

Final Programme will be available in delegate packs upon registration at the conference venue.

CHAPS CONFERENCE PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Workshops are sessions that place an emphasis on delegate participation in both large and small groups.

Wednesday 9th March 2011

9.30	Pre-conference registration	Da Vinci Lounge
10.30 – 12.30	Pre-conference satellite sessions <u>(Please pre-book)</u>	
A	NAHIP and CHAPS	
B	The National LGBT&T Partnership	
C	The changing face of CHAPS campaigns 1997-2011	
D	Introduction to CHAPS	
12.00	Conference registration	Da Vinci Lounge
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.30	Welcome and opening plenary	Medici Ballroom
14.30 – 15.45	Session 1 <i>Choose one of these six options</i>	
A	Work with prisons	
B	Advice services for PLHIV	
C	HIV prevention with the over 50s	
D	Asian MSM	
E	Sexual health services in the community	
F	Online initiatives	
15.45 – 16.15	Break <i>including refreshments</i>	
16.15 – 17.30	Session 2 <i>Choose one of these five options</i>	
A	The role of fear in HIV prevention <i>(repeated session 4)</i>	
B	Re-engaging the community <i>(repeated session 6)</i>	
C	SLHP model of HIV prevention	
D	European MSM Internet Sex Survey (EMIS)	
E	Treatment as prevention <i>(repeated session 5)</i>	
17.35	Day one closing plenary	Medici Ballroom

Thursday 10th March 2011

09.30	Registration	Da Vinci Lounge
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10.00 - 11.15 **Session 3** *Choose one of these five options*

- A Targetted working
- B Transmen
- C Sex workers
- D Blood donation
- E Partner numbers and patterns

11.15 - 11.45 **Break** *including refreshments*

11.45 - 13.00 **Session 4** *Choose one of these six options*

- A Undiagnosed Infection
- B National LGB drugs and alcohol database
- C The role of fear in HIV prevention *(repeat)*
- D Sexual orientation monitoring
- E EMIS - Differences in STI testing
- F The changing sexual behaviours of MSM

13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 - 15.15 **Session 5** *Choose one of these six options*

- A Measuring outcomes
- B Treatment as prevention *(repeat)*
- C Just gay men?
- D Condom & lube distribution
- E Pornography and gay men's attitudes towards sex, risk and pleasure
- F Telling partners about HIV status

15.15 - 15.30 **Break** *including refreshments*

15.30 - 16.45 **Session 6** *Choose one of these five options*

- A Re-engaging the community *(repeat)*
- B HIV and ageing
- C Young people and homophobia
- D Crystal Meth
- E Testing times

16.45	Closing plenary	Medici Ballroom
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17.30	Finish	
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PROGRAMME IN FULL

Wednesday 9th March 2011

10.30 Pre-conference satellite sessions

NAHIP and CHAPS

Speakers: Jabulani Chwaula, Programme Manager, African Health Policy Network
Tom Doyle, Director, Yorkshire MESMAC

Jabu will give an introduction to NAHIP and what it does and then the session will explore the relationship between CHAPS and NAHIP. Tom and Jabu will discuss the two planning frameworks of the two partnerships Making it Count and The Knowledge the Will and the Power, for CHAPS and NAHIP respectively, and how they relate to each other. Participants will get the chance to discuss how this might impact on the work they do.

The National LGB&T Partnership

Speakers: Toni Montinaro, job title, Staffordshire Buddies

This session will introduce participants to the newly formed National LGB&T partnership, an England wide group of LGB&T voluntary and community organisations who are committed to reducing health inequalities and challenging homophobia and transphobia within public services. The National LGB&T Partnership members have joined forces to influence the policy, practice and actions of Government and statutory bodies, in particular the Department of Health, for the benefit of all LGB&T people and communities across England.

