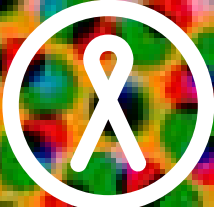
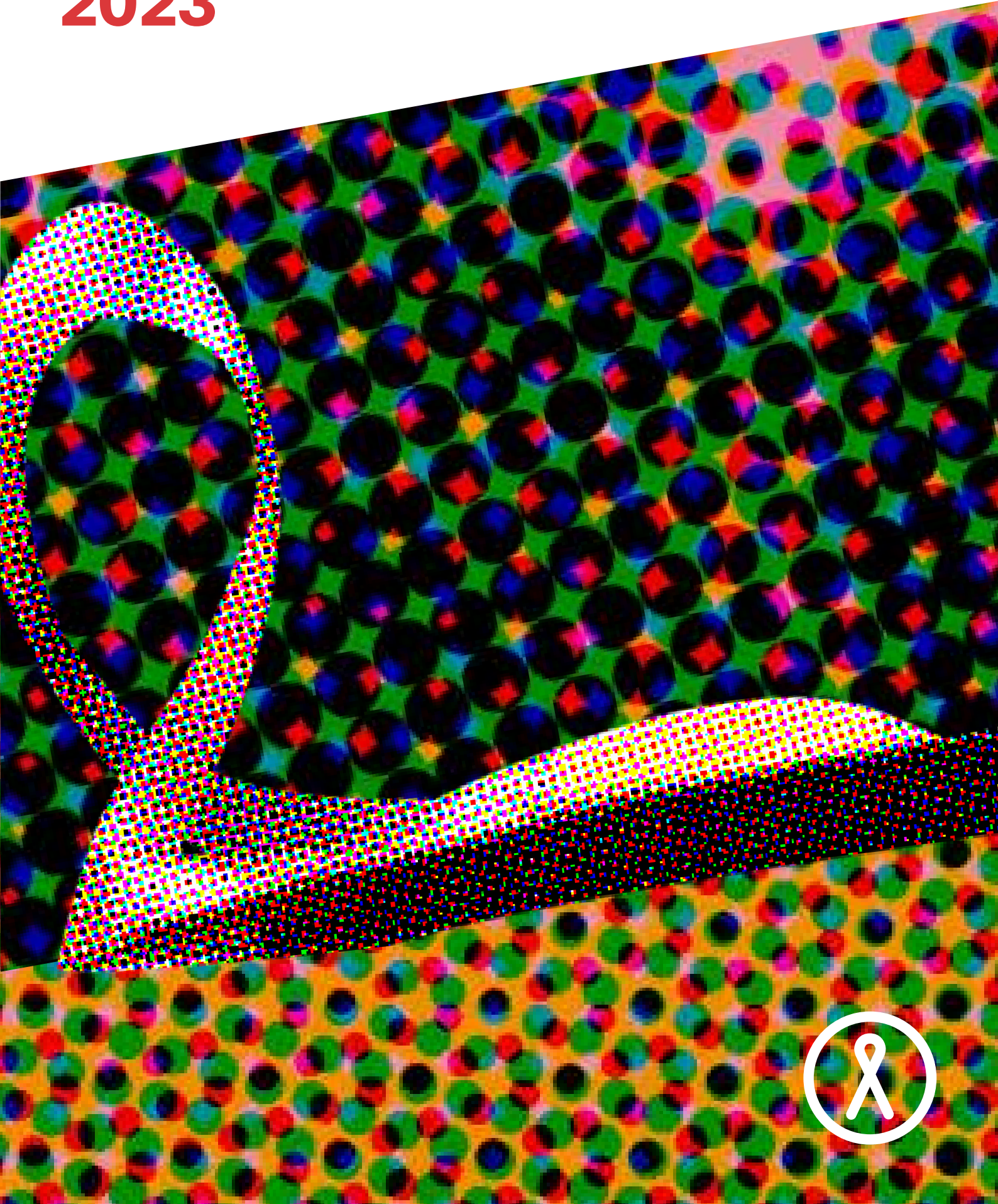


HIV Ireland Annual Report 2023



Introduction

2023 was the first full year since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in which in person service provision at HIV Ireland could resume. From rapid testing to peer support to community outreach initiatives, we were delighted to engage directly once again with communities and stakeholders around the country.

The experiences during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic proved to have a positive knock-on effect on internal and external service development, with new and innovative practices relating to HIV prevention and supports emerging because of restrictions. The success of Ireland's COVID-19 vaccination programme is mirrored in the success of MPOX vaccination uptake among gbMSM, with HIV Ireland's MPOWER Programme playing a prominent role engaging members of the community.

Similarly, the dedication of HIV Ireland's staff to ensuring ongoing service delivery during the peak pandemic period has also translated into increased engagement with communities including sex workers, people from Ukraine, and the trans and non-binary communities. Indeed, we are delighted to welcome high profile activist and campaigner Rebecca Tallon de Havilland who joined us in 2023 to directly advance our work with the trans community.

The ongoing collaboration between community organisations like HIV Ireland, the health services, and the public has ensured key innovations aimed at improving services for people living with HIV, e.g. peer support, remote counselling, online

education and training provision, and greater mobility of services may endure well into the future. In 2023, HIV Ireland secured funding to develop a community hub for counselling and support services at our premises on Eccles St and we look forward to welcoming service users and community members to share this exciting space.

The advent of nationwide self-testing for HIV and other STIs through SH:24 has been a huge success, and we congratulate our colleagues in HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme for its ongoing development and roll out. HIV Ireland has been pleased to support this initiative through our membership of the National Steering Committee.

Similarly, HIV Ireland, through our MPOWER programme, is proud to have been able to continue to offer a dedicated self-testing services aimed at gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, and to partner with key stakeholders, including Grindr, to increase availability of test kits to the community at various times in the year (e.g. European testing Week, Nov 2023).

This past year also saw the official launch of our Equal Check + Chat Mobile Screening Service by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD in December 2023. This service, funded by Gilead Sciences and supported by GSK-ViiV and Certified Proud, is a partnership project with our colleague at AIDS Care Education and Training (ACET) and will facilitate community-based testing and information



services for key communities in Dublin and across Leinster. We are also delighted to welcome our new colleague, Ann Piercy, as our Equal Check + Chat Mobile Testing Coordinator.

HIV Ireland continues to be at the forefront of HIV advocacy and awareness raising. This was again evident in our participation, at the kind invitation of Taoiseach's office, in the National HIV and AIDS Monument Steering Committee which resulted in the long-campaigned-for unveiling of "Embraced Loop – National HIV and AIDS Monument" in the People's Garden, Phoenix Park, Dublin. The monument stands as a place of remembrance and solidarity with the communities of people living with and impacted by HIV and AIDS, including those who died and those who cared for them.

Stephen O'Hare
Executive Director

Our Mission

To prevent new HIV transmissions, combat stigma and discrimination, empower and support people impacted by HIV, and raise awareness of HIV and related issues.

Our Vision

An end to new HIV transmissions and HIV-related stigma and discrimination in Ireland.

Chairperson's Foreword

On behalf of the Board of Directors of HIV Ireland, I am delighted to present our Annual Report 2023. Last year, long standing board member Mr Bernard Condon SC stepped down as Chairperson and I am honoured to have been appointed to the role. I want to thank Bernard for his tireless commitment and expert guidance of our organisation. I also wish to extend sincere gratitude to Claire Power who retired from the board in 2023 following many years invaluable service. I wish both Bernard and Claire every success in the future.

