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National HIV Nurses Association (NHIVNA)



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(NHIVNA)**

**Plenary session 1:
What the future holds for HIV testing**

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Implications of changes in the NHS

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We have a vision for the future...

Halve It campaign goals for 2015:

- Halve the proportion of people diagnosed late with HIV
- Halve the proportion of people living with undiagnosed HIV



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And we have many supporters for our goal:

Coalition members:



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We have strong evidence and guidance...

- Growing wealth of best practice in testing programmes



- UK national guidelines for HIV testing

- Recent NICE guidance on HIV testing



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And we now know the costs to the NHS...

- Preventing one new HIV infection saves up to £360,000, with a total saving of up to £1.2 billion in 2010 alone¹
- The cost per detected HIV infection ranges from approximately £300 to £3,800 in medical admissions, from £1,200 to £4,600 in primary care settings and from £700 to £2,600 in community settings²



¹ Health Protection Agency. HIV in the UK: 2010 Report.

² Health Protection Agency. Time to test for HIV: Expanding HIV testing in healthcare and community services in England. Final Report 2011.

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We know that late diagnosis damages lives...

I went to hospital for an endoscopy... by the end of the day I was in a respiratory ward. I had PCP pneumonia.

The previous year I'd had shingles. I'd had glandular fever, I'd had thrush... obviously symptomatic with the benefit of hindsight.

I lost my health, my job... and then my home. It was quite a difficult period.

I went and got an HIV test and it was positive with a CD4 count of 35 which meant I went straight onto medication. It was a bit of a shock.



I got ill-health retirement... I couldn't take the stress... I'd had a series of incidents that had weakened me.

Reference: 21st Century HIV THT/BASHH 2008

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Barriers to testing continue to be an issue





...Individual

- I've got bigger/other things to worry about*
- I didn't know that I'd done anything that could give me HIV*
- People like me don't get it*
- How will I cope if I'm positive?*
- I don't want to find out I'm one of those people*
- I can't have that on my medical records*
- I can't ask for time off work for that*
- I don't get free NHS treatment and they might deport me*

...Professional

- I wouldn't know how to tell someone they have HIV*
- I'll get my face slapped if I suggest an HIV test*
- It's not on my list of priorities*
- What's the incentive?*
- No-one expects me to do HIV tests – other people do that!*
- It's not routine*



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And the changes to the NHS will impact on the way that HIV testing is commissioned and delivered....

Fragmentation of commissioning

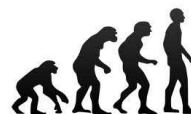
Testing in...	Commissioned by...
Sexual Health/GU services	• Local Authorities
Antenatal services	• Clinical Commissioning Groups
GP clinics	• NHS Commissioning Board
Other secondary care (e.g TB clinics)	• Clinical Commissioning Groups
Community settings	• Local Authorities?




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The role of Local Authorities is evolving...



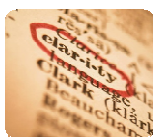
- New responsibility for public health of local population
- Establishment of Health & Wellbeing Boards
- Overarching responsibility for (jointly appointed) Directors of Public Health
- New platform for patients (Healthwatch)

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Establishment of Public Health England

- Will incorporate the current surveillance role of the HPA



- Not yet complete clarity over their role and remit

- An opportunity to provide a national vision for HIV testing?



- Relationship/interface with NHS Commissioning Board and Local Authorities will be key

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The transition period provides particular challenges

- Uncertainty about the future



- Loss of key individuals with significant knowledge and expertise

- Cuts to established services in order to achieve short-term savings



- Contracts being awarded to new providers

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