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Outreach, Counselling and STI Clinical Services for Gay and Bisexual Men

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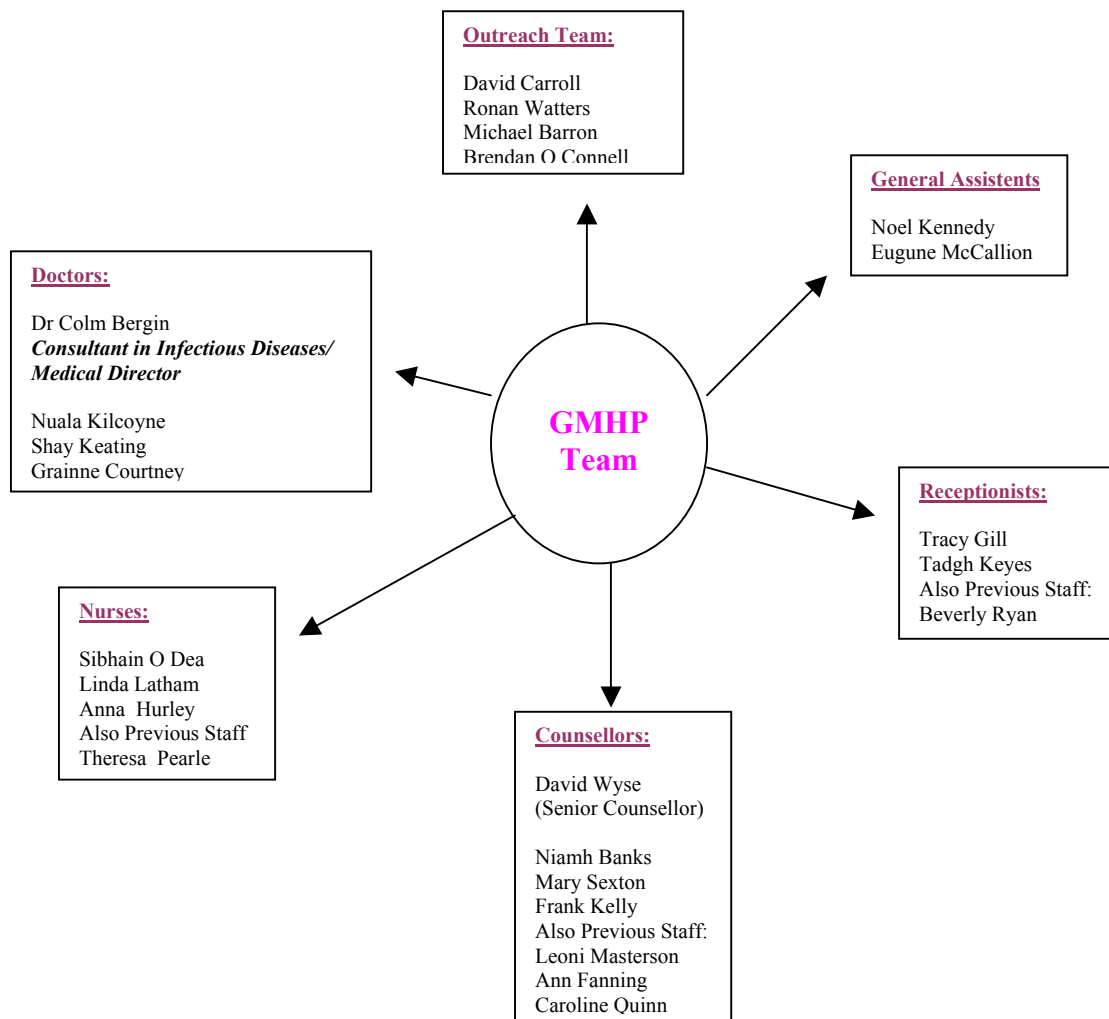
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Introduction & Acknowledgments

Welcome to this 2000 report for GMHP. We are now approaching our 9th year of operation. The main points from this report will be published in the form of a newsletter for wider distribution.

During the past year the project has continued to develop and expand with an increase in client numbers, outreach contacts and staff numbers. A consultant in infectious diseases was appointed in January 2000 to formalise medical direction, leading to some changes in operation for the benefit of our clients. Also in late 2000 we interviewed for new full-time outreach and counselling staff who will take up appointment early 2001.

The STI clinic is an important part of the project and it remains the only specific service in all of Ireland that caters for gay and bisexual men. This is reflected in the increasing number of clients presenting to the service especially towards the latter part of the year with the identification of the syphilis outbreak. The Project now has one of the largest client bases in the Eastern Region Area Health Board's services.

