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**“Working to Empower the Community”
in Lancashire and Cumbria**

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HIV Information Pack

Signposts HIV Service Delivery

Signposts are working with Specialist partners to support the development and delivery of services throughout North Lancashire and Cumbria. This includes Body Positive Northwest George House Trust and Shiver. We are members of the North Lancs Service Development Group and

Our service delivers:

- Advice information and support services.
- Referral to specialist providers as appropriate.
- An information/advice/support line, within office hours, available for people living with HIV and AIDS.
- One to one support with case worker.
- Support and Social Group.
- Access to Welfare Fund
- Space for 'Point of Care Testing' delivered by Body Positive North West (Lancaster District)
- Publicity and information related to sexual health, HIV awareness and World Aids Day.

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Signposts Welfare Fund

The Welfare Fund is available to help to improve the quality of life of people with AIDS and symptomatic HIV. The fund provides financial help towards the cost of items and services which applicants cannot afford on their current income, and for which funding is not available from statutory sources.

Eligibility and Scope

The fund can only give grants to a person directly affected by the symptomatic stage HIV infection. It cannot give help to families, partners, friends and others involved in care of the applicant. It cannot help with council tax, holidays, rent/mortgage arrears or funeral costs. It cannot provide emergency cash payments.

The fund is only available to people living in Lancashire and Cumbria.

Referrals

All referrals must be supported by a professional third party. These include a social worker, welfare rights worker, probation worker, health adviser, drug worker and a paid employee of a voluntary organisation.

Medical Proof

Proof of medical status may be required

Application Form

All requests must be made on the [Signposts Welfare Fund Application Form](#) - enclosed. Please make sure that all sections are completed, including the applicant's signature. Incomplete applications will be returned. The more the information which is given in Section 5 of the form, the better we can assess the merits of the application.

Payments

For the applicant's convenience, household bill payments are made direct to the company concerned; please include the original copy of bills with the application. For TV licenses, please include the completed license form so that the license can be provided directly to the applicant.

For further information, please contact Signposts between 10.00 am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Telephone (01524) 419597

GUM Clinics/Testing

HIV is a virus that can be passed on from one person who has the virus to another through contact with bodily fluids. You're at risk of getting HIV if:

- You have unprotected sex with someone who is infected. Unprotected means not using a condom. This can be in a heterosexual (man and woman) relationship or in a Homosexual (same sex) relationship.
- You share someone else's needle or syringe to inject drugs
- Or if you have had a needle-stick injury

You cannot contract HIV if you just come into normal social contact with a person who has HIV such as kissing, touching, sharing a mug

If you think you may have contracted HIV, getting a test is really important as it may save your life.

To be tested for HIV you will need to take a simple blood test which can be done at a variety of different places including your own GP surgery or at one of the clinics listed below.

If you require a further list of clinics outside of the Lancashire and Cumbria area please contact Sue Edwards on: 01524 419021

North Lancashire

Lancaster

Ashton Community Care Centre, Pointer Court (Off Ashton Road), Ashton, Lancaster

LA1 4JT

01524 387402

Cumbria

Barrow-in-Furness

Birchwood Clinic, Furness General Hospital, Dalton Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria

LA14 4LF

01229 404464

Carlisle

Cumberland Infirmary, Newtown Road, Carlisle

CA2 7HY

Telephone

01228 814814

Workington Community Hospital
Park Lane
Workington
CA14 2RW
01900 705000

West Cumberland Hospital
Hensingham
Whitehaven
CA28 8
01946 693181

Other Areas

Manchester (North Manchester General Hospital)
Outpatients D - North Manchester General Hospital,
Delhaunays Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 5RB
0161 7202681

Ashton-under-Lyne
Tameside and Glossop Centre for Sexual Health, Crickets Lane Clinic
Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, OL6 6NG
0161 3392222

Blackburn Royal Infirmary
Level One, Royal Blackburn Hospital, Haslingden Road, Blackburn, BB2 3HH
Telephone
01254 736045

Bolton: Royal Bolton Hospital (Bolton Centre for Sexual Health)
Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Trust, Minerva Road, Farnworth, Bolton, Lancashire
BL4 0JR
01204 390 771/772

Burnley
4th Floor, St Peter's Centre, Church Street, Burnley, BB11 2DL
Telephone
01282 644 300

Bury (Fairfield General Hospital)
The Barlow Suite, Fairfield General Hospital, Rochdale Old Road, Bury, BL9 7TD
0161 6278753

Chester (Countess of Chester Hospital)
Liverpool Road, Chester, CH2 1UL
01244 363091

Manchester - BROOK
81 Lever Street, M1
Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.00pm-6.00pm
People under 19 years old
0161 237 3001 Helpline: 0808 802 1234

Blackpool - Sexual Health Services
Whitegate Health Centre
Whitegate Drive
Blackpool
FY3 9ES
01253 657171 and website address www.sexualhealthblackpool.co.uk

Useful Links

There is loads of helpful information on HIV and related issues on the internet, here is a list of some websites that might be helpful to you:

Body Positive (North West)

<http://bpnw.org.uk/our-centre>

George House Trust (North West)

<http://www.ghl.org.uk/>

East Lancs

www.hivine.com

NAM

<http://www.aidsmap.com/>

Avert

<http://www.avert.org/>

The Body

<http://www.thebody.com/>

Terence Higgins Trust (National)

www.tht.org.uk

PlusVE (National)

www.plusve.org