The changing face of CHAPS campaigns 1997-2011

Speakers: Richard Scholey, Social Marketing Manager, Terrence Higgins Trust

Mass media campaigns have always been one of the most high profile and hotly debated outputs of the CHAPS partnership. This session looks back at how such direct contact interventions have changed since the early days of CHAPS, what has been learnt from the successful and not-so-successful campaigns, and how CHAPS has attempted to engage with social marketing methods, new opportunities for messaging and the digital communication revolution. How can this learning be useful to health promoters producing their own local interventions on a smaller scale? And what new ways of engaging our audiences can we expect from campaigns in the future?

Introduction to CHAPS

Speakers: Sarah Aston, Sexual Health & Targeted Prevention Team Leader, The Eddystone Trust
Patrick Stoakes, Centre Manager Brighton, Terrence Higgins Trust

Sarah and Patrick will introduce delegates new to the sector, and those who want to know more, to CHAPS. The session will give an overview on who and what makes up the partnership, as well as what CHAPS does and what the partnerships aims are. Participants will get introduced to the framework in which CHAPS works towards, and Sarah and Patrick will also break down some of the 'sector lingo' that delegates might hear over the few days so they know what everyone is talking about.

Wednesday 9th March 2011

13.30 – 14.30 Opening plenary

Medici Ballroom

Welcome from Eleanor Roaf, Director of Public Health Manchester and Paul Martin, Chief Executive, The Lesbian and Gay Foundation.

Followed by the CHAPS lead partners with keynote talks from;

Ben Tunstall, Head of Health Improvement, Terrence Higgins Trust and Peter Weatherburn, Director, Sigma Research

C14 sees the official launch of Making It Count IV, the CHAPS planning framework for reducing HIV incidence in sex between men. The speakers will give an overview of this 4th edition, highlighting the main aims and objectives of the framework and noting its key changes from previous editions. Delegates will also get the chance to discuss how Making It Count IV could be used in the work that they do.

14.30 – 15.45 Session 1

Work with prisons

Speakers: Pete Boyle, Community Development Worker, Yorkshire MESMAC
Lindsay Beadnall, Community Engagement and Diversity Coordinator, HMP Gartree
Craig Everitt, Clinical Manager Sexual Health Leicester, University Hospital Leicester

Format: Themed conference session

Pete and Lindsay will look at the DVD and toolkit developed by Veronica in partnership with Pete at Yorkshire MESMAC on HIV/STI prevention in men's prisons in England. The aim is to provide sexual health information in an engaging and easy to understand manner whatever the educational level or cultural background of the inmates watching the resource. The toolkit is a teaching aid for prison staff looking at sexual health and MSM awareness. Craig will discuss some of the work that UHL do in prisons throughout their region and the challenges of working in such an environment.

Advice services for PLHIV

Speakers: Matthew Weait, Reader in Socio-Legal Studies, School of Law, Birkbeck College
Chris Morley, HIV Policy, Information and Publications Co-ordinator, George House Trust

Format: Themed conference session

Matthew will be talking about the setting up of the first dedicated free law clinic for PLHIV. The clinic will provide free advice to PLHIV and those affected by HIV (e.g. carers) in a range of legal areas. The clinic will be starting early in 2011, and the presentation will provide an opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities of such a venture. Chris will discuss what recent cuts could mean for local services, and how the effect that has on the

options people facing legal / benefits / immigration / housing problems across the country have to them.

HIV prevention with the over 50s

Speakers: Pete Smith, Senior Public Health Development Advisor, Manchester Public Health Development Service
Bridget Hughes, Public Health Manager, Manchester Public Health Development Service

Format: Workshop

The session will explore the current data around HIV and Gay Men over 50. It will showcase a range of multi-media HIV prevention / onward transmission work with the over 50s that has been taking place in Manchester. This work is a multi-agency initiative co-ordinated by the NHS in partnership with leading LGBT, HIV prevention / support agencies and local sexual health clinical services including the LGF and GHT. The session will then explore through an interactive exercise and group debate the national challenges and opportunities around engaging and targeting gay men over 50 into HIV prevention campaigns. The workshop will not only give a North West perspective but will also highlight the importance of this work nationally.