Outreach continues to account for 80% of the project's services with continued involvement in community development and contact with gay and bisexual men at social venues and public sites. The team also played an important role in the Gay Health Network & Sigma survey of 1,500 men (Vital Statistics Ireland 2000).

These developments are important especially in relation to our continued concern at the increasing rates of HIV infection amongst gay and bisexual men. The figures for the Year 2000 show a dramatic increase (also for heterosexuals and IVDU), emphasising the view that we cannot become complacent in our work. The National AIDS Strategy Committee issued its report in 2000 and the recommendations on HIV Prevention and education act as a guideline for the project.

Finally it is important to acknowledge once again the contribution and commitment of the GMHP clinical and outreach team (past and present) for their professionalism and friendliness which continue to be acknowledged by many of our clients. We also welcome and acknowledge the support and goodwill from them and many various community and statutory organisations.

The support of the staff and senior management of the East Coast Area Health Board is very much appreciated as is the support of the Director of Nursing/Manager and staff of Baggot St Community Hospital.

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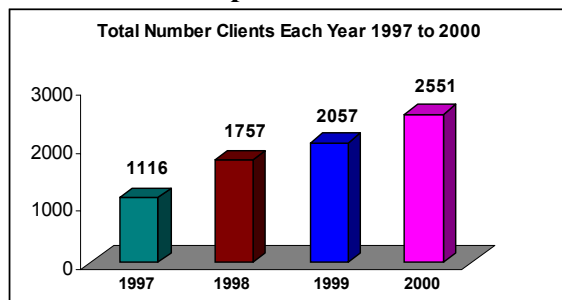
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GMHP Drop-In Clinical and Counselling Services

The Drop-In Clinic.

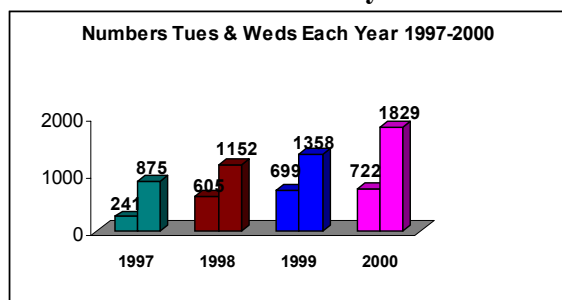
The Drop-In operates on two evenings per week. In 2000 the format of the clinics was changed with Tuesday clinics operating as a return appointment for results, treatment and vaccinations. Wednesday clinic time was changed from 6.30pm to 6.00pm and is primarily for new and return clients for STI screenings though appointments are given for return results. On both evenings, the following services are provided: HIV testing, Hepatitis A&B Testing and Hepatitis A&B vaccination, Syphilis testing. At present STI screenings are only available on Wednesday evenings. Partner notification and sexual health advice is provided to those with an STI diagnosis. On both evenings other services are available including information and counselling on HIV & sexual health awareness, support for people diagnosed with HIV, free condoms, lubricants and printed information. The Drop-in has seen an increasing number of clients each year as the figures below indicate.

Chart 1. The Drop-In Attendance Numbers from 1997 to 2000.



The over all increase for 2000 was 544(+24%) over 1999 with most attending on Wednesdays (chart 2), more so near the latter end of the year partly due to the syphilis outbreak.

Chart 2. Numbers Tuesdays and Wednesdays



* 1997 re-introduction of an STI screening service from March.

Tuesday clinic numbers increase of 23 (+3%) was low whereas Wednesday clinic numbers increased by 471(+35%) mainly due to the change of clinical services.

A break down of the average number of clients attending weekly provides a clearer picture of the scale of the increase since 1997.

Average number of clients attending weekly and daily clinics.

The average number of clients per clinic per week was 16 for Tuesdays and 38 for Wednesdays, compared to 15 and 28 respectively for 1999 and 12 and 23 for 1998.

Number of First-time Attendees and Re-registered Clients

A total 547 first-time and re-registered clients attended the clinic for 2000. The number for re-registered clients is from the last quarter. All the increases were for Wednesday clinic.

Chart 3. Total First-Time Clients 1997-2000

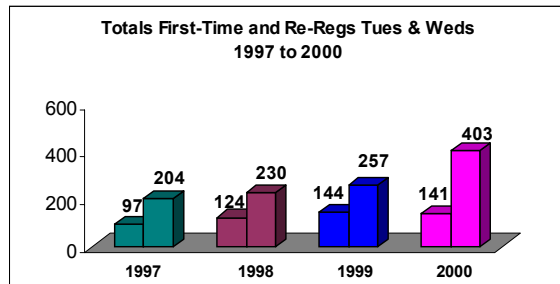


Chart 3.1. Totals 1997-2000

Year	Totals
1997	301
1998	354
1999	401
2000	544

The numbers for first time attendees and re-registered patients for Tuesday clinic were reduced for 1999 at -3(-2%), Wednesday clinic showed an increase of 146 (+56%)

GMHP Clinical Team.

