
COMMUNITY
STATEMENT FOR

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GAY HEALTH NETWORK (GHN) June 15th 2018



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'A Community Statement'



Gay Health Network (GHN) call on the government to increase funding for free and adequate HIV and Sexual Health Services for Awareness Campaigns and for the urgent free availability of PrEP for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM).

According to the Health Protection Surveillance Committee HSE (www.hpsc.ie) HIV and STIs among MSM in Ireland remains at a high rate. GHN members met last week to work on strategic development and continued delivery of the man2man.ie programme and other campaigns.

We welcome the recent referendum results and the increased recognition for women's health and wellbeing. This result, changes the landscape for delivery of sexual health services in Ireland and highlights the need for increased funding. In the meantime, GHN look forward to continuing its partnership with the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SCHPP) for the man2man.ie programme. GHN also works in partnership with the HPSC on the 'Response to HIV and STIs' increase among MSM and also on research such as MISI 2015 and EMIS 2017.

On June 1st GHN launched a summary of its activities delivered in 2017, available at www.ghn.ie. Apart from highlighting the continued actions we proudly promote and support our member or organisations services:

www.aidswest.ie
www.belongto.org
www.gayswitchboard.ie
www.gayprojectcork.com
www.gmhs.ie
www.goshh.ie
www.HIVireland.ie & www.knownow.ie
www.outhouse.ie
www.positivenow.ie
www.sexualhealthcentre.com

Marking this Irish AIDS Day, GHN remains committed to delivering peer resources for MSM in Ireland and also to services and agencies via the www.man2man.ie and the other three sites in French, Portuguese and Spanish. Providing comprehensive information on all aspects of sexual health; HIV+Sex, Safer Sex, Testing, Condoms and Lube, PEP and PrEP, Drugs and Alcohol and Supports.

Finally, GHN will be meeting with the department for health soon to continue to advance the needs of the sexual health and wellbeing of MSM in Ireland.

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