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Newsletter



Greater Manchester HIV Testing Week 2025



From 24th - 30th November BHA for Equality, along with the PaSH Partnership, celebrated Greater Manchester HIV Testing Week 2025. During the week, we increased testing opportunities, community outreach and produced a social media campaign. The end of the week coincided with World AIDS Day 2025.

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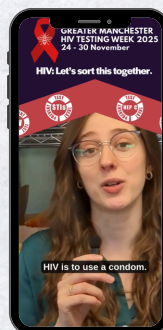
GREATER MANCHESTER HIV TESTING WEEK 2025



Every year Greater Manchester dedicates a week to testing for HIV and STIs in the lead-up to World AIDS Day (1st December). Throughout the week BHA, along with the PaSH Partnership, increased access to testing by hosting several community events across Greater Manchester and also engaged in a social media campaign to encourage people to be proactive about their sexual health.

The aim of the week long campaign is to encourage as many people as possible to test, to dismantle HIV stigma and make meaningful strides towards our commitment to ending all new cases of HIV by 2030.

In the two weeks leading up to Greater Manchester Testing Week BHA, along with the PaSH partnership, launched the **Sort HIV** social media campaign. The campaign raised awareness of HIV, Hepatitis and Syphilis using the 'Test', 'Treat', 'Manage', and 'Prevent' messaging. Staff members from across the PaSH partnership each created videos discussing different topics and explaining how people can protect and prevent HIV and BBVs. The campaign followed a natural style of talking to camera for 30 seconds, allowing for stronger personal engagement with viewers.



BHA offer rapid HIV testing through bookable appointments and postal delivery.

Scan the QR code to get a test



HIV Action Plan

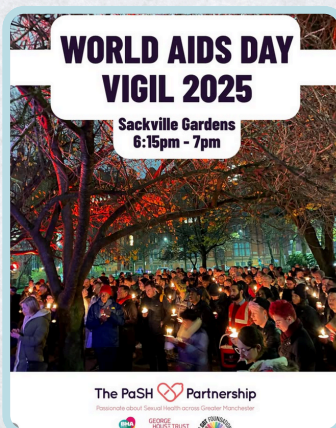
The government released a new HIV action plan to end new transmissions by 2030.

The latest data shows that HIV diagnoses in minoritised ethnic communities are still **rising**.

The plan states that community-led approaches are essential to ending HIV.

BHA has embodied this approach for over 35 years and we will continue to push towards the goals set out in the action plan.

WORLD AIDS DAY 2025



For this year's World AIDS Day BHA, along with the PaSH partnership, organised our annual vigil at Sackville gardens in Manchester City Centre. The vigil provides an opportunity to remember the people we have lost to HIV. It also drives us to continue our work in reducing HIV stigma, discrimination and raise awareness of HIV activism in Greater Manchester.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This year's Black History Month theme was **Standing Firm in Power and Pride**. This coincided with BHA for Equality's 35th anniversary which was the perfect opportunity to share stories of our own history from staff members across BHA, allowing us to stand firm in our power and pride in what we have accomplished.

We developed a social media campaign highlighting incredible individuals that make up the fabric of our organisation and make us proud and powerful in all that we do. We spotlighted team members from our CEO to our outreach workers and everyone in between, each sharing a story of pride and power. Some have been on this journey with us for 30 years, others just a few years, ALL essential pieces in our collective history and collective mission.



BLACK QUEER HISTORY SESSION

BHA held a Black Queer History session at Manchester Central Library during Black History Month 2025. In partnership with the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Centre we explored this year's Black theme, Standing Firm in Power and Pride, through the lens of Black LGBTQ+ history, HIV awareness, and community activism.

The discussions were meaningful and reflective, highlighting the importance of recognising the intersections of race, gender and sexuality in health promotion and community work.



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SESSION



Our women's empowerment group had 2 sessions this quarter with focus on topics such as self-love, loneliness, journeys as refugees and asylum seekers and empowerment through communities of women. These sessions combine creative activities and open dialogue.



BHA offer HOME FULL-SCREEN STI tests.

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

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THE PREP PROJECT

This quarter the PrEP project continued our Fast Track referrals, making accessing PrEP quicker and easier for Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities.

Our Power to Prevent Podcast welcomed Nigerian HIV and sexual health activist Chizor Onwuegbute to discuss how to tailor PrEP education and end HIV transmission globally. Full episodes can be found on Spotify and YouTube.

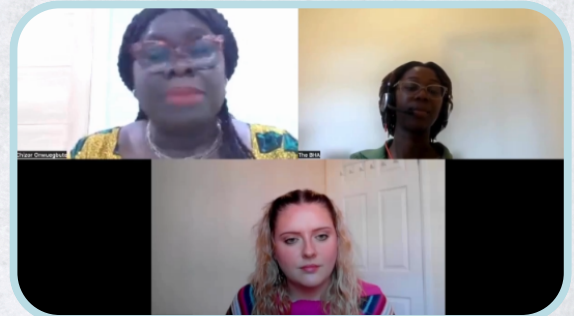


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PrEP is a pill that can prevent HIV. It is available for free on the NHS. Use BHA's PrEP service to find out more: thebha.org.uk/prep/



SMOKING CESSATION

Our smoking cessation project continues into the new year, aiming to support diverse ethnic communities with accessing stop smoking services. We ran sessions across Greater Manchester in various locations, engaging communities in dynamic conversations around quitting.



WHAT'S COMING?!

National HIV Testing Week 2026 9th - 15th February

NHTW is an annual event to promote regular testing across England

Click & Collect Rapid HIV Tests February

BHA will be offering a Click & Collect service from our Manchester office for Rapid HIV tests

Menopause Health Event 7th February (6pm-9pm)

BHA are collaborating with Oldham Leisure centre to deliver a menopause and strength training workshop

Whitworth Gallery Partnership

This new partnership, within the Commoning Ground programme, aims to tackle health inequalities through creativity

BHA offer a completely FREE and DISCREET Condom + Lube Delivery service

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