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# HIV Engagement (HIVE) Project

# Developing a local multiagency network



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## Introduction

The HIVE project launched in Cardiff and Vale in 2023 to understand local HIV engagement and to support re-engagement with care. A core objective was the development of a local multiagency network of health, statutory, academic and community partners.

# Description

- have connected with 27 teams and organisations across Cardiff and Vale:
  - People living with HIV
  - Sexual health/HIV services
  - Primary Care
  - **Emergency Care**
  - Mental health
  - Infectious Diseases
  - Obstetrics
  - **Paediatrics**
- Prison Health

- Children's HIV
- Drug/alcohol services
- Homeless Outreach
- Dietetics
- Safeguarding
- Cardiff Council
- Pharmacy
- Hepatitis C Trust

- Black African Women's Support Association
  - Health Board Exec Team
  - Health inclusion
    - **Public Health Wales**
    - Hepatitis C Trust

    - Red Cross
    - Health Protection
- Terence Higgins Trust
  Asylum Support
  - Fast Track Cities
- Stakeholder engagement events were held in October 2023 and June 2024, to build awareness and develop collaborative working.
- 80 individuals attended one/both of our events.
- Both events included a Positive Speaker session with 8 people sharing their lived experiences.





#### **Stakeholder Activities**

- Developing co-production in our service
- Training sessions for health and council teams
- Case presentations at hospital grand rounds
- Developing pathways with partners:
  - Primary and secondary care
  - Mental health
  - Homeless and outreach services
  - Hepatitis C engagement services
  - Asylum support services
- Improving data with digital partners
- Utilising local comms and social media

### Lessons Learned

- Feedback from the events was overwhelmingly positive; the positive speaker sessions were impactful and led to valuable discussions with stakeholders.
- We have created strong relationships and integrated, person-centred pathways which will allow individuals to access HIV support wherever they are seen.
- Stigma is a powerful barrier to engagement and should be addressed with education and awareness-raising across organisations.

## Recommendations

- Developing effective local multiagency networks is a crucial component of HIV re-engagement programmes.
- People living with HIV need to be at the centre of integrated re-engagement pathways and coproduction is essential to success.







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