

Press release: PHE publishes elimination of HIV and HIV testing reports 2017

Today (15 November 2017), Public Health England (PHE) has published its annual elimination of HIV and HIV testing reports for 2017.

Commenting on the significant findings of the reports, Dr Valerie Delpech, Head of HIV Surveillance at PHE, said:

This year, there are 3 firsts in the 30-year history of the UK HIV epidemic. In London, all the global UNAIDS 90:90:90 targets have been met with 90% of people living with HIV infection diagnosed, 97% of people diagnosed receiving treatment and 97% of those receiving treatment virally suppressed. HIV transmission among gay and bisexual men has fallen, and the death rate among people with HIV who are diagnosed promptly and on treatment is now comparable to the rest of the population.

We celebrate these extraordinary achievements which are the result of a comprehensive response involving many key players and organisations. By continuing to invest in effective preventative measures including condom use, expanded HIV testing, prompt treatment and the use of PrEP, the elimination of HIV transmission, AIDS and HIV-related deaths could become a reality in the UK.

Bruce Sparrow

Senior Press Officer, National Infection Service
Public Health England

Email

bruce.sparrow@phe.gov.uk

Telephone

020 8327 6669

Mobile

07774 703390

Background

Reports

Download the [‘HIV Testing in England: 2017 report’](#) and [‘Towards elimination of HIV transmission, AIDS and HIV-related deaths in the UK: 2017 report’](#).

HIV: surveillance, data and management

The [HIV in the UK Health Protection Report](#) and [annual HIV data tables](#) comprise the number of HIV diagnoses, late HIV diagnoses and numbers accessing HIV care. Data can be interrogated and analysed at [local authority level](#) via an online tool allowing a range of outputs to be generated. The [December 2016 edition of Health Matters](#), PHE’s resource for local authorities and health professionals, focuses on increasing HIV testing

Testing

It is easy to get tested for HIV. Testing is freely available through GP surgeries, local hospitals and sexual health clinics as well as on self-sampling and self-testing (see [NHS Choices](#) for further information). Using a condom with new or casual partners protects against HIV and other STIs, as well as getting tested.

Public Health England (PHE)

[Public Health England](#) exists to protect and improve the nation’s health and wellbeing, and reduce health inequalities. We do this through world-leading science, knowledge and intelligence, advocacy, partnerships and providing specialist public health services. We are an executive agency of the Department of Health, and are a distinct organisation with operational autonomy to advise and support government, local authorities and the NHS in a professionally independent manner. Follow us on Twitter: [@PHE_uk](#) and Facebook: www.facebook.com/PublicHealthEngland.