



Normalise Testing: Can England diagnose everyone living with HIV?

Chat Transcript

17:03:25 From Trin G to Everyone : Thank you for joining Big Tent Digital today for our event with LloydsPharmacy Online Doctor and Terrence Higgins Trust: Normalise Testing: Can England diagnose everyone living with HIV?.

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17:06:19 From Richard A to Everyone : Gay Times invite with Baroness Barker: <https://www.gaytimes.co.uk/life/liz-barker-world-aids-day-is-an-annual-reminder-of-all-the-great-work-that-goes-unnoticed/>



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17:06:53 From Richard A to Everyone : Baroness Barker announces the APPG on HIV/AIDS next inquiry will be on HIV Testing in the UK, see more:
<https://www.appghiv aids.org.uk/hiv-testing-inquiry>

17:07:50 From Richard A to Everyone : Ian Green, Chief Executive at Terrence Higgins Trust, writes about his own experiences and how they're reflected in Channel 4's new drama <https://www.radiotimes.com/tv/drama/its-a-sin-hiv-terrence-higgins-trust/>

17:08:15 From Richard A to Everyone : Order a test for HIV now – go to startswithme.org.uk

17:09:08 From Richard A to Everyone : More information about the HIV Commission: <https://www.hivcommission.org.uk/2020/11/30/final-report-and-recommendations-out-now/>

17:10:12 From Gabriel H to Everyone : Anyone in Scotland can order their test here: www.hivtest.scot

17:11:00 From Gabriel H to Everyone : Anyone in Wales can order their test here: <https://www.friskywales.org/chlamydia-and-gonorrhoea-home-testing-pilot.html>

17:11:23 From Gabriel H to Everyone : Anyone in Northern Ireland can access tests here: www.sexualhealthni.info

17:13:41 From Richard A to Everyone : Government and opposition back HIV Commission's recommendations <https://www.tht.org.uk/news/government-and-opposition-back-hiv-commissions-recommendations>

17:21:32 From Mark L to Everyone : Since the mid 1980s the All Party Parliamentary Group on HIV/AIDS has brought Parliamentarians together from across the political divide to fight for the rights of people living with HIV.

We are a group of Parliamentarians from all political parties that work together to fight for the rights of people living with HIV



Through our work in Parliament, the All Party Parliamentary Group on HIV/AIDS works to ensure all people living with HIV are able access to affordable medicines and a decent quality of life, free from stigma, discrimination and fear.

Please visit our website at <https://www.appghiv aids.org.uk> and follow the APPG on Twitter @APPG_HIV_AIDS

17:21:50 From Trin G to Everyone : Please share any questions and thoughts in the Chat here and the Chair will invite you to speak at the appropriate time.

Pre-submitted Question: Have any of the panellists watched 'It's a Sin', how useful is this example of representation in ending stigma, education and eradicating HIV?

Pre-submitted Question: My question is to Reverend Macaulay. How is the church promoting HIV discussion from the pulpit and what role is the church playing in promoting HIV testing?

17:22:56 From Trin G to Everyone : Pre-submitted Question: Can rural areas where we may have low numbers of new diagnoses' but higher rates of late diagnoses be assured that there will be a particular focus on achieving the over all goal as targeting in these areas often has increased challenges.

17:25:41 From Trin G to Everyone : Pre-submitted Question: Which individuals and communities do you think are furthest away from normalising testing?

Pre-submitted Question: If we are to reach the 2030 target, BAME communities must not be left behind. How do we target and normalise testing within BAME communities?

17:27:00 From Richard A to Everyone : Brighton and Hove bids to lead national effort in ending new cases of HIV <https://www.tht.org.uk/news/brighton-and-hove-bids-lead-national-effort-ending-new-cases-hiv>

17:37:24 From Richard A to Everyone : Watch Matt Hancock in the House of Commons back #0HIVby30: <https://twitter.com/THTorguk/status/1356612713863118851?s=20>

17:38:31 From Mark E to Everyone : How fantastic would it be if Russell T. Davies wrote a series 2 of It's A Sin which took us from the early 90s through to present day which would highlight the introduction of combination therapy and people



living well, through to promoting the U=U message and highlight how many people in the UK have an undetectable viral load

17:57:08 From 2. Mimi M (DOTW) to Everyone : Question: HIV testing week has been heavily digital based. Ordering testing kits is almost entirely online. Migrant & undocumented communities, including homeless people have limited online access not to begin discussing language barriers. Digital exclusion further isolates these communities which heavily fall into "BAME" categories. Can funding begin to spread into smaller, grassroot organisations that are committed to these communities, instead of big runners like THT or ItStartsWithMe etc

17:58:34 From Gillian D to Everyone : LOVE Mark's idea of series 2 of It's a Sin encompassing the next chapter! Anyone know Russell T. Davies?!

18:00:24 From Alex S to Everyone : Hi Mimi, the programme commission 25 local organisations who do this work in local communities. Obviously they've had to tackle the issue of COVID this year but they do amazing work in the communities that you mention. hpe@ttht.org.uk if you want to know more.

18:00:57 From Katie L (She/Her) to Everyone : Brilliant talk, thank you everyone!

18:01:01 From Mark E to Everyone : Thanks everyone

18:01:11 From Natalie D to Everyone : Thanks so much for another great event.

18:01:17 From John J to Everyone : Thanks Everyone

18:01:20 From michelle c to Everyone : Thank you great event

18:01:27 From Trin G to Everyone : Thank you very much for joining today and many thanks to our speakers and LloydsPharmacy Online Doctor and the Terrence Higgins Trust. The recording will now stop, and we welcome everyone to stay for a short informal discussion.

18:01:28 From Amber M to Everyone : Thank you for the great event

18:01:34 From Paula R to Everyone : Thank You Everyone!

18:02:00 From Luke S to Everyone : Thank you!

18:05:33 From Mark E to Everyone : How about encouraging Faith Leaders to take a test?

18:08:20 From Eugene L (he/him) - THT to Everyone : What can we do to make sure that people are adequately supported through a positive result from a home self-test?



18:14:14 From Elizabeth B to Everyone : Thank you everybody for a really good event. Excellent presentations, great questions. Please contribute to APPG Inquiry

18:14:44 From Trin G to Everyone : Please visit the website at <https://www.appghivaid.org.uk> and follow the APPG on Twitter @APPG_HIV_AIDS

18:15:25 From Jo C to Everyone : I have to go - thank you all.

18:17:02 From 2. Mimi M (DOTW) to Everyone : Thank you :)