The delivery of the Drop-In clinical service is now consultant led and both he and the following clinical staff provide sessional cover, for each clinic per week. Wednesday clinical staff consists of 3 Doctors, 3 Counsellors, 1 Health Advisor, 3 Nurses, 3 General Assistants (GA's) 1 Laboratory Technician, 2 Receptionists and 1 Outreach worker. Tuesday clinic has a lesser number, 1 Doctor, 2 nurses, 2 (GA's), 1 Receptionist and 1 Outreach worker.

Medical Service.

Medical procedures include screening and treatment of STI's. The dedicated medical consultant appointed to the project ensures the provision of a more comprehensive medical service. Clients diagnosed HIV positive are referred to the consultant who is based at the GUIDE Clinic, St James's Hospital. Clients diagnosed with syphilis are also referred to St James Hospital for specific investigation and treatment. After successful treatment for syphilis men usually return to the GMHP for further services.

The rate of STI screenings has increased and up to 20 new STI screenings take place each Wednesday. All first time clients are encouraged to have an STI screen, 80% avail of the HIV testing and Hepatitis testing and vaccination.

Nursing:

Apart from involvement in various programmes the nurses oversee the administration of vaccinations and recall of clients for completion. They are also responsible for phlebotomy with the taking of blood for tests, recording and sending these tests and collating the results when back from the laboratory. Of the 2,551 who attended 59% had contact with the nurses.

Chart 4. Nursing Contacts

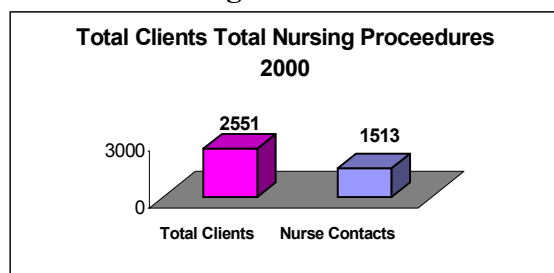


Chart 4.1 Procedure Types

Category	Numbers
HIV Test	652
Hepatitis A	542
Hepatitis B	468
Hepatitis C	186
Syphilis Test	581
Anti Hb	264
Hep Vac	618

Laboratory technician:

Microscopy service is provided by the laboratory technician at 19 Haddington Road. This is for an initial indicator of infection but definitive cultures takes up to two weeks.

General Assistants(GA's).

The GA's set up the centre each week from the doctor's rooms to the waiting room. During the clinic they ensure the smooth through-put of clients from waiting room to counsellor or doctor, to nurse to making appointments. During 2000 the GA's were involved with the GHN survey at Dublin Pride events. An extra post for GA mini bus driver was sanctioned in 2000, to be advertised in 2001.

Clerical Staff.

The reception and recording of and making of new charts for clients is an important aspect of the project and the clerical staff provides this each week. A new part-time post was sanctioned in 2000 to be advertised for in 2001.

Outreach Workers.

An outreach worker is available at each clinical session to engage with clients in the waiting room. This helps not only to make the individual feel at ease but also acts as a continuation of the link possibly established during previous outreach worker's contact.

Health Advice: Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

A new position of sessional sexual health advisor was sanctioned in 2000 and the position advertised in 2001. At the time of this report the health advisor (HA) has taken up appointment. The HA sees clients diagnosed with an STI to provide them with information and to encourage safer sex or abstinence until treatment is completed and they have retested. They also contact recent sexual contacts to encourage them to have an STI screen.

Counselling.

Counsellors from the Area Health Boards Drugs/AIDS service provide counselling at the Drop-In on a sessional basis (from within the Boards). They provide pre HIV test counselling and engage new clients in discussions relating to awareness of sexual health risks. Over 800 clients accessed the counsellors in 2000. Some clients avail of on-going short term counselling. HIV positive clients and Hepatitis C or B positive clients are offered long term support/counselling.

Full-Time Community Counsellor.

Due to the demand for ongoing counselling on issues such as relationships, sexuality, emotional health, mental health issues and addiction a full time counselling post was established. Based in Outhouse the new community counsellor was interviewed in 2000 and took up position in 2001.

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GMHP Outreach Services.

GMHP Outreach Work.