At the end of the 2023, the Health Protection Surveillance Centre reported more than double the number of newly notified cases of HIV in Ireland when compared to the previous year. It is notable that most of the newly notified cases represent people previously diagnosed with HIV and linking in with the Irish healthcare services for the first time. In contrast, the number of new cases of people acquiring HIV continues to fall in line with Ireland's key commitments on reducing and eventually eliminating new HIV transmission by 2030.

These figures underpin why HIV Ireland maintains its community focus, why we continue to emphasis both prevention and support, and why in 2023 we sought to grow new service capability and expand our connection to key communities.

Findings from our groundbreaking report on stigma in the health services published in September in partnership with the University of Galway highlights how people living with HIV continue to report negative experiences because of HIV-related stigma. In some cases, people reported experiencing outright discrimination when accessing routine health care services. The report also highlighted the continued lack of knowledge and awareness of HIV, including advances in HIV treatment among some health care

providers leading to inappropriate and stigmatising behaviours in the provision of care.

These findings highlight the scale of the challenge to change attitudes and behaviours in relation to HIV and sexual health, and the need for vigilance in tackling misinformation, lack of awareness, and stigma. I am proud of the response of our organisation in working to meet these and other challenges through innovative campaigns and support services.

As we approach the middle of the decade it is imperative that Ireland take the necessary steps required to eliminate HIV-related stigma, improve awareness of HIV prevention, support our communities impacted by HIV, and ensure that every person living with HIV is aware of their status and accessing effective treatment. The board of HIV Ireland advocates for the development and adoption of a robust National Action Plan for HIV to ensure that we meet our obligations and achieve our universally agreed goals to end new HIV transmission and end AIDS by 2030.

Ensuring that our prevention and support services have the greatest possible impact for those who need it, remains a key priority for our organisation. Early in the year we welcomed noted HIV activist and campaigner, Rebecca Tallon de Havilland to spearhead our work with the trans community, laying the groundwork for a first of its kind trans-specific rapid testing and outreach service, run by trans people for trans people.

In December, we were pleased to welcome Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD to launch our Equal Check+Chat - Mobile Testing Service, in partnership with ACET (AIDS Care Education and Training). The project was launched with major funding provided by Gilead Sciences Zeroing In fund, and with kind support from GSK x ViiV and



from Certified Proud. The service will facilitate community-based testing, expanding our reach throughout the Leinster region, with a particular emphasis on communities who often face barriers to accessing services.

The mobile service complements our existing testing and outreach services which continue to grow. I was particularly pleased to see our innovative partnership arrangement with Grindr to promote self-testing to users of the platform in Ireland during European Testing Week in November. In another first, HIV Ireland became the first organisation outside the United States to partner with Grindr to promote self-testing.

Other innovations include funding for the installation of a new bespoke community counselling hub and garden space. The hub will facilitate the expansion of our counselling and psychosocial support service for people living with HIV, while our dedicate National Peer Support Programme continues to attract new volunteers to provide peer to peer support and outreach to people living with and impacted by HIV across the country.

These are just some of the highlights from a busy year of expanding service delivery and innovation. I wish to thank my fellow board members, our dedicated staff, and all our volunteers who give their time so generously.

Steve Lynam
Chair of HIV Ireland

Service Delivery 2023



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

HIV Ireland’s Community Support services include advocacy, support, and counselling for people living with HIV (PLWH) or affected by HIV, the capacity building of people living with HIV to self-advocate, and a street outreach service in which sexual health literature and information on our testing service is disseminated to at-risk groups. Community Support staff also respond to public queries in relation to HIV and STIs, and accommodate agency visits and researchers seeking information on HIV Ireland as well as on issues for people living with HIV or AIDS.

In 2023, our Community Support Team continued to exercise flexibility in meeting the needs of our service users. We engaged with service users by phone, email, on Zoom, or through MS Teams, both in-hours and out-of-hours.

Interventions for PLWH

In 2023, HIV Ireland supported approximately 964 people living with HIV with a total number of 3,032 interventions. The vast number of interventions related to advocacy, 1-to-1 support, counselling, and moving to, or returning to, Ireland.

Advocacy interventions in 2023 related mostly to helping PLWHIV access medications and clinic appointments, HIV related discrimination, housing and homelessness, issues with Direct Provision Centres and International Protection Accommodation Services, and Social Protection. As HIV Ireland is the Ukraine’s Department of Health’s NGO contact, we assisted 97 Ukrainians to access HIV treatment and other supports. Support interventions centred primarily on issues relating to mental health, disclosure in both personal, formal, and employment settings, and on accessing peer support. Where possible, staff sought to learn every client’s current health status if further HIV interventions are needed. This was particularly so with vulnerable groups such as asylum seekers, the homeless, people who use drugs, and Ukrainians and other migrants navigating the Irish health system.

National Peer Support Programme

In 2023, HIV Ireland continued to provide peer support to people living with HIV.

A total of 19 trained peer support volunteers based in the Republic of Ireland, and a further 5 from Northern Ireland (13 males and 11 females in total), provided peer support to 94 individuals. Our Peer Support volunteers reside in 10 counties: Cavan, Clare, Cork, Down, Dublin, Limerick, Sligo, Tipperary, Waterford, and Wexford.

They are from: The Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Brazil, Chile, India, Malawi, Nigeria, Poland, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

Positive Now & The National Women’s Group

HIV Ireland continued to support Positive Now and the All-Ireland Network of People Living with HIV to hold their on-site social groups as well as several outside events such as walks and picnics. We also continued to support the National Women’s Group to meet in their local areas. A sub-group of Muslim women living with HIV is supported by a dedicated Community Support staff member.

Positive Now National Conference for People Living with HIV

Positive Now held its 4th National Conference for People Living with HIV on January 21st and 22nd at The Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin. Entitled *The Pillars of Wellbeing*, the conference was an attempt to gather together, and solidify, the community after the havoc caused by Covid 19. Dr Paddy Mallon, HIV Consultant at St. Vincent’s University Hospital, gave an update on HIV research and spoke on other pertinent topics. The extended workshop on wellbeing was facilitated by Richard Boyle, Senior Counsellor in HIV Ireland, and Tony McGaharan, founder of the *People Playbook*, an agency which specializes in providing practical tools for team development and personal wellbeing. A total of 94 people attended the conference and the pre-conference social event.

General Public

Our Community Support team field calls, emails, and walk-in queries from the general public, which includes the significant others, family, and friends of people living with HIV.

The vast majority of those who called or emailed in 2023 were concerned about where to access HIV testing or full STI screening, or how to access PrEP or PEP. Service users were encouraged to avail of the Mater Hospital’s community testing clinic located in the HIV Ireland building at 70 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. Gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men (gbMSM) seeking rapid HIV testing or advice on issues relating to chemsex were referred to our MPower Programme, which also provided rapid HIV testing throughout 2023.

Professional queries centred on helping clients access HIV testing or if their clients are living with HIV, to access HIV medication or full sexual health screening. Queries from significant others, and family and friends of someone living with HIV, were mostly related to supporting that person and/or enquiring about transmission risks.

