#### BACKGROUND

Leeds is a high prevalence city for HIV: 2.74/1,000 (aged 15-59) higher than both regional and national averages. Investment in interventions that maximise prevention, testing and support for most at risk populations is crucial to reducing the city's new & late diagnosis rates for HIV. Frontline HIV prevention services including community-based point of care testing, outreach within sex on premises venues, condom distribution within target communities and structured support for groups & individuals were paused in the initial stages of the pandemic.

# **APPROACH**

Adaptations were developed at pace by providers as well as the local authority in order ensure vital access, this included:

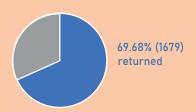
- Investment in an online HIV & Syphilis self-sampling service for all residents 16+ via SH:24 (National Framework).
- HIV Prevention services adapt to provide 1:1 support via video, telephone and email for most at risk groups.
- Free postal condoms for all residents 16+.
- Condom distribution via food banks
- · C-Card Online

#### NEED

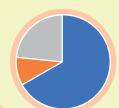
Easily accessible online routes for residents to access HIV testing, condoms, information, and support.

## BETWEEN JUNE 2020 & SEPTEMBER 2021:

2410 HIV & SYPHILIS SELF-SAMPLING KITS DISPATCHED



3318 PEOPLE REQUESTED POSTAL CONDOMS



2212 MSM requests. 331 C-Card member requests. 775 wider community requests.

10,000 additional condoms distributed.

## **GRAPHICS**







#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**





35% MSM

1.4% WSW 1.4% NBSM 0.8% **NBSMW** 0.6% NBSW



66% White English 1.8% Indian 6% White - Other

1.8% Caribbean 1.8% Chinese 1.8% Pakistani 1.7% Other Black

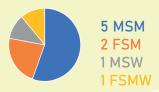
1.6% Other Asian 1.4% White & Asian 1.4% Prefer Not To Say 0.4% Bangladeshi 1.2% Mixed Ethnicity 1.2% White & Black

African

**HIV REACTIVE RESULTS = 9** 







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