Up to 80% of the work of the GMHP is through outreach with our involvement with gay and bisexual men in the community including community development with various groups. Because of this increased work new outreach worker positions were interviewed for in late 2000. The two new outreach workers took up position in 2001, bringing the complement to four. These developments increase our role in the important contribution to HIV education and prevention and to other STI's, in addition to providing other services to people on the margins of society.

As part of their role outreach workers have worked with and supported gay and bisexual men in various situations: young gay and bisexual men, whether on the scene or in residential or care situations, older men with various needs, those experiencing homelessness, alcohol and drugs issues, mental health, low self esteem, risky sex or lack of knowledge.

They imitate and facilitate workshops and presentations on various topics in Outhouse and at other community meeting places. The outreach team also network and co-operate with local gay community groups through involvement in community development, training for staff from statutory or voluntary agencies and academic courses on creating environments for working with gays and bisexuals.

Chart 5. Outreach Workload Sample 2000.

Description	Amount/Areas/Titles.
Distribution of Safer Sex Packs	30,000+ Clubs, Pubs (the George, Out On the Liffey etc.) Outhouse, etc. Events.
Interventions: Brief interactions, contact with Gay bisexual men and other men who have sex with men.	25,000 (many handed the safer sex pack), Pubs, Clubs, Pride Events, College Societies, Outhouse, Workshops, Drop-In etc.
Workshops: Safer Sex, Sexual Health, Assertiveness, Esteem, STIs, Alcohol and Drugs, etc	25 workshops for: Gay and bisexual men, mixed: Youth Group, Community Groups
Training: Creating Safe Environments for working with lesbians, gays and bisexuals, homophobia, heterosexism, male prostitution, sexuality, sexual health etc.	Health Professionals, Homeless Agencies, NYC, ERHA Staff, TCD, Maynooth NUI, etc.
Partnership: Gay Community News, Gay Health Network, Gay HIV Strategies, Gardai, Outhouse, etc.	Gay Peer Action: Publications, Research: Seminars, Workshops. Gay HIV+ workshop/support.
Networking:	European Network Males In Prostitution, Irish Network. HIV Agencies Network, GHN, CHAPS UK.
Publications:	Advertisements GCN, Articles, interviews. Joint Gay Health Network Publications.

Outreach Drop-In at Outhouse

The GMHP has been involved in Outhouse since the beginning (as a founder member). In May 2001 Outhouse moved from South William St to new premises in Capel St and GMHP signed a lease for office and meeting rooms space. The Outreach Workers base in Outhouse provides a Drop-In and a telephone advice/support, which has proved invaluable and there are many joint projects with Outhouse. It has increased referrals, support, safer sex workshops for the community. The outreach team also work in the Haddington Rd Drop-In making contact with clients in the waiting room and providing back up to the medical team.

Public Sites.

As a contribution to the role of outreach in public sites a mini bus was purchased in late 2000. This, along with the increased number of outreach staff, will ensure a comprehensive coverage of the public sites such as the Park, quays and other venues is provided.

Social Venues.

The amount of gay social venues (clubs and pubs) continues to increase and the outreach team visit these places regularly, distributing safer sex packs (condoms and lubricants) and information, installing and restocking leaflet information racks. Occasionally the team work alongside the gay peer group Johnny.

Sauna Project.

The team are more involved in the sauna project (with Gay HIV Strategies GHS) and co-ordinate activities there. They provide training for staff of the saunas, restocking information racks and outreach working the saunas making contact with clients, encouraging safer sex and STI screenings.

Co-ordination of Gay Peer Action (Johnny):

An outreach worker continues to act as a co-ordinator for the gay peer group (JOHNNY) at their request. Johnny is a member of Gay Health Network and hold activities in the gay social venues distributing information and safer sex packs. The peer action group were also involved in the GHN/SIGMA Vital Statistics Research June 2000.

Personal Development/ Assertiveness Course.

In 2000 GMHP engaged a facilitator to develop a new personal development/ assertiveness course for gay and bisexual men. The first course ran for eight weeks for one evening per week plus an evaluation day with the participants. The initial feedback confirmed a clear need to continue the programme. The 2nd course took place early in 2001, and it is intended to run at least four per year. A more detailed report on both courses will be issued in September 2001.

Males In Prostitution.

With the Irish Network Male Prostitution, the outreach staff and co-ordinator were involved in commissioning the report on service needs and provision for males in prostitution entitled "Such a Taboo" (published June 2001). GMHP also supported two "ex males in prostitution" to attend a peer training workshop in Budapest organised by the ENMP and WHO (November 2000). This will enable us to continue links with male prostitutes and facilitate our attempt to set up a peer group similar to Johnny.

Networking.

