



The Passionate about Sexual Health Partnership (PaSH Partnership) is a collaboration between BHA For Equality, George House Trust and the LGBT Foundation.

The PaSH Partnership delivers a comprehensive programme of interventions to meet the changing needs of people newly diagnosed with HIV, living longer term with HIV or at greatest risk of acquiring HIV.

## BHA for equality in health and social care

For information, advice surrounding sexual health email [pash@thebha.org.uk](mailto:pash@thebha.org.uk) and a member of team will give you a call back, between 10 and 4pm, Monday-Friday.

Greater Manchester residents, aged 18+ and from Black, Asian and Minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds, are able to request FREE Postal condom and lube packs from [thebha.org.uk/condom-request](http://thebha.org.uk/condom-request)

Home self testing HIV kit [thebha.org.uk/home-hiv-test](http://thebha.org.uk/home-hiv-test)

## GEORGE HOUSE TRUST

HIV POSITIVE LIVING

if you need support, advice or information and would like to speak to someone please email [talk@ght.org.uk](mailto:talk@ght.org.uk). Include your message and we will get back to you.

## LGBT foundation

Contact the Sexual Health team [sexualhealth@lgbt.foundation](mailto:sexualhealth@lgbt.foundation) for a non-judgemental sex positive discussion. if you prefer a phone call, send us an email alongside your number and we will arrange a time to call you back.

Our free condom and lube postal scheme and Play Packs can be accessed from: [lgbt.foundation/condoms](http://lgbt.foundation/condoms) and [lgbt.foundation/playpacks](http://lgbt.foundation/playpacks)

## January



### It's A Sin Q&A with Russell T Davies

To mark the broadcast of the landmark series about HIV/AIDS in the 1980s George House Trust was delighted to host a Zoom Q&A session with its writer and our patron Russell T Davies. Russell was in conversation with activist and founding member of GHT Paul Fairweather. The well attended event gave attendees an insight into how the project began with research conducted by Russell in GHT's archives and how the drama was fleshed out with real life stories of Manchester in the early days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

You can watch it here: <https://ght.org.uk/russell-t-davies-q>

### Condoms & HIV at home testing kits



PaSH has been working in partnership with the Northenden Group Practice Migrant team to deliver condoms and HIV to asylum seekers locally. The uptake has been well received.

### All Things Sexual Health for QMoC

We have been excited to work with Prepster to release a workshop series exploring combination prevention and sexual wellbeing for QMoC. Phil Samba and Louis Mills worked together to create an affirmative space that gives LGBT+ Men of Colour an opportunity to ask questions and discuss their experiences of sexual health and wellbeing.





# February

## National HIV Testing Week

LGBT Foundation staff were delighted to be involved in the first Greater Manchester HIV Testing Week. PaSH partners utilised the original timeframe for National HIV Testing Week to run an online campaign promoting HIV testing across Greater Manchester.

### **Promotion of National HIV Testing Week in different languages & chat on 'How to Test'.**

PaSH created short videos in English, Portuguese, Spanish and French across digital platforms to explain where and how the Greater Manchester BAME population can order a free HIV home test. Since the videos were released online, they have been viewed 185 times on YouTube.

In addition to the online activities, BHA held an informal discussion on the benefits of testing with Jeff (HIV-e). The session covered the benefits of easy online testing, testing resources and a discussion about challenging apprehension about testing within the Black community. The session has had up to 44 views and 2 likes and was very engaging with discussions about where to access testing, Prep follow up and local testing campaigns within Manchester.

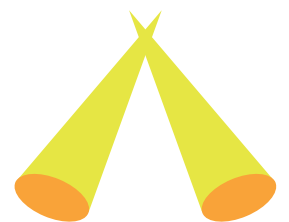


## Talking HIV Confident Success

Moving our regular Talking HIV Confident course online has proved to be an unqualified success. 10 service users were able to connect with each other to explore the topic of telling other people about their HIV status: looking at fear, stigma, shame, sex and relationships, HIV and the workplace and HIV and the law. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive; service users reported becoming more confident and less afraid to share their status and we were delighted that the attendees have decided to schedule a catch-up meeting to further cement the bonds that were formed during the course.

