

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:

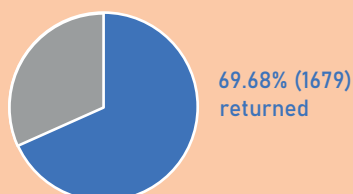
- Investment in an online HIV & Syphilis self-sampling service for all residents 16+ via SH:24 (National Framework).
- HIV Prevention services adapt to provide 1:1 support via video, telephone and email for most at risk groups.
- Free postal condoms for all residents 16+.
- Condom distribution via food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

NEED

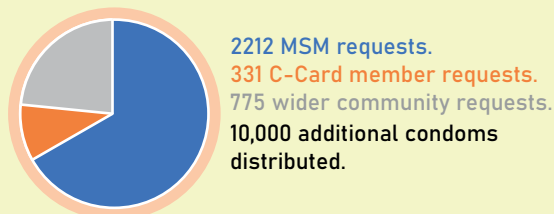
Easily accessible online routes for residents to access HIV testing, condoms, information, and support.

BETWEEN JUNE 2020 & SEPTEMBER 2021:

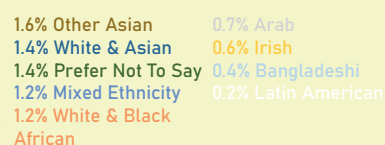
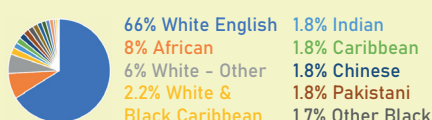
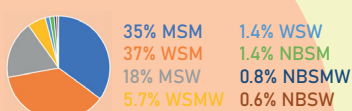
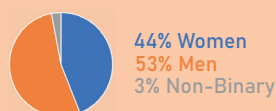
2410 HIV & SYPHILIS SELF-SAMPLING KITS DISPATCHED



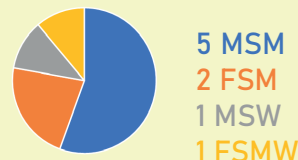
3318 PEOPLE REQUESTED POSTAL CONDOMS



DEMOGRAPHICS



HIV REACTIVE RESULTS = 9



GRAPHICS



HIV TESTING, SUPPORT & PREVENTION WITHIN A HIGH PREVALENCE CITY DURING THE PANDEMIC

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