The GMHP are members of Gay Health Network which is a National network of gay and bisexual men involved in the area of HIV and sexual health. The network carries out various activities, publications, research, meetings.

Publications:

The outreach team and coordinator with Gay Health Network produced the new STI booklet Love Bugs (October 2000) and monthly advertisements in Gay Community News.

Research: Vital Statistics Ireland 2000.

In 2000 a significant study was undertaken by Gay Health Network with SIGMA UK entitled Vital Statistics Ireland 2000. The GMHP outreach team and general assistants recruited respondents in Dublin during Pride and at social venues. Outreach workers also travelled to other cities throughout Ireland. A total of 1,480 men were recruited. The results of this study will be published September 2001.

Seminars/Conferences/Training/Workshops.

As mentioned, requests for training workshops and seminars have increased and are provided by the outreach team, and co-ordinator.

Courses: Social Studies TCD, Addiction Courses TCD, NUI Maynooth, Course Merchants' Quay/UCD, Multi Disciplinary HIV Course and Nurses HIV Course St James's Hospital. Nurses St Luke's Hospital,

Community Groups: Reach, LUBE, Gay Switchboard Dublin, Outyouth, Dublin Pride.

Voluntary & Statutory Agencies: Focus Ireland, Merchants Quay Project, St Laurence Boys Remand Centre

Area Health Board Services: Addiction Counsellors, Outreach Staff.

The outreach team attended the CHAPS Conference Manchester, Community Development Partnership Course ERHA,

The ERHA/DOHC Youth and Drugs Conference Dublin Castle, February 2000.

A Forum was held for gay/bisexual groups and other agencies for World AIDS Day 2000, Healthy Gay Living Centre and Camden and Islington Health Promotion Unit (London), and Healthy Gay Edinburgh. The subjects covered peer work, outreach, saunas and condom issues.

Community Welfare Officer

A community welfare officer based at Haddington Rd for the clients using the drug treatment service offers sessions to the community and many lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender individuals have used this service. Clients are referred through the outreach team.

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Co-ordination of the Gay Men's Health Project.

Apart from Project reports, budget estimates and representation the co-ordinator is responsible for the multidisciplinary team and the smooth running and management of the project, rota, administration and team building. The consultant manages the medical aspect of the clinic. A series of meetings was held with the GMHP team where policies and procedures were drawn up in addition to proposed information leaflets for clients of the project. Some front-line work such as counselling, training workshops and outreach is carried out by the co-ordinator. Such as co-ordinating and recruiting respondents for the GHN/SIGMA Research June 2000. The co-ordinator acts an advisor to the Area Operations manager and the Assistant Chief officer ECAHB on section 65 funding requests. The co-ordinator is a member of the Syphilis Outbreak Team (ERHA) and the National AIDS Strategy Committee on HIV Prevention & Education and National Co-ordinator for the ENMP.

Conclusion.

Overall the Gay Men's Health Project's work continues at a pace. At the time of the publication of this report many new events and initiatives have been identified; the Syphilis Outbreak and the onsite testing and assigning the outreach team various responsibility on youth, peers, male prostitution, disability, homelessness, mental health.

Finally GMHP reports are our way of communicating with the community as a whole and to inform our administration. Hopefully they will also act as an initiative to other health boards for similar approaches to working with gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men.

Mick Quinlan

On Behalf of the GMHP Team.

Other GMHP Reports/Papers and where the project was involved.

Sexual Behaviour Gay and Bisexual Men EHB Area (1992).

Drop-In attendees (unpublished) (1995)

Males in Prostitution (1997/)

Hepatitis B and Gay and Bisexual Men (1999)

1998 Report and Developments GMHP. (1999)

Male Prostitution, What is the Best Approach? (1999).

Resource Book Europe(Agencies working with Males in Prostitution) ENMP 1999

National AIDS Strategy Report (DOHC 2000)

Proposals for the Review of STI Services in ERHA (2000)

HIV Testing Policy and Procedures, Country Report (2000)

GMHP Report and Developments 1999 (2000)

Such A Taboo (analysis of service need Male Prostitution) (2001)

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Service Action Plan 2001-2002.

Staff Numbers.

Full quota of sessional counsellors and medical staff for clinic.

One extra full-time community counsellor for the clinic and at outhouse.

One extra general assistant (full-time) for the Drop-In clinic and as driver with the outreach bus).

One clerical grade iii (part-time) for the clinic and as backup for GMHP staff and the co-ordinator.

One occupational therapist for group work (assertiveness courses) and for other services especially to men with mental health issues.

Gay Health Clinics:

Assess the possibility of commissioning specific gay health STI clinics in the South Western and Northern Area Health Boards.