Interventions for the General Public 2023

Type of Query	Total Number of Interventions
HIV and STI Testing	437
PrEP/PEP	43
HIV/STI Symptoms	81
Transmission Risks	52
Professional Queries	72
Supporting Someone Living with HIV	16
TOTAL	701

Research Support

In 2023, HIV Ireland supported four student researchers from Dublin City University, Trinity College Dublin, and University College Dublin (1 Doctoral, 3 MA’s) researching HIV related topics.

Summary of Interventions for PLWH 2023

Types of Support Offered to People Living with HIV	No. of Interventions
Advocacy (Accessing Medication, Discrimination/ Mortgages/Housing and Homelessness/Direct Provision/Social Protection)	1,930
1-to-1 Support/Crisis Referral	523
Counselling	303
Moving/Returning to Ireland	209
Welfare Information	59
Legal Information and Support	42
Peer Support	87
Miscellaneous Queries	49
Total	3,202

MPOWER PROGRAMME

The MPOWER Programme at HIV Ireland is a suite of peer-driven community-level interventions which aim to achieve a reduction in the acquisition of HIV and STIs and an overall improvement of sexual health and wellbeing among gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men (gbMSM).

MPOWER devises sex-positive, judgement-free and harm reduction-based resources, services and supports where the needs of gbMSM have or can be identified. The programme strives to be inclusive of the diverse identities within the community of gbMSM and to incorporate the experiences of both HIV-positive and HIV-negative men.

The programme is delivered within the context of a broader sexual health and wellbeing framework which aims to take into consideration the range of social determinants of health that impact on sexual practices and vulnerability in acquiring HIV & STIs. This includes mental, physical and social health. The MPOWER Programme is funded by the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme.



Rapid HIV Testing

The MPOWER Programme free rapid HIV testing service was available to gbMSM on evenings and weekends throughout 2023. The service continues to be delivered by our team of gay and bisexual male volunteers, who represent a diverse range of ages, ethnicities, and serostatuses. The volunteer team are trained to perform the rapid test and to offer information and referrals to service users. The overarching aim of this peer-led, community-based testing service is to reduce the number of gbMSM living with undiagnosed HIV, link those who receive reactive results with clinical services for confirmatory testing and access to treatment, and to ensure that getting tested for HIV is as simple, accessible, and convenient as possible. During 2023, we had one intake of new trainee volunteers which brought us to a total of 50 gbMSM offering the service to the community.

In total, 778 rapid HIV tests were performed during the 175 testing sessions that took place throughout the year. 5 service users received a reactive result. All those who received reactive results were successfully connected with a clinical service for confirmatory testing and subsequently diagnosed positive. 99.4% of service users received a negative result and were offered information about their HIV prevention options.



Outreach

The MPOWER outreach service aims to connect with gbMSM where they meet to socialise and/or have sex. Our team of peer sexual health outreach workers offer information, support, resources, and referrals relating to HIV, STIs, and sexual health and wellbeing needs. The MPOWER outreach team offered this service Monday to Saturday throughout the year.

Online Outreach

Many gbMSM use online platforms to seek, organise and meet their sexual partners as well as obtain information on sexual health. Our outreach team is available to offer information, support and referrals on popular hook-up apps and dating sites such as Grindr. In addition, the outreach team were also available by Zoom, WhatsApp, text, email and by phone.

Throughout 2023, 1918 gbMSM connected with our outreach workers using online platforms. The type of information and support offered varied across several sexual health and wellbeing topics. The most frequent topics discussed were Access to PrEP, Information on HIV & STI Testing, Experiencing Symptoms, and Concern about a Sexual Risk Event.

One-to-One Support

Throughout 2023 in-person sessions for individuals requiring additional support beyond what is provided through other interventions continued to be available. This intervention primarily provides a higher level of support, specifically for those with the greatest need and the most pronounced barriers around accessing services. These sessions are reactive to service-user needs; the length and focus is determined by the presenting issues. 12 gbMSM accessed this one-to-one support in 2022.

HIV Self-Test Service

The MPOWER Programme HIV self-test service continued throughout 2023. The service seeks to increase HIV testing among those who experience barriers to traditional testing opportunities. The key aims of the HIV self-testing service is to reach those most at risk of acquiring HIV, to do so as early as possible in order to link people to care if they receive a reactive result, and to offer prevention information and referrals to those who test negative.

The HIV self-testing service is delivered by the MPOWER team at HIV Ireland. In 2023, the order portal was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to allow gbMSM across Ireland to order an HIV self-test when it works for them. The MPOWER team processes and fulfils all orders and offers support and referrals to service users by phone, email, text and video calls. The self-test kits are offered free of charge, although those ordering a kit are given the option to donate if they wish to do so.

In 2023, 2514 service users ordered an HIV self-test, 2 people reported a reactive result and 1 result was inconclusive. All three people were supported by the MPOWER outreach team and attended their local sexual health service for follow-up testing. The individual with an inconclusive self-test result received a negative result following laboratory testing. Both reactive results were confirmed positive and were successfully linked to care. It is important to note that 79% (n= 1,999) of service users who ordered an HIV self-test did not report their results and so there may be an underreporting of reactive results.

Condom and Lube Service

The MPOWER outreach team maintain a supply of condoms and lube via wall mounted dispensers in LGBT-identified venues in Dublin City Centre. Condom and lube packs are also made available to club night and event organisers throughout the year. In 2023, 183,000 condom and 190,000 lube was distributed by the MPOWER team.



David Comer

David Comer, a SPHeRE scholar based in the University of Galway, joined the MPOWER team at HIV Ireland on placement during the summer months to support his learning during his PhD journey. David’s interests include health inequalities and inequities, sexual health, and critical perspectives on health and the focus of his PhD is on the experiences gbMSM in Ireland have of the national PrEP programme.

During his time with the MPOWER team he was working towards building a deeper understanding of community-based healthcare and putting his research skills to the test analysis MPOWER data to support us in improving our services.

Supplies of condoms and lube are made available to MPOWER through the HSE National Condom Distribution Service.

LGBT+ VENUES AND CLUB NIGHTS SUPPLIED BY THE MPOWER TEAM

- _____ Pantibar
- _____ The George
- _____ Outhouse
- _____ The Boilerhouse
- _____ Street 66
- _____ Allmyfriends
- _____ GLAMworld
- _____ Basic Instincts
- _____ Mother
- _____ Sweatbox
- _____ Sunday Social
- _____ Bukake
- _____ NSFW
- _____ Dublin Pride
- _____ Tender
- _____ Rural Men
- _____ Roisin Dubh

EQUAL CHECK & CHAT MOBILE TESTING UNIT



HIV Ireland, in partnership with AIDS Care and Education Training (ACET) and MPower, in collaboration with the Irish Health Service Executive (HSE) through its Sexual Health and HIV Services was launched on 8th November by the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to promote inclusion. Equal Check and Chat mobile testing unit is committed to providing a quality, culturally appropriate and barrier free testing and education service to the gbMSM and migrant communities—two of the most vulnerable populations today. It acknowledges that these communities won’t access care because of mistrust in the system, and other barriers such as stigma and inaccessible health care centres and fear of costs, so a “we go to them when they won’t come to us” approach will be used.

The team also aims to promote knowledge and awareness of HIV among young LGBTI+ people attending further and higher educational institutions in Ireland by promoting knowledge and awareness of HIV and the importance of testing.