Asian MSM

Speakers: Rob Cookson, Director of Services, Lesbian & Gay Foundation
Sal Khalifa, Co-Director, TRADE Sexual Health

Format: Workshop

The LGF in partnership with Trade Sexual Health have been funded by the CHAPS Innovation Fund regarding working with Asian MSM. This workshop will share the initial findings of this project and highlight the work undertaken. Rob and Sal will give an overview of the project and using research available explore the needs of Asian MSM. Participants will get to share their experiences of working with Asian MSM and be encouraged to consider one practical action which they can take back and implement within their organisation/locality.

Sexual health services in the community

Speakers: Paul Steinberg, Senior Health Promotion Specialist, NHS Lambeth & NHS Southwark
Jason Warriner, Service Governance and Quality Director, Terrence Higgins Trust

Format: Themed conference session

Paul will share findings from a comprehensive training needs assessment (TNA) of primary care sexual health staff working with MSM in Lambeth and Southwark, the boroughs with both the largest populations of MSM in the UK and the highest prevalence of HIV. Paul will examine the range of barriers which primary care staff in the study associate with MSM accessing their services, and explore the inter-related issues of workforce training needs around gay male sexual health and the wider health needs and behaviours of MSM. Jason will then explore current issues around training/education at the moment in relation to the sexual health workforce, and what this means for the delivery of services.

Online initiatives

Speakers: Colin Batrouney, Manager Health Promotion Program, Victoria Aids Council, Gay Men's Health Centre
Cary James, Programme Manager / Editor, GMFA
Ian Howley, Communications Officer, GMFA

Format: Themed conference session

Colin will talk about the development and implementation of Queer as Fxxx: one of the first online interactive initiatives to take advantage of web 2.0 technology. Colin will outline the process that saw the integration of key health promotion into a serial drama and the fan interactions with the content of the episodes. Cary will then talk about the development of FS magazine into an online Iphone application and the possibilities of mobile technology within health promotion. Following on Ian will discuss the advantages of, and how to use, social media within prevention work.

15.45 – 16.15 **Break** *including refreshments*

16.15 – 17.30 **Session 2**

The role of fear in HIV prevention *(repeated session 4)*

Speakers: Adam Bourne, Research Fellow, Sigma Research
Matthew Hodson, Head of Programmes, GMFA

Format: Themed conference session

This session will explore the role of fear in HIV prevention. In the last two years we have witnessed continued calls from sections of the gay community, the media, and some politicians, to produce more shocking, harder-hitting or fear arousing campaigns as a means of motivating gay men to engage in HIV protective behaviours. We will examine the evidence relating to the effectiveness of fear-based campaigns and consider the adverse consequences that may arise from arousing fear of HIV in gay men. The session will also consider the impact of this ongoing debate on the development of campaigns across the HIV sector and the broader ethical & political implications of fear-based campaigning.

Re-engaging the community *(repeated session 6)*

Speakers: Cary James, Communications and Fundraising Manager, GMFA
Laura Dunkeyson, Policy & Parliamentary Office, National Aids Trust
Veronica Nall, Co-Director, TRADE Sexual Health
Sal Khalifa, Co-Director, TRADE Sexual Health

Format: Themed conference session

Cary will talk about the ideology behind GMFA's recent 'Count Me In' campaign and how they have used contemporary means such as facebook to reach out and re-engage men with. John will then talk about NATs recently launched HIV Activist Network, which aims to empower people living with HIV to take direct action on the issues that affect their lives, rights and wellbeing, at a time when more and more decisions are being made at a local level. Sal and Veronica will also discuss TRADE's 'Super Trooper' work which saw some super-hero characters engaging with men with across their local venues.