Outreach:

Continue making contact with men in the community: Concentrate on those at risk: males in prostitution, young men, those with dependant issues such as drugs and alcohol, mental health, homelessness etc.

Workshops/Forums.

Support group for HIV +Men: Continue to provide support for HIV + men via self help group, joint work with Open Heart House, Gay Health Network, other NGO's.

Workshops for HIV+ men and partners

Continue the personal development/assertiveness workshops for gay and bisexual men.

More group work on safer sex, sexuality, sexual health, drug & alcohol use.

Joint Forums for men with disabilities.

Training:

A training trainers course on facilitation sexual health assertiveness workshops.

Continue In service training for AIDS/Drugs staff and ERHA staff on creating environments for working with gay and bisexual clients:

Continue training for other Health Professionals, college courses and voluntary and community groups.

Males in Prostitution:

Continue as member of the Irish Network Male Prostitution and as the National co-ordinator for the European Network. Develop the INMP outside the Eastern Region.

Publish the analysis report for service need and provision for males in prostitution..”Such a Taboo”.

Develop and support a peer group for contacting males in prostitution.

Community Partnership:

Continue partnership-facilitated meetings:

Workshops for groups and individuals from Outhouse base.

Support group for gay, bisexual men who are HIV+ or living with AIDS.

Weekend away groups with Open Heart House for HIV+ gay/bisexual men.

Various Publications with Gay Health Network, Publish VS Ireland 2000, Drugs and Alcohol Booklet, advertisements.

Continue co-ordination of Gay Peer Action with Gay Health Network and produce information leaflets and actions.

Networking with International and National Groups.

Continue networking with relevant groups and working in partnership to share resources and skills.

Gay Health Network Ireland.

HIV Agencies Network (HAN)

INMP

ENMP

Chaps Network England and Wales.

Other relevant groups throughout Europe.

Communication:

Continue advertising in Gay Community News and other relevant publications and also provide articles on certain subjects.

Design and distribute new posters and cards and other information.

Establish the (DIAS) Computer Information Service to allow for the accurate recording of all aspects of the GMHP services.

Develop a Web Page and E-Mail address.

Research & Evaluation:

Drop-In clients, input and analysis of (confidential) counselling profile forms.

Evaluation of Gay Men's Health Project outreach service by an International body.

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Appendix 1.

Gay Men's Health Project

The Gay Men's Health Project, established in October 1992 provides an Outreach, Counselling and Drop-In sexual health service to gay, bisexual men and other men who have sex with men. It covers the three Area Health Boards in the Eastern Region. **It is a free, friendly and confidential service.**

Vision/Mission

- * To promote the sexual health, physical and emotional well-being of gay, bisexual men and men who have sex with other men

- * By providing a comprehensive range of services:
 - prevention/treatment of infection
 - outreach visible and accessible
 - advocating for needs of users
 - encouraging community development

Values

- Support
- Free
- Accountable
- Confidential
- Proactive
- Accessible
- Research
- Evaluation
- Cost Effective
- Excellence
- Holistic

Appendix 2.

Gay Men's Health Project

Information Leaflet on Procedures for Clients.

Drop-In Clinic

**Wednesday 6.00pm to 8.00pm.
19 Haddington Road
Dublin 4.**

You are very welcome.

This leaflet is to explain to you the procedures in operation at this clinic.

We provide a comprehensive service, which includes counselling, outreach and medical treatment on a **confidential** and free basis. This Project is part of the Eastern Region Area Health Services and is administered by the East Coast Area Health Board.

First Visit/Return Visits without an appointment:

1. You have been given a number on your arrival at this clinic. While you are in the waiting room an outreach worker may have a chat with you.
2. The receptionist will call a number and then register you.
You will be asked your name, address and/or a contact telephone number, date of birth and the service you require. (If you decline to give address or contact number you will be asked to sign a form –)

The following services are available On Wednesdays Only:

STI Screening and treatment (for Gonorrhoea, Non Specific Urethritis- (NSU) Chlamydia).

Blood test for Syphilis

HIV Testing

Hepatitis A. B. (and Hepatitis C. testing where appropriate).

Hepatitis A & B vaccination (where indicated).

Medical check-up and treatment for all STIs.

Counselling is available on any issue that concerns you.

Note: If this is your first visit to the clinic, you meet a counsellor who will provide you with further information of the service and support.

3. After registration please return to the waiting room. When it is your turn to see a doctor or counsellor a staff member will call you by your first name and the initial of the surname. (Although you will have received a number, this is just for registration).
4. After you see the doctor you will be sent to have a urine specimen and to have your blood taken.
5. If you have an STI screen you must wait for the results of one of the tests from our laboratory.