The main issues this project will attempt to address is the increase in HIV/STI rates in Ireland and the need to increase access to HIV/STI information and testing services for those particularly vulnerable to acquiring HIV/STIs, including gbMSM and communities with migrant backgrounds. The project will also attempt to

address the issue of lack of access to sexual health services in Ireland outside of large urban centres.

Equal Check and Chat consists of a team of volunteers, drivers, outreach worker and other members of staff who will be traveling to different locations with the mobile unit.

Services are free of charge, and any information relayed to us will be confidential.

The mobile testing unit will be traveling to different locations in the Leinster region and will offer the following services:

- HIV rapid testing
- Information on HIV and sexual health
- Condom distribution
- Period products for women and girls

Many programs overlook a basic need that disproportionately affects women: access to period products. By including these essential supplies in the mobile unit, we can not only provide them with immediate support but also create a trusted space to access sexual and reproductive health information they might not otherwise seek. Offering these essential supplies demonstrates a commitment to women’s health and well-being, fostering a sense of empowerment and encouraging women to prioritize their health needs.

Campaigns & Events

GLOW RED FOR WORLD AIDS DAY

Our annual Glow Red for World AIDS Day campaign aims to highlight the impact of HIV related stigma on PLWHIV and calls for the eradication of stigma and discrimination in line with global goals. Beginning on the evening of 30th November and throughout World AIDS Day 1st December, organisations and municipal authorities are invited to light up key landmark buildings in red light. People are also invited to wear red and/or buy a #GlowRed4WAD limited edition lapel pin from HIV Ireland to show solidarity with PLWHIV and the campaign to end HIV-related stigma. In 2023, more than 60 landmark buildings were lit up in red around the country with many more people choosing to buy a pin and wear red on World AIDS Day. This year's campaign was launched by Aoife Commins and Rebecca Tallon de Havilland.



EMBRACED LOOP – NATIONAL HIV & AIDS MONUMENT

On 3rd December 2023, HIV Ireland attended the unveiling of “Embraced Loop – the National HIV and AIDS Monument” in the People’s Garden at the Phoenix Park in Dublin. The monument was unveiled by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD, who led a moving tribute remembering and honouring people living with HIV, those who died, and those who cared for and supported them. The Taoiseach was joined at the event by Minister for Children, Equality, Disability Integration and Youth Roderic O’Gorman TD and a representative from the Monument Oversight Committee, long time HIV and AIDS activist, Rory O’Neill who spoke eloquently about living with HIV and those honoured by the monument.

The winning design by Barcelona based artists Anaisa Franco and Michael R. DiCarlo was chosen by a jury comprising members of the communities impacted by HIV and representatives from the Oversight Committee established to oversee the selection and installation of the monument. The monument is designed to ‘express solidarity with everyone, past and present, who have been affected by HIV and AIDS, to remember those who have died, and to celebrate their lives and all who supported them.’



Chairperson of HIV Ireland Bernard Condon joined other board and staff members of the organisation, together with members of the Oversight Committee, including HIV Ireland nominees Stephen O’Hare, Executive Director, former HIV Ireland board member Jeanne McDonagh and activist Karl Hayden. Invitees to the event included members from the communities of people living with and impacted by HIV and AIDS, including family members of people who have died, their partners and families, representatives from community and voluntary organisations, health care providers, carers, friends, activists, supporters, and volunteers. Following the unveiling, the Taoiseach hosted a reception for attendees at Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park.

LAUNCH OF HIV-RELATED STIGMA IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IN IRELAND

In September 2023, HIV Ireland launched a new publication, HIV-related Stigma in Healthcare Settings in Ireland. The research was undertaken by report author Dr Elena Vaughan at the Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway and supported by HIV Ireland. The report highlighted findings from research with both health care providers and people living with HIV on attitudes and experiences regarding HIV in health care settings. Key findings from the report include that 40% of healthcare workers say they would worry, at least a little, about drawing blood from a person living with HIV and that one in five healthcare workers report using special measures they would not use with other patients when treating patients living with HIV. Of the respondents living with HIV who took part in the survey, 24% reported having been told to come back later, made to wait, or put last in a queue when attending for appointments while more than half (54%) reported having avoided healthcare for worry about how they will be treated by healthcare workers.



More than 400 people took part in the research, including 298 healthcare workers and 89 people living with HIV from across Ireland participating in the survey. The study was launched at an event held in the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission with discussion of the findings by report author Dr Elena Vaughan, HSE Clinical Lead for Sexual Health Dr Fiona Lyons and Community Support Manager with HIV Ireland Dr Erin Nugent.



Stephen O'Hare Executive Director HIV Ireland and Dr Elena Vaughan, Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway.

Community Response to the National Mpox (Monkeypox) Outbreak

Throughout 2023 as part of Ireland's response to the global mpox outbreak, MPOWER continued its risk communication and community engagement plan in collaboration with HSE SHCPP, HSE Communications and Man2Man.ie. This was commenced on request of Ireland's Mpox National Crisis Management Team (NCMT) of which MPOWER Programme Manager, Adam Shanley is a member.

The campaign's overall aim was to prevent and reduce acquisition of mpox in communities of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (gbMSM) in Ireland. The campaign had a multiphase approach with messaging that was developed to be informative and avoid stigmatisation. In 2023 the focus of the campaign remained on those who would benefit from vaccination against mpox to come forward and get vaccinated. The full campaign was available in English, Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese.

Launch of the Responses to Mpox in Ireland Research

On Friday, 10th of November 2023, we launched the findings from our nationwide survey that asked gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (gbMSM) their views of how mpox was managed in Ireland.

The 2022 global outbreak of mpox presented significant challenges for gbMSM, this report explores the perceptions the community had of the mpox outbreak in Ireland. It describes thoughts on prevention, experience, and aftermath of mpox; the impact of mpox on daily lives of gbMSM in Ireland; and community preferences on support and information provision for mpox.

The report was launched during an online event, live-streamed with the support of our friends at Gay Community News (GCN). David Comer (SPHeRE PhD Scholar) and Dr Chris Noone from the University of Galway and Dr John Gilmore from University College Dublin presented the findings of the survey and engaged in discussion, questions, and answers with the MPOWER programme manager. The full report and video of the launch event are both available on the MPOWER website.

Looking For Now

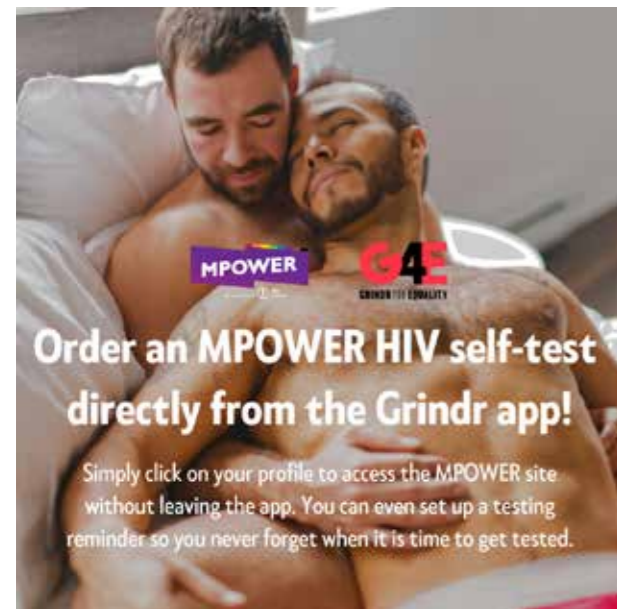
From July 2023, the MPOWER programme ran the 'Looking For Now' campaign. The campaign, which ran as posters and beer mats in LGBT+ bars and club venues across Ireland and on social media, highlighted the ease of ordering a free HIV self-test from the portal on our website that was now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Grindr x MPOWER Collaboration

To mark European HIV Testing Week, the MPOWER Programme at HIV Ireland announced a new partnership with Grindr, the world’s largest dating app for the gay community. Grindr users across Ireland are now able to directly access our self-test order portal by clicking a ‘Order A Test’ button in the app.

