safety and AI.

This particular campaign resulted in high engagement from our social media accounts, attesting to the fact that these topics are underdiscussed. It is important for all communities to understand the rapidly developing and ever changing online world which is intrinsically linked to all of our day-to-day lives.



BHA are now offering HOME FULL-SCREEN STI tests.

You can test for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV, all from home.

Scan the QR code to order a test



The affects of the online world on sexual health is undeniable, which is why at BHA we are determined to share valuable information about protecting ourselves and our health when using technology. It is just as important as any other safety practice we all use in the 'real world'.

CLICK + COLLECT CONDOMS

ORDER HERE



BHA has introduced a brand new service!

We now offer 40 Condoms + 10 Lubes for collection from our Manchester office.

Just fill out a short form (1-2 minutes) and get sent a unique collection code by email. Then use this email for discreet pick up from our office building reception the next working day.

Collection is available Monday to Friday between 10am-4pm.



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BHA SUMMER FESTIVALS

BHA attended many festivals and events over the summer, offering free sexual health advice, resources and HIV/STI testing opportunities. MELA festival, Melanin markets and Manchester Carnival were some of the standouts for our team, giving record numbers for stall testing.

The Sexual Health Team were also joined by BHA's Healthy Communities' Team and The Hepatitis C Trust on selected stalls.



MELA Festival



Manchester Carnival

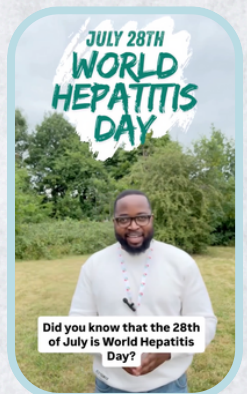


Melanin Markets

HEP B PROJECT: *World Hep Day*

July 28th marked World HEP Day 2025. In support of this day, BHA created multilingual social media posts sharing information on the condition, that is often silent yet easily prevented, managed and treated.

Hepatitis B remains underdiagnosed and under treated in Greater Manchester, especially in minoritised ethnic communities. In response to this, BHA has been developing our HEP B project. We aim to make a comprehensive resource on Hepatitis, using hospital questionnaires and focus groups to tailor the information to the communities adversely affected.



BLACK GIRL HIKE

In August, BHA attended Black Girls Hike Nature Festival. Europe's largest outdoor group for Black Women and Girls.



We offered testing opportunities and free resources. We also discussed health inequalities, sexual health and well being with attendees.

LIMELIGHT: *Drop In*

BHA has worked with Limelight Health and Well-being Hub to create a drop-in testing session once a month. No appointment needed.

The drop-in session happens the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month at 11am-1pm.



SEXATION: *Erotic Writing Session*



Sexation teamed up with Almaz Ohene to deliver a workshop centred on erotic writing. Attendees brought their imaginings to life through words, exploring ideas around sexual expression by creating scenes that expressed their creative thoughts.

Participants reported feeling more motivated to protect themselves and their partners. They also felt more open to talk about sexual health with others in general. It wasn't just about writing, it gave voice to what often goes unspoken.

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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SESSIONS



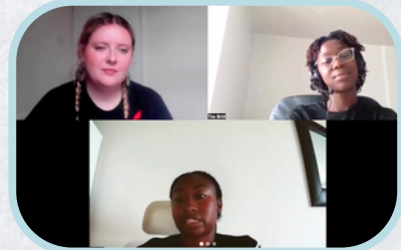
We have continued developing our women's empowerment sessions, engaging women in a empowering space and discussing women's autonomy, alongside creative activities such as embroidery and collaging.

In the last 2 sessions, 15 women engaged in designing future sessions and planning self-led sessions on their passions and interests.

PrEP PROJECT

THE POWER TO PREVENT: Ep 2

'The Power to Prevent' podcast continued with the release of the second episode. Sexual Health Team's Meg and Tomike were joined by SheTalks aka Dr Tihsia Riley.



In this episode, Dr Riley discusses her experiences with sexual health testing and consultations with minoritised ethnic communities. Sharing how we can best tailor information and access to address health inequalities.

They also discussed the liberation that PrEP can offer and how it can be effectively discussed in women's health contexts through the idea of women finding personal empowerment and autonomy through HIV prevention. The podcast continues with a new guest next quarter.

WHAT'S COMING?!

GM Testing Week 2025 24th-30th November

BHA will be increasing outreach and testing opportunities during GM Testing Week 2025.

World AIDS Day 2025 1st December 2025

BHA, along with the PaSH partnership, will be organising a vigil for WAD at Sackville Gardens in Manchester City Centre.

Smoking Cessation Project Community Ambassador

BHA are happy to begin a partnership with Love Cafe in Salford. They will be a community ambassador, helping us raise awareness of smoking and the negative impacts on health.

BHA's 35 Year Anniversary + Black History Month 2025 October

2025 marks 35 years since the beginning of BHA for Equality. We will be celebrating with a social media campaign, linking with BHM, sharing stories of us 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'

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