6. All results for will be back in two weeks.
7. If you are diagnosed with an STI (for gonorrhoea, NSU, etc), you will be treated by the doctor. After which you must see a health advisor for further information of the infection and advice in relation to contacting recent sexual partners.
You are advised to complete treatment and return in two weeks to see the doctor for a repeat test for clearance of infection.
8. If you test positive for syphilis you will be referred St James GUIDEClinic for further investigation and treatment. (You may return to us at any time).
9. If you are diagnosed as HIV positive, you will see a counsellor from our clinic. The doctor will refer you to our consultant for further assessment of the viral infection.
10. Should you test negative for Hepatitis A or B virus you will be offered vaccines and this will be in the following regime. 1st injection at time of result, 2nd injection one month from this and 3rd injection five months from the 2nd injection. In a further two months after this you will be requested to return to our clinic for a blood test-to check your antibody levels for protection. **It is important you receive the 3 injections.**

Return Visits

11. At present we operate an appointment system for return visits on Wednesdays and also Tuesdays. **Note: As we are very busy at the moment we cannot guarantee you will be seen at the time given, but you will be seen.**

On your return visit you walk in without a number and leave the card at the office door table and take a seat in the waiting room.

12. You will be called to see the doctor or health advisor who will give all test results. However, if you have returned for an HIV test our policy requires you to see a counsellor. (if you wish to opt out of seeing a counsellor you have to sign a form)
At any time you are welcome to see the counsellor or outreach worker.
We can offer support and counselling sessions or referral to other support services:

12. Information, condoms, lubricant and tea/coffee are always available in the waiting room.

The Drop-In is very popular and therefore busy-however the average visit takes between 30 and 60 minutes. We try to see everyone between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. Sometimes it does go over.

Information, Advice, Forums and Courses for Gay and Bisexual Men.

Our outreach workers provide a series of information meetings and personal development courses at various times during the year. The team are also available, for a chat here or in Outhouse, 105 Capel St Dublin 7 (when opened). You are welcome to talk to them here or telephone 086-821 7325. E-mail: gmhp@eircom.net

If you have any comments or suggestions they would be very welcome. Please ask to see a member of staff, or write to the Co-ordinator, GMHP, 19 Haddington Rd, Dublin 4. Tel: 01-660 2189 or E-mail: mick.quinlan@erha.ie

Appendix 3.

HIV and AIDS Figures for 2000

The following HIV figures and the NASC recommendations act as a background and guide for development of our services.

HIV Numbers Increases Dramatically in 2000

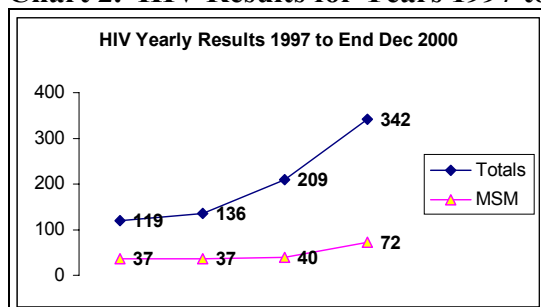
The rate of HIV infection increased dramatically in 2000 compared to previous years, overall the highest number were recorded since 1985 when reporting began. Though each category was affected the incidences in gay/bisexual men or (MSM) increased from 40 per year up to 72 for the year 2000.

Chart 1. Categories of HIV results 1985 to end December 2000

Category	Year 2000	% of Yearly Total	Total 1985 to 2000	% of Total
Intravenous Drug users	70	21%	983	39%
Gay/Bisexual Men (MSM)	72	21%	570	23%
Heterosexual/Unspecified	125	36%	537	21%
Children at Risk	56	16%	228	9%
Others	19	6%	219	8%
Totals	342	100%	2,537	100%

National Disease Surveillance Centre (2001) www.ndsc.ie

Chart 2. HIV Results for Years 1997 to 2000



The percentage increase for each category over 1999 was MSM (80%), Hetero/Unspecified(112%) Children (143%), IVDU(1%)

AIDS

Because of the affect of treatments less people have been diagnosed with AIDS from an average number of 65 per Year in 1997 to 40 in 1999, to 21 in 2000 (9 were MSM). The number of AIDS related deaths also decreased from an average of 40 in 1997, to 20 in 1999 and to 13 for 2000 (7 MSM). **It's worth pointing out that MSM make up more than 50% of the (Year 2000) totals of those diagnosed with AIDS or of those who have died.**

Chart 3. AIDS Figures for Years 1997 to 2000

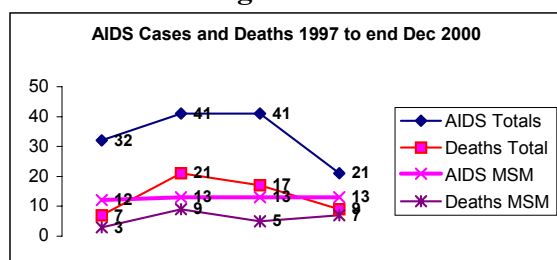


Chart 3.1. Totals to End 2000

Category	Numbers	Deaths
IVDU	283	160
MSM	254	127
Hetero	95	5
Children	25	9
Haemophilics	33	25
Others	17	4
Total	707	330

Appendix 4.