Ireland becomes the first country outside of the United States where Grindr users can seamlessly order a free self-test for HIV directly from within the Grindr interface, completing the process in less than 3 minutes.



Quick Guide to Pride

In collaboration with Mother, Ireland’s leading LGBT+ club and festival organisers, we launched a pre- and post- Pride campaign. Running on both Mother and MPOWER’s social media, the campaign included information on HIV prevention and safety messaging, alcohol and drug harm reduction advice, awareness of the mpox outbreak, pickup locations for condoms and lube and information on when and where to get tested if you’ve had sex during the pride festivities.

Let Communities Lead – World AIDS Day

The theme for World AIDS Day 2023 was ‘Let Communities Lead’. To mark the day, we invited our volunteers to share what it means for them to be involved in leading responses to HIV for their peers in their own community. A series of videos were released throughout the day in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Irish AIDS Day

On the 15th of June to mark Irish AIDS Day, MPOWER collaborated with Dublin Pride to offer a pop-up ‘click and collect’ desk for HIV self-tests at the Dublin Pride Hub on South Anne Street.



World Congress of HIV & STIs – Chicago, USA

The World Congress of HIV & STIs took place in Chicago, USA in July 2023. Adam Shanley, MPOWER Programme Manager presented ‘Building Trust in Risk Communication and Community Engagement During The Mpox Outbreak in Ireland’ A poster presentation of Ireland’s communication and engagement response to the mpox outbreak, how it was devised and it’s success.



HepHIV Conference, Spain

The HepHIV Conference took place in Madrid, Spain in November 2022. Adam Shanley, MPOWER Programme Manager and Davy Quinlivan, MPOWER Programme Coordinator presented at a special session celebrating the 10th anniversary of the European Testing Week (ETW) campaign. Adam and Davy highlighted the importance of the annual initiative by sharing the different ETW campaigns MPOWER delivered in Ireland and the impact that they had on testing uptake and linkage to care.

AIDS Action Europe gbMSM Annual Meeting – Berlin, Germany

The AIDS Action Europe gbMSM annual meeting took place in Berlin, Germany in December 2022. An opportunity to connect and network with sector peers from across European and Central Asia that are working to advance the sexual health and wellbeing of gbMSM. During the meeting a number of presentations spanning a wide range of themes were delivered. Mark Doyle, MPOWER Outreach Worker presented a paper on the benefits of Grindr as an outreach tool to engage rural-based and ‘not-out’ gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.



DUBLIN PRIDE JUNE 24TH



To celebrate Dublin Pride, HIV Ireland once again held our Pride Breakfast at our headquarters at 70 Eccles Street. The event brings together board members, staff, our wonderful volunteers, and supporters who join us each year as we march in the Dublin Pride parade. This year, we were delighted to welcome Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly TD to our building to meet with staff and volunteers and to learn about the work we do. Chairperson of HIV Ireland Bernard Condon introduced the Minister to staff and highlighted the many ways in which HIV Ireland works to support the communities of people living with and vulnerable to acquiring HIV. The Minister also had a chance to view the garden space at the rear of the building, where plans to develop the site into a counselling and community space are in progress, thanks to a generous grant from the Department of Health. Our key message to the Minister was the urgent need for a dedicated National Action Plan on HIV for Ireland, and he promised to engage further with HIV Ireland on progressing Ireland's commitments under the Fast Track Cities initiative.

DUBLIN FRONTRUNNERS PRIDE RUN



On 16th June, HIV Ireland was delighted to once again be selected as a fundraising recipient following the Pride Run in Dublin's Phoenix Park by the Dublin Frontrunners LGBTI+ running club. Each year, Dublin Frontrunners selects a number of charity and community organisations working on LGBTI+ issues as recipients of monies raised by the participants and sponsors of the Pride Run. HIV Ireland staff attended the event as volunteer stewards, and our own Adam Shanley even took part in the run to raise much needed funds for HIV Ireland, Trans Equality Together

and Shout Out. We were pleased to see that despite the summer rain, all of the participants were in high spirits as they completed the soggy 5k course. Later in the year, HIV Ireland's Executive Director Stephen O'Hare and MPOWER Programme Manager Adam Shanley received a donation from club members at their weekly run in the park.

NEW HIV IRELAND TEAM & BOARD MEMBERS

Barbara King
Administrative Officer

Barbara joined HIV in November 2023 in the role of Administrative Officer. Barbara formerly worked with HIV as part of our Community Employment team, before taking up a role in administration with global electronics and communications firm Samsung. Barbara is HIV Ireland's first point of contact for queries, requests, information, and referrals for anyone wishing to contact our organisation. As a member of the Operations Team Barbara is responsible for developing and implementing new administration initiatives and ensuring HIV Ireland responds to the growing number of service users who contact us for assistance.



Friederike Jaich
Communications and Information Officer

Friederike or 'Freddie' as she is known, joins HIV Ireland in the role of Communications and Information Officer. A new position in HIV Ireland, Freddie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in communications, messaging, social media, campaigns and events, online journalism, graphic design, and web-based applications to advance our overall communications and information provision profile. Prior to joining HIV Ireland, Freddie worked as communications and Events Officer at the EU Tax Observatory at the Paris School of Economics, a role she held since the Observatory's inception



Ann K Piercy
Mobile Testing Coordinator

Ann joins HIV Ireland after a long a distinguished career as with GOSSH KnowNow Community Testing Project in Limerick. Ann brings her passion for public health and has a wealth of experience in social and behavioural sciences in HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health. Through her work Ann has developed a strong understanding of public health education and poverty reduction strategies, with focus on health care provision in social economically impacted communities. Ann is a member of the European AIDS Treatment Group with broad understanding of global migration health, policy formulation and program development.



Rebecca Tallon de Havilland
Trans Testing Coordinator

Rebecca is a high profile broadcaster, activist and campaigner who joins HIV Ireland as our Trans Testing Project Coordinator. Rebecca, who has talked publicly about living with HIV since the 1980s, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organisation, having worked previously with 56 Dean St, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, Kensington Palace, and the Terence Higgins Trust on HIV prevention and awareness. In 2023, Rebecca joined Aoife Commins to promote HIV Ireland's annual Glow Red Campaign and continues to provide information, education and awareness on HIV and HIV related stigma to organisations throughout Ireland.

The 4th Annual Red Ball



To mark World Aids Day 2023, HIV Ireland hosted their fourth #RedBall raising awareness and much need funds to support people living with and affected by HIV in Ireland.

Brendan Courtney was the Master of Ceremonies for the 2023 event. Aoife Commins spoke candidly and openly about her experiences of living with HIV, and about the stigma that still exists for many people living with HIV in Ireland.

