

NI 113 Prevalence of Chlamydia in under 20 year olds

Focus on Chlamydia Screening

What is the Target?

Haringey TPCT must screen 15% of all 15-24 year olds for Chlamydia. This does not include, and hence is additional to, those younger people who access Chlamydia screening through GUM services. This amounts to 4370 people.

How did we do last year?

The team were responsible for 883 screens.

What are we doing differently this year?

1. This year we are permitted to include all diagnostic tests for Chlamydia that have been requested through pathology services but not through the National Screening Programme (although GUM is still a strict exclusion). Therefore all tests that have been requested by GPs, Family Planning, and hospital wards that have not gone through the programme can now be counted. This amounts to about 1000 tests for Haringey from the NMUH alone. We are currently contacting the Whittington and BCFH for their figures.
2. We have a new GP LES. Using the same sort of support that we do to deliver over 50% of the smoking target, we are forecasting 1500 extra tests to come from GPs this year.
3. We have recruited 6 sessional outreach workers. This has been a real success average monthly screens went up by **five times** in September. These outreach workers now have regular presence at CONEL, the school nursing service and are working with a number of voluntary and statutory organisations.
4. All Pharmacies that are currently offering free Emergency Hormonal Contraception, will now offer routine Chlamydia testing with consent. We are expecting 200 tests from pharmacy this year. Additionally, pharmacists will be accredited to treat positive results with antibiotics under a Patient Group Direction, improving access to treatment in the borough.
5. We are currently exploring routine antenatal screening through NMUH. Could deliver up to 400 tests by year end.

How has performance improved?

By the end of Q2 we performed a total of 745 tests (cf 369 last year). 209 of these were in September when the outreach team started. We now have also recorded 468 tests for the first 2 quarters from NMUH, giving a total of over 1200 tests. This is almost 50% more than the total for the whole of last year. By Q3 we are expecting a cautious “amber” as the various new initiatives begin to take effect, but a target that as previously thought unachievable is now shows real prospect for success.

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