

JSNA newsflash

HIV in the United Kingdom: 2013 Report

Public Health England (PHE) published 'HIV in the United Kingdom: 2013 Report' in the run up to National HIV Testing Week.

Around a fifth of people living with HIV in the UK are unaware of their infection. Furthermore, around half of people newly diagnosed with HIV in 2012 were identified at a late stage. Early HIV diagnosis and timely treatment can nowadays mean a near-normal lifespan.

New HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men reached an all-time high in 2012, with 47 per 1,000 living with the infection. People from Black African ethnic groups are the other main risk group for HIV, with 38 per 1,000 people living with the infection.

Read the full [HIV in the UK 2013 report](#) for additional key findings from the report.

What does this mean for Richmond?

- There are 275 people (aged 15-59 yrs) accessing HIV services in Richmond.
- The diagnosed HIV prevalence in Richmond is 2.36 per 1,000 (aged 15-59 yrs), compared to the UK prevalence of 1.5 per 1,000.

National guidance recommends that local areas should consider introducing widespread HIV testing policies above a threshold prevalence of 2 per 1,000 adults.

Richmond borough is supporting National HIV Testing Week (22nd-29th November), which raises awareness of the benefits of testing and encourages those most at risk to get tested.

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