This year, HIV Ireland teamed up with Bank of Ireland as our principal sponsor, to promote the Red Ball for World AIDS Day – 1st December 2023.



Google



Alan Hughes & Friends



Jeanne McDonagh Matt Barrett



Barefoot Wines



Hugh Wallace and Friends



Accenture



Neill Farrell, Oliver Wall and Stephen Donovan, Bank of Ireland



State Street



Stephen Healy and Stephen Donovan, Bank of Ireland





Bank Notes Barbershop Quartet



Accenture



Fergal O'Sullivan, Bernard Condon and Steve Lynam, HIV Ireland



Brendan Courtney



Fidelity Investments



Monnina Griffith and Clodagh Robinson



Microsoft



State Street



the **RED** ball



Thank You.

We would like to thank the following organisations who so kindly sponsored the Red Ball in 2023, raising vital funds for HIV Ireland's work to prevent new HIV infections, combat HIV stigma and support people living with HIV.

PRINCIPAL SUPPORTERS



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Hugh Wallace Architect



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A heartfelt thank you to all our supporters, without whom the Red Ball would not have been possible.

Dame Joan Collins

Kevin Sharkey

Parknasilla Resort and Spa

Abbey Theatre
Alias Tom
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David Marshall Hair Salon
Dominic Skinner
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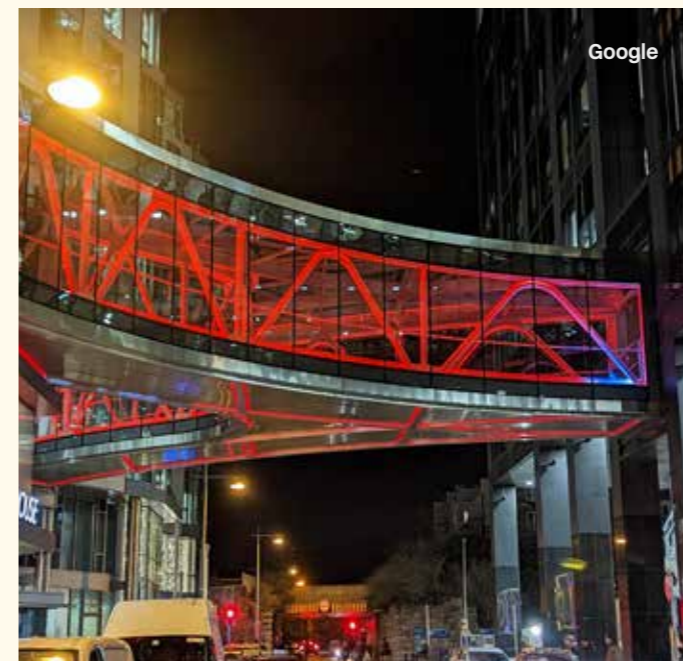
M.A.C.
Margaret O'Connor
Steven Pierce
Trocadero

Glow Red for World AIDS Day 2023



The Convention Centre, Dublin

Ionad Comhdhála Bhaile Átha Cliath



Google



Mastercard



US Embassy, Dublin

For the fourth year in a row landmark monuments and buildings around Ireland lit up in red to mark World AIDS Day, 1st December. As part of Glow Red 4 World AIDS Day campaign over 60 buildings and monuments around Ireland agreed to light up in red as part of the campaign to shine a light on HIV-related stigma. Iconic landmarks included the US Embassy building at Ballsbridge, Heuston Station, Athlone Viaduct, the Rock of Cashel, Kilkenny Castle, the National Convention Centre, Liberty Hall and The Four Courts. These were also joined by a host of city and county council buildings, The Office of Public Works and high-profile companies including Google, Arthur Cox, Indeed, State Street, PWC and Bank of Ireland.



Bedford Tower, Dublin Castle



Mansion House, Dublin



City Hall, Dublin



Arthur Cox



Cork City Hall



Arthur Cox



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Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny

Water Tower, Farmleigh, Dublin



Wexford County Hall



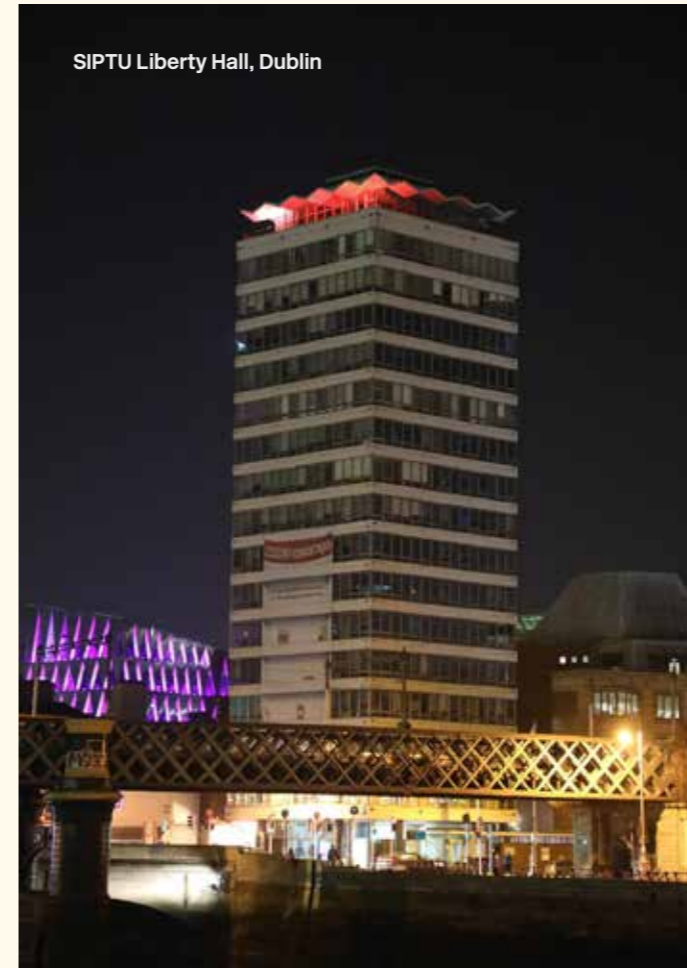
Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin



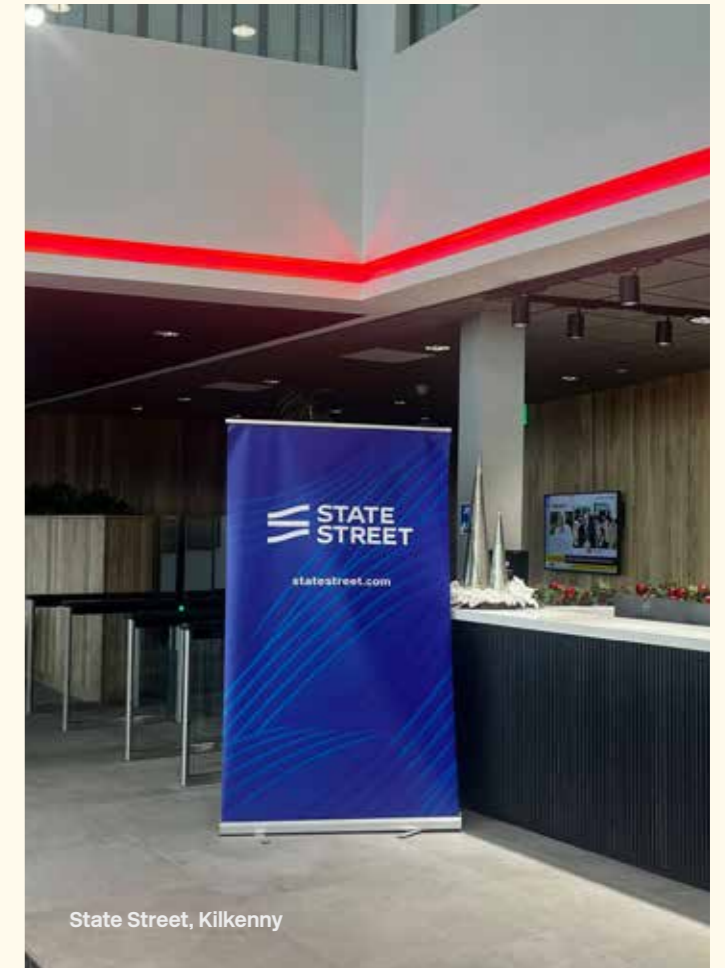
Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary



