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## My Life in HIV

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# Declaration of interests relating to this presentation

STATEMENT OF INTERESTS
I HAVE NO INTERESTS TO DECLARE

### Early Years....Its all about ME!!





#### **Nursing Career**

Student Nurse/Ward Nurse/Ward Manager 1976-87 Community Nurse/Leam Leader 1987-95 Specialist Community HIV Nurse 1995 to date

In 1858, Miss Nightingale visited Liverpool to present two papers at the National Association for the **Promotion of Social** Science. William Rathbone, a prominent Liverpool citizen, approached Miss Nightingale to ask her advice about setting up a District nursing scheme. This was to be the first district nursing service in the country.

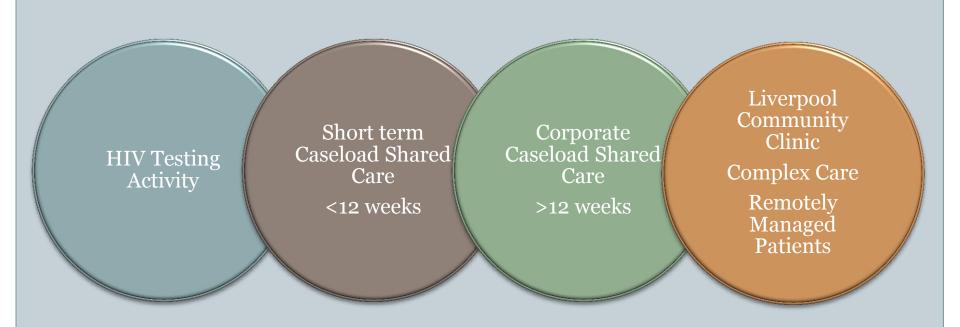


**Community Nursing in Liverpool** 

#### Liverpool Community HIV Nursing Service

- Established in 1993
- Currently 3.6 WTE team members
- Liverpool CCG commissioned
- Residency or GP footprint criteria
- Nurse led service, 50% of caseload are complex care and remotely managed
- Robust working relationship with Sahir House our local voluntary sector provider of HIV support

#### Service Profile



#### **HIV Testing Activity**

Self referral
GP referral
Outreach
screening
New entrant
screening

Simplitude POCT or venous sample Retest
Confirmatory
sample
ID/GUM
referral
Psychological
support
Signposting

Data 2019
1/4/ to 17/6
Testing 146
TB (L/A) 8
HBV 7
HCV 2
HIV2

#### **Short Term Caseload**

Shared care Patients

Home visits
Joint
consultations
Clinic attender

New diagnosis
Adherence
issues
Treatment
switch
Co-morbidity

Adherence support Monitoring Psychological support Signposting

#### Corporate Caseload

Shared Care Patients

Home visits
Joint
consultations
Clinic attender

New diagnosis
Ongoing
adherence
problems
Treatment
switch
Co-morbidity

Secondary dispensing Monitoring MDT working Psychological support Signposting

#### **Liverpool Community Clinic**

Remotely managed patients

Complex case management
Co-ordination of care role
Monthly HIV
Consultant
MDT

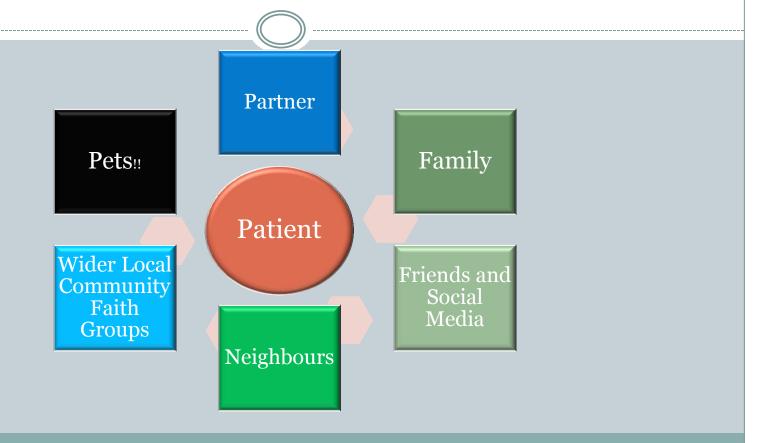
Late diagnosis
Advanced HIV
Co-morbidity
Polypharmacy
Behavioural
challenges

Prescribing
Secondary
dispensing
Monitoring
Psychological
support
MDT working
Long term
planning

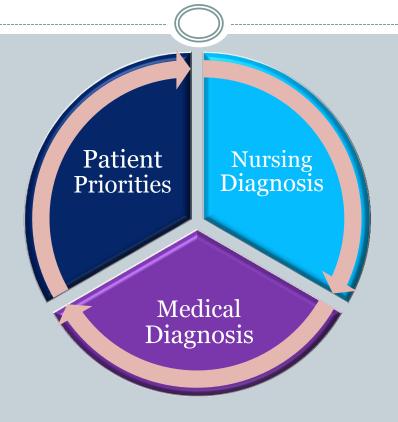
#### **Community HIV Nurses**

- What makes us different?
- Viewing the bigger picture
- Getting to know a patient's social narrative
- Developing a local knowledge base
- Short and long term realistic care planning
- Reflective practice and ongoing supervision

#### The Influence of Social Narratives



#### **Prioritising Care and Compromise**



#### Case Study

- Male age 38
- Late diagnosis in 1996 with advanced disease, PCP, KS
- Poor adherence to first generation ARV's
- Large social network
- End of life care at home involving MDT
- Care after death presented many challenges

#### Progressive Multifocal Leucoencephalopathy



- Motor function abnormalities
- Mental status changes
- Dysphasia/Dysphagia
- Visual problems
- Seizures
- Cranial nerve palsy

#### Case Study

- Male age 54
- Late HIV diagnosis, CD4 count 22
- PML with neurocognitive impairment, very poor mobility
- Reclusive lifestyle, fiercely independent, mistrust of authority
- Conspiracy theorist
- Decided to stop treatment due to his poor quality of life
- Made informed choices and advanced care planning
- Hospice care 2 days prior to death
- HIV testing using POCT of sexual contacts at home

#### Case Study

- Male age 32
- Late HIV diagnosis, CD4 count 2
- PML with severe neurocognitive impairment and seizures
- Dysphagia, immobile, staccato speech, limited vision
- Remotely managed
- MDT domiciliary working and MDT meetings at home
- Short and long term goals
- Small family unit
- Poor housing

#### Short and long term goal setting in complex care

- ✓ Identify and prioritise problems
- Identify and prioritise aims and objectives
- ✓ Attach equal importance to physical, psychological and environmental needs
- ✓ Identify a quick win
- Use reflection to look for subtle changes



#### Community HIV Nursing is multi-faceted