SLHP Model of HIV prevention

Speakers: Robert Jan Wisniewski, Manager – Peer Support Services, Metro Centre
2nd speaker TBC

Format: Themed conference session

The South London HIV Partnership (SLHP) is a group of local commissioners and service providers offering treatment information, health, social and emotional support to people living with HIV in South London. Unique to the SLHP is a single-access registration, triage and assessment service that tracks and monitors clients' use of services in order both to ensure coherent and responsible service delivery, but also to enable feedback on user trends and unmet needs. This is achieved through a bespoke data-monitoring system and means that clients' needs are understood holistically and that new services are commissioned based on demonstrated need. Participants of this session will explore if the SLHP model could be adapted for MSM HIV prevention work.

European MSM Internet Sex Survey (EMIS)

Speakers: Ford Hickson, Senior Research Fellow, Sigma Research

Format: Themed conference session

The European Men-who-have-sex-with-men Internet Survey (EMIS) recruited 180,000 gay and bisexual men across 38 European countries in summer 2011. This session will introduce the project, outline the kinds of things we might learn from it, including how it can help current debates about success and failure in HIV prevention, and look in detail at some national differences in HIV and STI testing.

Treatment as prevention (*repeated session 5*)

Speakers: Yusef Azad, Director of Policy & Campaigns, National Aids
Roger Pebody, Editor, NAM
3rd speaker TBC

Format: Panel debate

There is increasing international interest in the impact of anti-retroviral therapy on infectiousness and what the implications might be for our HIV prevention strategies. Yusef will examine the degree of current scientific consensus on the impact on infectiousness of ART and the various preventive approaches now advanced internationally based on a 'treatment as prevention' approach. Yusef will consider whether/how treatment as prevention is currently being taken into account in personal sexual behaviours amongst MSM. Roger will draw attention to the ways in which antiretroviral drugs may be used for prevention: to prevent mother-to-child transmission; as part of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP); reducing the infectiousness of HIV-positive people (treatment as prevention); pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); and as a microbicide. Roger will summarise important recent trial results concerning PrEP and microbicides, before exploring the practical and ethical dilemmas of delivering PrEP to gay and bisexual men.

17.35 Closing plenary

Medici Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Matthew Todd, Editor of Attitude magazine

Matthew will be talking about the magazine's recent 'Issues' Issue of Attitude which looked at the often ignored subject of mental health in gay and bisexual men. Talking of his own experience with self destructive behaviour and why he thinks that we cannot help but be scarred by the cultural abuse we suffer growing up in the closet, Matthew will talk about the ramifications of this abuse, how he believes it manifests itself and what impact it has on the transmission of HIV.

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10.00 – 11.15 Session 3

Targeted working

Speakers: Tom Hunt, Community Development Worker, Yorkshire MESMAC
2nd speaker TBC

Format: Themed conference session

This session will introduce delegates to a project being coordinated by Yorkshire MESMAC through the CHAPS Innovation Fund which was available to CHAPS partners to develop innovative projects using new media for specific target groups. The African podcast project aims to reduce the barriers to HIV information by using African voices and languages to communicate and empower African MSM to find out what their HIV status is. The session will cover research, challenges, learning outcomes and a brief presentation of the podcast resource.

Transmen

Speakers: Richard Curtis, Gender Specialist, Transhealth
Finn Greig, Gendered Intelligence
Jay McNeil or Lee Gale, TransBareAll
Bryn Musson, Terrence Higgins Trust Brighton

Format: Themed conference session

This session will explore the specific issues of transmen with regards to their sexual health and HIV needs, whilst looking at existing services and how they might meet those needs. In addition Finn will talk about some of the work Gendered Intelligence have done with their trans youth group and will present the sexual health booklet that the group produced.