SIPTU Liberty Hall, Dublin



State Street, Kilkenny



Athlone Viaduct, Westmeath



Carrickmacross Market Building, Monaghan



PWC, Dublin



Ash Memorial, Kerry



Mater Misericordiae University Hospital



Heuston Station, Dublin



Committee Representation & Policy Work

Mpox National Crisis Management Team (NCMT) and related sub-groups

A multisectoral, public health led National Crisis Management Team (NCMT) for mpox remained in place throughout 2023. Adam Shanley, MPOWER Programme manager continued on the NCMT as the gbMSM community representative to monitor the situation and prepare appropriate responses. He also sat on NCMT sub-groups including; *Communications, Vaccination, Research and Guideline Development, Clinical Advisory and Case Control*. Adam also sits on the World Health Organisation (WHO) and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Mpox Community Working Group.

HSE gbMSM Health Committee

The MPOWER Programme Manager represents HIV Ireland and the interests of the community of gbMSM at this multisectoral, multidisciplinary, sexual health committee chaired by the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme. The purpose of the gbMSM Health Committee is to maintain a focus on sexual health in gbMSM on an on-going basis, offer strategic advice on planning and resourcing for gbMSM sexual health, monitor trends related to the sexual health of gbMSM and to monitor progress in the implementation of actions related to gbMSM contained in the national sexual health strategy.

HSE Chemsex Working Group

The MPOWER Programme Manager and Andrew Shannon, MPOWER Chemsex Project Coordinator represent HIV Ireland on the HSE Chemsex Working Group, a sub-committee of the HSE gbMSM Health Committee. The Chemsex Working Group Ireland was established in 2015, in response to an increase in the reported use of chemsex among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (gbMSM). The group meets to discuss work ongoing in the area, share information on trends and identify gaps for research or service provision.

HSE EMI Guideline Development Group

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre's Research and Guideline Development section commenced a review and update of the EMI Guidelines for the provision of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). Adam Shanley, MPOWER Programme Manager was invited to the group as a patient representative. The work will be complete in 2024 with new guidelines being published.

HIV Community Testing Steering Group

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre leads the HIV Community Testing Steering Group which the MPOWER Programme Manager is a member. The objectives of the group are to assess trends in HIV testing and HIV reactivity rates in community testing settings, and to determine if current testing strategies are detecting cases in key populations and in those less likely to access testing in traditional environments. Each year, the group members submit data from their community-based testing initiatives across Ireland and an annual report is published on the HPSC website.

HSE PrEP Working Group Meeting (HSE SHCPP)

The HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme established the National PrEP Working Group in 2019 following the launch of a national PrEP programme for Ireland. The MPOWER Programme Manager represents HIV Ireland and the community of gbMSM on this working group. The focus of the group is to advise on recommendations in relation to the use of HIV PrEP in Ireland; identifying and advocating for additional resources and areas for service improvement and efficiency; revise as needed and implement robust programme monitoring and evaluation; identify priority research needs, advocate for resources to undertake research and contribute to/participate in research.

LGBTI+ Intimate Partner Abuse Working Group

Davy Quinlivan, MPOWER Programme Coordinator, represents HIV Ireland at the LGBTI+ Intimate Partner Abuse Working Group. A multiorganisational group that was convened to better understand the issue in an Irish context and the need and type of service provision that may be required in response.

Infectious Diseases Clinical Trials Network Ireland (ID-CTNI)

HIV Ireland is represented on the ID-CTNI steering group. ID-CTNI is a multi-centre, collaborative network of clinical trial sites in Ireland established in 2021 and funded by the Irish Health Research Board (HRB) to deliver high quality clinical research in Infectious Diseases in Ireland. HIV Ireland also co-chairs the Community Advisory Board for the establishment of an ID-CTNI Public and Patient Information Network (PPI).

LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy

The most recent LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy includes four thematic pillars that provide a vision of an Ireland where LGBTI+ people are (1) Visible and included (2) Treated Equally (3) Healthy and (4) Safe and Supported. HIV Ireland is a member of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy Steering Group responsible for the implementation of the strategy.

European HIV Legal Forum Network

HIV Ireland is a member of the European HIV Legal Forum Network. The network is currently focused on the phenomenon of criminalisation of HIV, criminalisation of drug use, and the human rights of populations across Europe impacted by HIV.

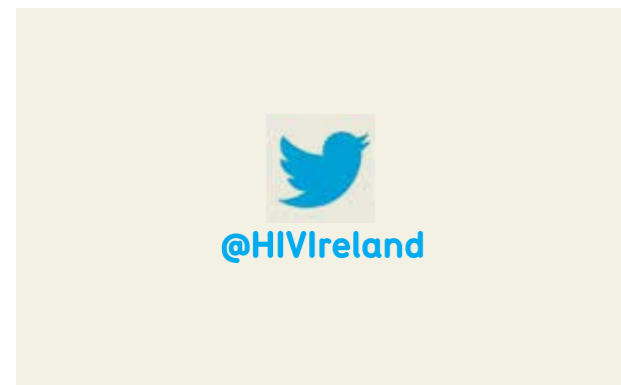
Fast Track Cities - Dublin

HIV Ireland is co-chair of the Dublin Fast Track Cities Steering Group, together with Prof Jack Lambert, Consultant in Infectious Diseases at Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. In October 2023, Dublin FTC group participated in the annual Fast Track Cities Global Conference organised by IAPAC and held in Amsterdam. Members of the group also attended the UK & Ireland Fast Track Cities Network meeting in London in November.

Digital & Social Media

Our primary social media platforms are our website, Facebook and Twitter pages, and a YouTube channel. Used to provide information about available services and to promote specific campaigns, we also highlight our policy and research work and publish harm reduction information about HIV and related topics.

