

South London HIV Clinical Network

Terms of Reference

Overall aims

To drive ongoing improvement in clinical outcomes and experience of care for the population of South London living with HIV

To ensure that South London is working towards to achieving the National HIV Action Plan Goals¹ by 2030 and reaching the interim targets by 2025

Objectives

- To promote co-ordination and quality assurance of evidence-based HIV care across South London
- To map existing services, strategies and gaps across the South London
- To build effective working relationships between clinicians in hospitals, community health organisations, primary care and professionals in social care, commissioners, the voluntary sector and other partner organisations
- To share information about current priorities and relevant work streams in order to promote a collaborative working approach
- To share best practice on successful working initiatives
- To share advice, skills, resources and knowledge in order to develop innovative partnerships and collaborative projects
- To promote equality and diversity and the reduction of inequalities for people with HIV in South London
- To involve people with HIV in decision making
- To promote innovative approaches to education and training
- To encourage and promote research

¹ Towards Zero - An action plan towards ending HIV transmission, AIDS and HIV-related deaths in England - 2022 to 2025 December 2021 [Towards Zero - An action plan towards ending HIV transmission, AIDS and HIV-related deaths in England - 2022 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101111/towards-zero-action-plan-2022-to-2025.pdf)

Co-chairs:

- SW - Dr Lisa Hamzah – Clinical Lead HIV Medicine, St George’s Hospital
- SE – Dr Liz Hamlyn – Consultant Physician in HIV and General Internal Medicine, King’s College Hospital
- SE/SW – Nina van Zyl – Project Manager, South London Office of Specialised Services

Membership:

- South London HIV Clinical Leads and Consultants
- HIV nurses including community specialist nurses
- Commissioners including for sexual health and HIV prevention
- Pharmacists
- Mental health team representatives
- Health advisors and other allied healthcare professionals
- Patient representatives and peer support workers
- HIV GP Champions
- Other doctors involved in HIV care including trainees in HIV/GUM and ID
- Members of community organisations

Meetings:

Frequency:

- Weekly - co-chairs
- Monthly to bi-monthly – pan Network

Format: Microsoft Teams and in-person events

Key Outputs / work streams:

The network will develop an **annual work programme** that focuses on improving quality/clinical outcomes for patients, reducing health inequalities, and improving cost effectiveness for the system(s):

Improving outcomes

- Developing and implementing consistent best practice across sites
- Dissemination of knowledge through staff education
- Formalising joint clinical meetings and standardising guidelines.

Reducing health inequalities

- Establishing stronger links with primary care
- Standardising testing and referral pathways from primary to secondary care
- Standardising testing for blood borne viruses across South London Emergency departments
- Promoting HIV testing in novel settings
- Working within the wider healthcare setting to re-engage people not in care and prevent dis-engagement from care
- Working with health care providers to reduce stigma relating to HIV
- Ensuring equitable provision of peer support across South London

Improving cost effectiveness

- Creating a HIV strategy for South London
- Sharing resources and formalising referral pathways for specialist clinics
- Expanding community-based care
- Streamlining HIV testing processes

Interfaces and accountability:

- NHSE
- South London Specialised Services
- South London Programme Board