Sex workers

Speakers: Ian Cole, Development Worker for Gay Men, Surrey Harm Reduction
Outreach Team
Del Campbell, Community Engagement Manager, Terrence Higgins Trust

Format: Themed conference session

Based on a small qualitative study on the lived experiences of men selling sex in Surrey and potential barriers and facilitators to accessing services, Ian will identify the differences faced by men working in the sex industry in a more rural setting. Ian will explore how men got into the work, what risks they perceive they take, masculinity, how their sexual health needs are met and what support they have around them. Del will follow on by discussing how an integrated model works and can be best used to meet the needs of all our target groups. Del will look at how working with the NHS and other partner agencies can sometimes best suit the needs of the local population, offering best value to both ourselves, and our service users.

Blood Donation

Speakers: Will Nutland, Doctorate in Public Health Programme, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Pippa Grenfell, Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Format: Themed conference session

In recent years, advances in blood screening procedures and epidemiological knowledge have prompted reconsideration of the UK's rules on blood donation. A national advisory committee on blood safety (SaBTO) is currently reviewing the evidence-base for blood donor deferral and exclusion in relation to sexual behaviours, including sex between men. During this session, Will and Pippa will draw on the findings of a mixed-methods study commissioned to inform the review. They will present qualitative data from interviews with men who have ever had sex with men regarding their views on the current ban, centring on three key themes: *risk and rationality*; *rights and responsibilities*; and *faith in medical science*. Considering the implications for blood donor deferral policy and communication.

Partner numbers and patterns

Speakers: Yusef Azad, Director of Policy & Campaigns, National Aids Trust
Carl Burnell, Chief Executive, GMFA
3rd speaker TBC

Format: Panel Debate

There is a scientific consensus that risk of HIV and STI transmission increases significantly with the numbers of sexual partners an individual has. There is additionally a more controverted claim that 'concurrent sexual partnerships' are a particular driver of the HIV epidemic since they provide efficient routes of HIV transmission during the highly infectious period of primary HIV infection (and during STI co-infection). The most recent edition of Making It Count for the first time addresses this issue extensively. This session will discuss the merits and dangers of addressing partner numbers/patterns within our prevention work, as well as appropriate strategies and interventions.

11.15 – 11.45 **Break** *including refreshments*

11.45 – 13.00 **Session 4**

Undiagnosed infection

Speakers: Ruth Smith, Scientist (Epidemiology), Health Protection Agency
Donal Heath, Project Manager, GMFA
Format: Themed conference session

Ruth will present research from HPA's recent MSM based report on UK HIV and STI data, looking at the trends of undiagnosed infection within the MSM population. Donal will then introduce participants to a new innovative partner notification service aimed at driving down undiagnosed infection in partnership with Gaydar, Recon, Manhunt and Fitlads.

National LGB drugs and alcohol database

Speakers: Sara Ashworth, Drug and Alcohol Research Officer, Lesbian and Gay Foundation
Monty Moncrieff, LGBT Programme Manager, Department of Health
Format: Themed conference session

This session will firstly look at Part of the Picture, an England wide research project funded by the Big Lottery, investigating the levels of drug and alcohol use among the lesbian, gay and bisexual population. Sara will centre on the first years results for MSM and how it is hoped that the findings will be a step towards LGB populations being able to confidently access substance misuse services. Monty will then follow-up by discussing some of the wider LGB programmes of work the DH are looking into, to meet some the needs of these populations.

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Sexual Orientation Monitoring

Speakers: Heather Williams, Policy & Research Officer, Lesbian & Gay Foundation
Andrew Gilliver, Communications Manager, Lesbian & Gay Foundation
Format: Workshop

The LGF recently conducted research into sexual orientation monitoring practice, and found that monitoring of both staff and particularly service users is often inconsistent and produces low response rates. A best practice guidebook is currently being written and will be launched in 2011. This workshop will share this research and realise the relevance of monitoring to those working in the field and their external partners. Participants will get the opportunity to discuss their experiences of monitoring practice, and discuss the

challenges and benefits of monitoring in sexual health work with comments and experiences feeding into the best practice guide.

Differences in STI testing in selected European countries.

