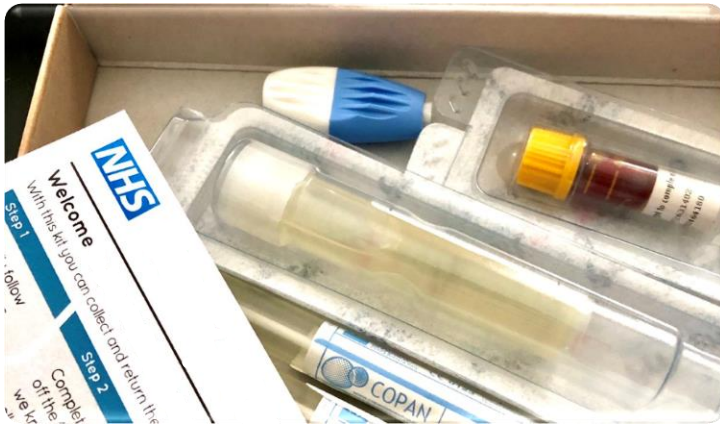


WELCOME to the fourth edition of the ASSIST quarterly newsletter. For any queries or further information, please contact project manager, Alison: alison.howarth@ucl.ac.uk

What do service users think about online postal self-sampling?



ASSIST has interviewed 100 people about using online and clinic-based STI testing services in Birmingham, London and Sheffield, as well as 58 people about providing these services. Service users have told us what is important to them when they test for STIs, and what they value about online postal-self sampling and clinic-based services. People often feel, for example, that it is better to test in a clinic if you have symptoms and they describe a number of reasons for this. Find out more at one of our forthcoming presentations.

Forthcoming presentations

We are delighted to be presenting at the following conferences this summer

Qualitative research:

- 1) [BASHH Spring Conference](#)
26-28 June, Llandudno, Wales
- 2) [HSR UK Conference](#)
4-6 July 2023, University of Birmingham
- 3) [STI & HIV 2023 World Congress](#)
24-27 July, Chicago, USA

Quantitative research:

We will be presenting findings from our analysis of the [Natsal-COVID](#) cross-sectional population survey, examining who accesses online STI testing services in Britain at [BASHH Spring Conference](#)
26-28 June, Llandudno, Wales

Contextual observation

We have begun contextual observation with a visit to the Whittall Street Clinic in Birmingham, and further observations planned in Sheffield next month. This part of the study involves in-person observation and think aloud exercises with clinical and administrative staff, as well as observing information about online services at the clinic.