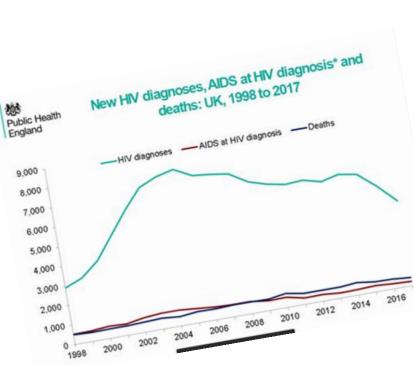
Implications of new HIV & STI data on the current commissioning of HIV and Sexual Health services

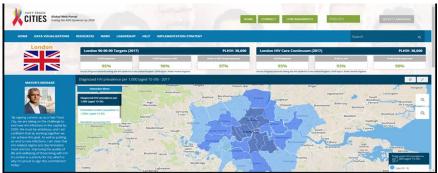
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Overview

- What is the current thinking about commissioning HIV and sexual health services
- How do we have dynamic engagement with providers to build in flexibility for innovative services



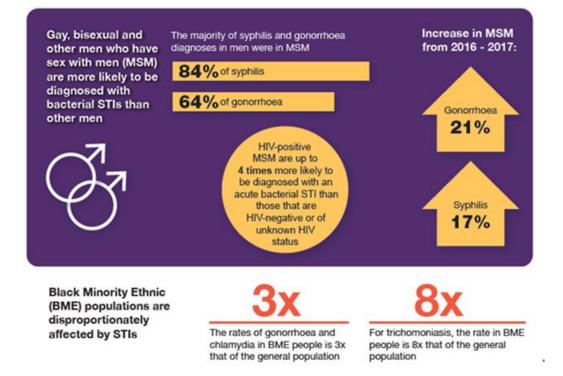
EXCITING TIMES





However work still continues.....

- Approximately 420,000 STIs were diagnosed in 2017
- Young People are more likely to be diagnosed with an STI: among those aged 15 - 24 years old, men are twice as likely to be diagnosed with an STI and women six times more likely to be diagnosed with an STI than their counterparts aged 29 - 59 years old



The Commissioning Challenge

- Reductions to the Public Health grant continue
- Local Authorities are having to work smarter
- Manage to demand through making efficiencies
- Working in collaboration with key partners due to fragmented commissioning arrangements
- Although we are experiencing exciting times the fight isn't over!!

Innovation and the Future of STI & HIV services

• Commissioning models

- Integrated sexual health, contraception & HIV over large geographical areas.
- Primary Care including GPs and Community Pharmacy as sexual health partners
- Joint procurement processes standardising provision, economies of scale
- Wider determinants of health holistic models of care

• Online services

- Home testing, self-sampling, treatment and now oral contraception
- Should we still have stand-alone testing services?
- Changing the way people interact with services
- Mustn't forget those who don't have access to internet there is a risk that we end up making the inequalities gap bigger

Dynamic Engagement

- Good working relationships between Commissioners and Providers
- Stability length of contracts
- Robust reporting mechanisms and assurance processes
- Flexibility the ability to adapt to changing needs or trends
- What is your local demographic? What are the needs?
- Build strong partnerships between your prevention partners and your local sexual health service make sure agencies are aware they exist!

Attitudes

- HIV in no longer the 'death sentence' it used to be
- Dealing with the challenge as to why this condition should get 'special' funding unlike other conditions
- Having to juggle perceptions and attitudes
- Mainstream services need to be more aware of the sensitivities and the stigma associated with the virus
- HIV services to be more open to using and referring to mainstream services
- Staff skills, knowledge and attitudes

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Thank You Any Questions?

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