

Bristol Fast Track Cities Action Plan 2025/6

Increasing HIV Testing - Workstream 1	
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve HIV testing, treatment and care across Bristol ○ Explore opportunities for improving HIV testing, in line with NICE guidelines ○ Improve testing for underserved groups ○ Reduce late HIV diagnosis
No.	Action
1.	Increase HIV testing in Primary Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore HIV testing at the time of registration with a new GP • Consider pilot of HIV testing and GP-prescribed PrEP in GP surgeries in high HIV prevalence wards • Consider adding HIV testing to routine NHS health checks in primary care <p>(This links to actions in other workstreams: Stigma workstream: training on reducing HIV-related stigma in primary care Systems workstream: Primary care audit of people living with HIV)</p>
2.	Explore opportunities for HIV POCT (point-of-care testing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore new outreach settings for HIV point-of-care testing (POCT) • Build on existing HIV POCT delivery
3.	Promote a city-wide awareness of HIV testing in all settings with a particular focus on 'at risk' communities
4.	Improve advertising and communications - to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV testing week communications and events • Short films - data shows these are more impactful, visible to algorithm-driven platforms and shared more on social media
5.	Increase HIV testing in migrants and asylum seekers - to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Haven • Care agencies employing workers • Student migrant populations • Other groups • To connect with and learn from other cities and national organisations (e.g. BASHH, BHIVA)
6.	Support HIV testing in children of parents living with HIV
7.	Understand and improve HIV testing in prisons
8.	Ensure clear understanding of new digital HIV testing
9.	Optimise HIV partner notification using local data and BHIVA feedback
10.	Support the decision-making process about the future of the vending machines using data on uptake and cost-effectiveness

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Tackling Stigma - Workstream 2	
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on tackling stigma and reshaping the public perception of HIV ○ Raise awareness amongst the health & social care workforce to ensure all people living with HIV are treated with compassion and dignity ○ Target demographics in Bristol's population who do not come forward for testing and treatment because of stigma.
No.	Action
1.	Develop public campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run annual anti stigma / HIV awareness campaign including a billboard campaign. • Use personal stories again if possible as this was very effective and attracted a lot more media attention than in previous years. Explore social media influencers for campaigns.
2.	Co-ordinate HIV/Stigma training
3.	Encourage sign up to HIV Confident
4.	Raise HIV/Stigma in Schools
5.	Provide support for Common Ambition Bristol
6.	Tackle self-stigma
7.	Monitor HIV related stigma incidents

Steering Group - Workstream 3	
Aim	Work system-wide to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve understanding of what works and implement these changes locally ○ Influence and inform any future service delivery planning across the Health & Social Care sector to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV ○ Ensure that Fast Track Cities remains high on the political agenda ○ Identify any potential funding opportunities for the Fast Track Cities projects
No.	Action
1.	Engage primary care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the role of Primary Care to promote, and deliver, HIV testing and PrEP. Consider the potential for GP HIV champions
2.	Address Late HIV Diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a wider system collaboratively develop a plan for addressing late HIV diagnosis including routine look back in NBT and sharing learning across primary and secondary care
3.	Respond to the new national HIV Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider local actions required to respond to the new HIV Action Plan when launched at end 2025
4.	Address HIV within vulnerable populations

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to extend leadership, partnership and influence in all Bristol FTC activities to local organisations that represent key populations including: people who inject drugs; people who are unhoused, sex workers and those involved in transactional sex, people who have experienced sexual violence, people in prison (and others)
5.	Improve PrEP access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve awareness of and access to PrEP with a focus on underserved groups.
6.	Interrogate HIV data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, improve Bristol HIV data and analysis to ensure we fully understand changing patterns of need. Interrogate and better understand data on HIV testing: use this and the research knowledge to determine the need for specific populations (e.g. Black Women/ South Asian, Antenatal screening - regular check in to flag trends / issues).
7.	Involve public contributors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand opportunities to involve and engage with existing networks of public contributors and those people with lived experience.
8.	Raise profile of HIV and influence wider partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to influence and raise the profile of HIV within the health and care sector and political leaders to ensure a system wide approach to HIV.
9.	Address inequities in HIV
10.	Improve psychological support for People living with HIV
11.	Expand engagement support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore options for expansion of engagement support intervention to support people living with HIV but not engaging with HIV treatment, and those lost to follow up
12.	Learn and share from others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to connect with other FTCs and collate and share best practice. Support the delivery of the national FTC conference. Collaborate with regional and national colleagues in LAs, OHID/UKHSA, NHSE
13.	Co-ordinate and maximise local research opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and utilise opportunities for new HIV research. Have oversight of current local HIV research and support the co-ordination and dissemination of findings.