



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

Conferences 2024

We are delighted to be presenting at the [BHIVA Spring Conference 2024](#) in Birmingham, 29 April – 1 May 2024

Factors associated with the HIV online postal self-sampling testing cascade in London, 2022

Do join us in **Oral Abstracts Session One** (12:15-13:15, Monday 29 April) if you can! We will present our analysis of kit returns, blood sample returns and initial HIV test reactivity. The analysis includes some interesting sociodemographic differences.

Look out for our two posters at the [BASHH Annual Conference 2024](#) in Bournemouth, 17–19 June 2024

Factors associated with the online postal self-sampling testing cascade in England, 2022

Equity of online postal self-sampling for chlamydia testing in England using national surveillance data, 2015-2022

Dissemination plans

It's full steam ahead to our end date of 30 Sept 2024. We have routine data from all three case study areas, national surveillance data from 2015-2022, and data from Natsal's online survey will be available in June 2024. We have interviewed 100 service users and 60 staff & stakeholders, collected documents and conducted observations. We are busy analysing and writing up our findings. We have been sharing preliminary findings on OPSS implementation with our sites. And we will send you details of our dissemination plans VERY SOON!

Statistical analysis

Oliver Stirrup has started with ASSIST. He is leading on the statistical analysis for our impact evaluation, bringing a wealth of experience in the field.

MSc students (2023-2024)

Three MSc students are working with us on:

1. Characteristics of trans and gender diverse OPSS service users
2. Changes to the case mix in clinics after the implementation of OPSS
3. Whether people who don't return an OPSS kit get tested elsewhere

Health economic analysis

Femi Aworinde has started work on the economic evaluation with a first draft of the Health Economic Analysis Plan. A list of resource use has been developed and he is now working on cost measurement and valuation. The cost effectiveness analysis will be conducted soon.

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