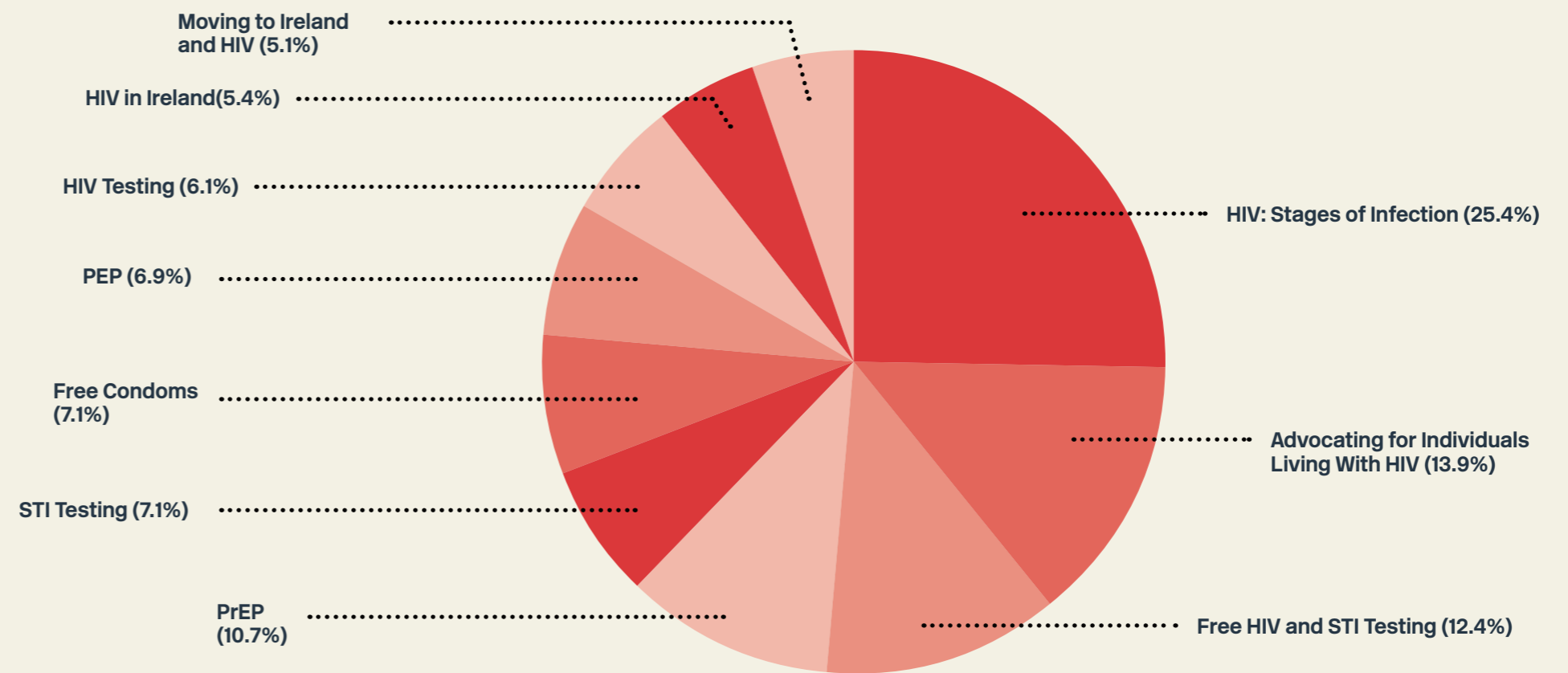
Our Facebook and Twitter platforms have a cumulative following of just over 13,000.



WEBSITE (WWW.HIVIRELAND.IE)

In 2023 there were a total of 148,333 visitors to our website.

TOP 10 PAGES VIEWED 2023



MPOWER WEBSITE

In 2023, the MPOWER website (mpower.hivireland.ie), had 85,819 page views and 46,375 website users. The MPOWER Programme also has a presence on Facebook (653 followers) and Instagram (3,412 followers).

Our Work in Numbers 2023

APPROXIMATELY

964

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV WHO RECEIVED ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

701

INTERVENTIONS WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO RECEIVED INFORMATION ON SEXUAL HEALTH SCREENING, HIV AND STI SYMPTOMS, PrEP, PEP, AND TRANSMISSION RISKS

4,065

FOLLOWERS ON MPOWER SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

2,514

HIV SELF-TESTS DELIVERED ACROSS IRELAND

3,202

INTERVENTIONS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

94

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV WHO RECEIVED INDIVIDUAL PEER SUPPORT

46,375

UNIQUE VISITORS TO THE MPOWER WEBSITE

778

RAPID HIV TESTS PERFORMED FOR gbMSM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SESSIONS CONDUCTED ON THE STREET AND IN MIGRANT BUSINESSES AND SOCIAL SPACES REACHING 600+ PEOPLE VULNERABLE TO HIV

8

6,000

FREE CONDOMS AND LUBE PACKS PROVIDED TO ORGANISATIONS

190,000

CONDOM AND LUBE PACKS PROVIDED TO gbMSM BARS, CLUBS AND EVENTS

1,918

ONLINE OUTREACH ENGAGEMENTS WITH gbMSM

Financial Report

DUBLIN AIDS ALLIANCE LIMITED TRADING AS HIV IRELAND

(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)
Summarised Financial Statement extracted from the Director's report
and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Donations & Fundraising	131,291		93,963	
HSE Dublin North City Social Inclusion	363,567		344,862	
HSE North East	10,000		10,000	
HSE (NICDAFT)	68,400		68,400	
HSE MPOWER Programme (SHCCP)	311,300		269,882	
HSE (SHCPP)	-		22,678	
Department of Health	30,688		13,403	
Other Grants	260,883		190,349	
Other Income	67,128		46,000	
		1,243,257		1,059,537
Expenditure				
Salaries incl. Employer's PRSI	693,533		664,426	
Training & Consultancy	4,704		2,060	
Rent payable	52,500		52,677	
Project costs	285,266		288,351	
Combined Overheads	72,312		57,048	
		1,108,315		1,064,562

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	€	€	€	€
Current Assets				
Debtors	49,819		94,181	
Cash at bank and in hand	720,036		757,763	
		769,855		851,944
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
		(438,269)		(655,300)
Net current assets		331,586		196,644
Total assets less current liabilities		331,586		196,644
Funds				
<i>General Fund (Unrestricted)</i>		331,586		196,644
Total Funds		331,586		196,644

Acknowledgements

HIV Ireland would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to our patron President Michael D. Higgins and to all who worked with and supported our organisation throughout 2023.

Board of Directors: The Directors holding office during the year comprised Bernard Condon SC (Chairperson, resigned December 2023), Fergal O’Sullivan, Claire Power (resigned 25th July), Gerry Kennedy BL (Secretary), Prof. Paddy Mallon, Hugh Nolan (Treasurer), Christina Kenny and Stephen Lynam.

Executive Director: Stephen O’ Hare

Policy and Development Manager: Pia Janning (resigned Septemeber 2023)

Operations Staff Team: Marie Hamilton (Manager), Patricia Dillon-Killeen, Barbara King (November 2023)

Community Support Staff Team: Dr Erin Nugent (Manager), Anthony Newsome, Evonne Mushonga, and Richard Boyle.

Volunteers: Joel Biongo, Martha Mutanda, Guylaine Ndonga Mbaki, Gerald Browne, and Luiz Gasparelli.

Volunteer Counsellors: Arran Whelan, Leo Cruz, and James O’Donnell. The 24 Peer Support Volunteers in the National HIV Peer Support Programme.

Education & Training Programme Staff team: Susan Donlon (Manager resigned January 2023), Sue Carter, Friederike Jaich (October 2023).

MPOWER Team: Adam Shanley (Manager), Davy Quinlivan, Andrew Shannon, Diego Caixeta and Mark Doyle

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Project Coordinator Trans Testing Project: Rebecca Tallon de Havilland

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