Speakers: Axel J. Schmidt, Scientific coordinator, EMIS project
Format: Themed conference session

This session will cover an introduction to the EMIS survey, general response rate, and a critical review on whether EMIS respondents can be interpreted as being representative for MSM. EMIS data cover 38 European countries, however the session will mainly focus on the UK, Ireland, Germany, and few selected other countries. Outcomes related to clinical intervention performance will be presented: access to HIV testing and satisfaction with counselling; rates of STI screening, and its influence on diagnoses, e.g. of anal or genital warts, or gonorrhoea; Proportion of late presenters; access to HIV care.

The changing sexual behaviours of MSM

Speakers: Ford Hickson, Senior Research Fellow, Sigma Research
Chris Bonell, Senior Lecturer in Social Science & Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Format: Themed conference session

Ford and Chris will look at data from the Gay Men's Sex Survey in 2001 and 2008 to examine changes in HIV testing and sexual risk behaviours over that time. The picture is complex, suggesting increases in risk are not random but related to patterns of HIV testing and relationships to sexual partners. Implications for HIV prevention practice will be drawn.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.15 Session 5

Measuring outcomes

Speakers: Scott Lupasko, Director, counselling and peer support services, The Metro Centre
Adam Fletcher, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
3rd speaker TBC
Format: Themed conference session

This session will look at ways of measuring health outcomes. The Metro Centre will talk about their experiences of measuring health outcomes within the work that they do measuring changes in behaviour, attitude, skills and knowledge with respect to the likelihood of sero-conversion. This session will then go on to critically examine outcome measuring processes and what it means for the evaluation work we undertake.

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Just gay men?

Speakers: Ellen Hill, Operations Manager, Yorkshire MESMAC
Karen Chapman, Community Development Worker
3rd speaker TBC

Format: Panel Debate

Following last years successful panel debate on being a woman in a gay mans sexual health project this session will give audience members more chance to explore the issue and whether it is necessary to be a gay man to do gay men's sexual health work. Participants will get to share their experiences and thoughts. Participants will get to discuss the benefits and problems associated with not being a MSM and working in the gay men's sexual health sector as well as the impacts, if any, this has on the work we all do.

Condom and lube distribution

Speakers: Rob Cookson, Director of Services, Lesbian & Gay Foundation
Kerry Parkin, Project Team Manager, Sheffield Contraception and Sexual Health Service Central Health Clinic
Sarah Aston, Sexual Health & Targeted Prevention Team Leader, The Eddystone Trust
Paul King, Gay Men's Health Worker, The Eddystone Trust

Format: Themed conference session

The LGF in Manchester has been running a condom and lube distribution scheme for the last 16 years, in this session Rob will look at what the challenges are for different models of C & L distribution on a large scale with high visibility and also engaging with both the younger and older generation. Are there lessons the gay men's HIV prevention sector can learn from C-Card schemes for young people? Kerry Parkin from Sheffield contraception and sexual health service will describe the sign up process, the benefits of a holistic service and the transition pathway into adult services. Paul and Sarah will then discuss the

challenges faced by Eddystone, and their successes, in distributing condoms throughout Public Sex Areas in Rural Devon.

Pornography and gay men's attitudes towards sex, risk and pleasure

Speakers: Justin Harbottle, Community Development and Volunteer Co-ordinator
Terrence Higgins Trust
Charlie Witzel, Expert Volunteer, Informed Passions Project

Format: Workshop

This workshop will give participants an improved understanding and mapping of the different ways in which UAI is represented within bareback pornography, as well as the relative popularity of such representations. Participants will explore gay men's attitudes towards bareback pornography, including the differing roles that pornography plays within gay men's life narratives (e.g. pedagogy, fantasy, nostalgia etc). the workshop will give delegates a greater awareness as to how and why value and erotic importance is attached to UAI within contemporary gay male culture and the subsequent impact that this knowledge might have on interventions into gay men's sexual health, particularly around the key choices regarding risk of HIV transmission.