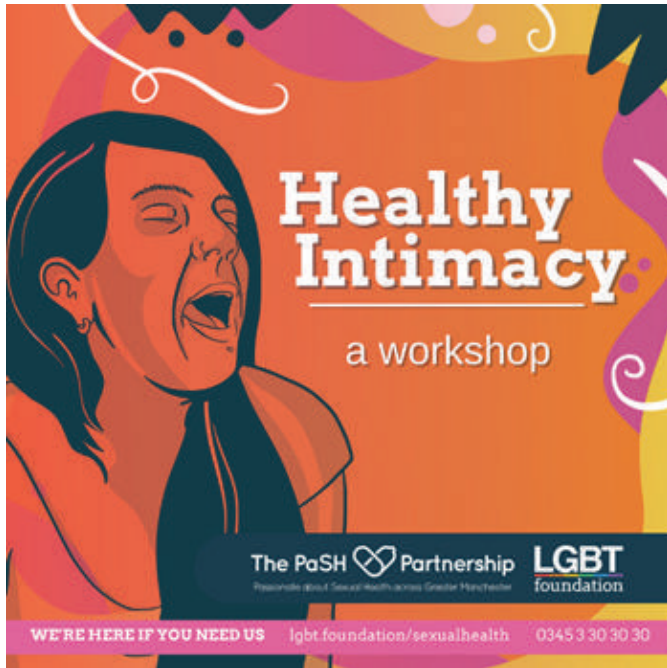
# March

## GHT Volunteers in the spotlight



With the runaway success of Channel 4's "It's A Sin", a number of George House Trust volunteers were invited to share their stories on local and national TV. We were massively proud of our Peer Mentor volunteer Yvonne Richards for telling her powerful HIV story on Channel 4 news. GHT volunteer, actor and "It's A Sin" star Nathaniel Hall spoke eloquently about his HIV diagnosis at 16 and overcoming stigma and shame on a wide range of news and entertainment programmes – including Sky News and "Lorraine".





## Sugar & Spice

This year for Sugar & Spice (LGBT Foundation's annual festival celebrating LBT+ women) the Sexual Health team provided a new workshop exploring the concept of 'healthy intimacy'.

Feedback included "This is probably the first intentional conversation I've had about sex," and "I realise I still have work to do on how I talk about sex, thank you!" Other attendees remarked on how welcoming the space was and that they felt supported to explore their pre-conceptions around sex and pleasure safely.

The Healthy Intimacy workshop is available to book via the [sexualhealth@lgbt.foundation](mailto:sexualhealth@lgbt.foundation) email address.

# Up and coming events

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## HIV Update for Primary Care - Webinars

PaSH will be involved supporting 4 webinars "HIV Update for Primary Care". (15th of April, 13th of May, 8th of June and 8th of July).

The webinars will look at the latest developments around HIV, including the importance of testing and the objective of increasing awareness of HIV related issues amongst Primary Care settings (General Practice, Pharmacies, Dentists and Opticians), so that more help is available to people living with HIV who are currently undiagnosed and people at risk of late diagnosis.

Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, North Manchester General Hospital, Manchester HIV GP Champion Marlon Morais and George House Trust's Positively Speaking programme are the promoters of these events.

To register follow this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hiv-update-for-primary-care-tickets-140992011903>

## The Tip

Heading into 2021, keep an eye out for new releases of 'The Tip' - monthly episodes premier on Instagram Live. Broadcast regularly since March, these candid, off-the-cuff conversations have reached thousands on the online platform.

'The Tip' helps to educate LGBTQIA+ communities about managing sexual health safely within the context of Coronavirus and beyond. In future, the monthly format will allow for more exploration of the topics discussed and to open a dialogue within our communities.

