

Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Date: 13 March 2024

Subject: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

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Purpose of Report:

The Committee requested a report on HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), with a focus on how new transmissions are being addressed. The accompanying slides set out the national and local data on HIV and STIs, including current incidence/prevalence rates, trends over time, and variation between different populations. They provide an overview of the current work and plans to reduce the incidence of STIs across Greater Manchester, reach zero new transmissions of HIV, address HIV-related stigma, and end Human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDs) and HIV-related deaths.

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to note the current data on HIV and STIs, and the work underway to reduce new transmissions, support people into effective treatment, and address stigma.

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Background Papers

- Information on STI diagnoses and sexual health services provided in England by demographic characteristics and geographical region: [Sexually transmitted infections \(STIs\): annual data tables - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Towards Zero - An action plan towards ending HIV transmission, AIDS, and HIV-related deaths in England - 2022 to 2025: [Towards Zero - An action plan towards ending HIV transmission, AIDS and HIV-related deaths in England - 2022 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- HIV testing, PrEP, new HIV diagnoses and care outcomes for people accessing HIV services: 2023 report (UKHSA): [HIV testing, PrEP, new HIV diagnoses and care outcomes for people accessing HIV services: 2023 report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- HIV annual data tables: [HIV: annual data tables - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Emergency department bloodborne virus opt-out testing: 12-month interim report 2023 (UKHSA): [Bloodborne viruses: opt-out testing in emergency departments - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Emergency department opt out testing for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C: The first 100 days (NHSE): [NHS England » Emergency department opt out testing for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C: The first 100 days](#)

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution?

No

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

No

GM Transport Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

N/A

1. Overview

The accompanying slides provide an overview of the data on sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV in Greater Manchester (GM), and the associated activities to reduce the incidence of STIs and end all new transmissions of HIV.

The slides start by summarising the sexual health system, and commissioning responsibilities for sexual and reproductive healthcare across GM, which are shared across local authorities, NHS GM, and NHS England (NHSE).

They present detailed data for GM, and across the ten local authority areas showing:

- The number of people living with HIV, and the proportion who are diagnosed and accessing care.
- The rates of new diagnoses of HIV and STIs (including chlamydia, genital warts, genital herpes, syphilis, and gonorrhoea).
- The proportion of people who are diagnosed with HIV at a late stage.
- Progress against national and local targets relating to HIV.

The slides then summarise the current and planned work to improve sexual health in GM, reduce transmissions of STIs and HIV, ensure people can access the support and care they need, and address HIV-related stigma. The voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector is key to much of this work; both as a strategic and delivery partner, and several case studies are provided in the appendices to showcase the approach and impact. The work also benefits from the expertise, oversight, and coordination of the GM Sexual Health Network, which includes a range of multidisciplinary partners from across the system.

The slides conclude with a summary of the challenges for the sexual health system, both nationally and locally, and the opportunities to support improvement and transformation moving forward.