Telling partners about HIV status

Speakers: Chris Morley, HIV Policy, Publications, Information Co-ordinator, George House Trust
Colin Armstead, Service and Development Manager for HIV+ gay men, George House Trust
Neil MacDonald, Research Co-ordinator, Imperial College London

Format: Panel Debate

What are the rules about telling partners? Must men diagnosed with HIV always tell their sexual partners? Is telling partners optional but the 'right' thing to do? Or is telling partners always our choice? This session will explore differences in values and expectations around HIV status disclosure to sexual partners, and the best ways for undiagnosed men to support and enable HIV disclosures. Neil will present data reported by gay men recruited from GUM clinics for an STI study to examine the patterns of disclosure of status by HIV positive men to their family, GP, dentists and employers.

15.15 – 15.30 **Break** *including refreshments*

15.30 – 16.45 **Session 6**

Re-engaging the community *(repeat)*

Speakers: Cary James, Communications and Fundraising Manager, GMFA
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HIV and ageing

Speakers: Garry Brough, Membership & Involvement Officer, Terrence Higgins Trust
Format: Workshop

With increasing numbers of people living with HIV (PLHIV) growing older due to effective medication and increases in HIV diagnoses in the over-50 age group, what strategies and services are needed to support and safeguard the care of these vulnerable adults? Garry will present the findings of the 50Plus research which examines the concerns and needs of PLHIV over 50. Participants will discuss how best to develop sustainable support services which will meet PLHIV needs and encourage healthy behaviours and self-management strategies.

Young people and homophobia

Speakers: Angela Costetos, Young People's Sexual Health Outreach, Terrence Higgins Trust
Phillip Wragg, Sector Development Officer-Gay Men's Health, Terrence Higgins Trust
Format: Workshop

In delivering generic youth work it is vital to address homophobia with young people. This allows them to understand the issues facing young LGBTQ people and also provides a platform for young people to express their views, explore their use of language and realise that all young people are facing similar issues. This interactive workshop will introduce delegates to the theory behind the importance of delivering this work by looking at recent research into the needs of LGBTQ young people and the attitudes of young people in general towards homosexuality. Delegates will also have the opportunity to take part in exercises that have proved successful in training with both youth workers and young people.

Crystal Meth

Speakers: Sara Ashworth, Drug and Alcohol Research Officer, Lesbian and Gay Foundation
David Stuart, Manager-Substance Use Services, Antidote - LGBT Drug and Alcohol Project
Format: Workshop

One trend to emerge within the MSM community recently is the sexualised use of crystal methamphetamine. It is having a devastating impact on the health and well-being of gay men in London. Antidote is seeing large numbers of men struggling with psychological dependence to Meth, becoming highly sexualised, losing touch with friends and family, ignoring non-sexual social activities and losing their jobs. Many meth users are now turning to injecting Meth, which brings with it a number of dangers including the risk of

HIV and Hep C. This workshop will give all workers from their various fields the opportunity to learn more about Meth use through interactive discussion, as well as addressing how they themselves can address this epidemic through their own work practices and through better collaborative working.

Testing times

Speakers: Yusef Azad, Director of Policy and Campaigns, National AIDS Trust
Alex Pollard, Research Fellow, Brighton University
Peter Keogh, Qualitative Research Director, National Centre for Social Research

Format: Themed conference session

Gay men's health promotion has been slow to produce materials and messages which clearly state on what occasions and with what frequency MSM should have an HIV test. Yusef will look at what exactly we should be recommending and to whom, and the evidential basis for any such recommendations. Alex will then examine the role opt-out testing could have on driving down undiagnosed infection, whilst considering why men don't test and what we can do to encourage them to do so. Following on Peter will discuss the recent evaluation of the NICE HIV testing guidelines for gay men.

16.45 – 17.30 Closing plenary

Medici Ballroom