National AIDS Strategy Committee

The NASC issued its report 7 Years after the first one and in it's section on HIV Education and Prevention the recommendations contain references to gay and bisexual men and gay community groups and services.

Below are highlights from some of the recommendations.

- HIV/STI and Hepatitis prevention initiatives need to be maintained.
- Further integration into mainstream programmes of responses to gay disadvantage, particularly those aimed at gay men experiencing multiple disadvantages, would be of great benefit to HIV prevention programmes. There is a need to continue with HIV prevention and sexual health promotion work with the gay community. Young gay men need to be targeted in order to promote healthy sexual choices.
- The role of gay organisations should be acknowledged as providers of health information, particularly to those who may be isolated or not actively involved in the gay community. Funding appropriate information materials for the gay community needs to be continued.

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For further information on this and other reports: www.doh.ie/

For HIV/AIDS and STI figures: www.ndsc.ie

LISTINGS

GMHP Services

Co-ordination

19 Haddington Rd.,
Dublin 4
Tel: 01-660 2189
Fax: 01-668 0050
gmhp1@eircom.net
mick.quinlan@erha.ie

Outreach Team & Counsellor

Outhouse
105 Capel St
Dublin 2
Tel: 086-8217325
gmhp@eircom.net

Drop-In STI Clinic

19 Haddington Rd
Dublin 4.
Tel: 668 1577 ext 4193
(at clinic times)
Tel: 660 2189
(9.00am to 5.00pm).

Tues 18.30hr to 20.00hr:

(return appointments)

Weds 18.00hr to 19.30hr

(new clients-walk-ins & return appointments)

Eastern Health Region

AIDS/Drugs Services

Co-ordination Centres for;

General Outreach
Needle Exchanges
Addiction Counselling
Addiction Treatment

East Coast Area Health Board

Centenary House
York Rd
Dun Laoghaire
Co Dublin
Tel: 01-280 3335
Fax: 01-230 0690

South Western Area Health Board

Bridge House
Cherry Orchard Hospital
Dublin 10
Tel: 01-624 6400
Fax: 01-620 6401

Northern Area Health Board

Phibsboro Towers
Phibsboro
Dublin 7
Tel: 01-830 7939
Fax: 01-8820 330

Drugs/HIV Telephone Information Line

Tel: 1800 459 459

Other STI Screening Services in Dublin:

GUIDE Clinic

Hospital 5
St James's Hospital
Dublin 8.
Tel: 01-416 2315/2316
www.guide@stjames.ie

GUM Clinic

Mater Hospital
Eccles St
Dublin 7
Tel: 01-803 2063

Gay/Lesbian/ Bisexual, Support groups

Gay Health Network

Publications, Research,
HIV+ Group,
Outhouse
105 Capel St,
Dublin 2
Tel: c/o 086-8217325
gayhealthnetwork@eircom.net
www.gayhealthnetwork.ie

Johnny (gay peer group)

Gay Health Network
Outhouse
105 Capel St,
Dublin 2
Tel: c/o 086-8217325
johnny@gayhealthnetwork.ie

Gay HIV Strategies

Fumbally Court
Fumbally Lane
Dublin 8
Tel: 473 0599
ghs@nexus.ie

Outhouse

105 Capel St,
Dublin 2
Tel: 01-873 4932
info@outhouse.ie
www.outhouse.ie
(for all info on groups etc.)

Outhouse Provides

Drop-in Café
Library
*Also Contacts for Support
Groups*
Bisexuals
AA/NA Group
Women Only Social
Mental Health
Men Only Social
Youth Group
Lesbians and Gays Coming
Home

Gay Community News

(Free Monthly Magazine)
C/O Outhouse
gcn@eircom.net

Gay Switchboard Dublin

Tel: 872 1055
Also Contact for the following
Youth Group (17 to 23year
olds).
Icebreakers
Parents Support (for Parents of
lesbians and gays).
Married Gay Men's Group

For gay health info and links

www.gayireland.com

Lesbian line: Tel: 872 9911