



Orientation Document for Staff Working in Sexual Health and Blood-borne Viruses (BBVs) in Regional and Remote Areas of WA

Purpose: This document provides an overview of the essential information, links and resources for staff working in sexual health and blood-borne viruses in regional and remote areas of WA. It predominantly includes programs, services and resources that are provided at the state level and is relevant for all regions. However local and regional information should be added to this package to make it relevant to staff working in that area. Additional information may be required for certain specialities such as clinical staff. This document does not replace any regional orientation documents or processes that are already in place. It can be amended to suit the target audience and regional requirements as needed.

Target audience: nurses, doctors, Aboriginal Health Workers/Practitioners, clinic staff, regional sexual health coordinators, health promotion staff and educators.

1. Prevention and Education

Department of Health Social Marketing Campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look After Your Blood: https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Campaign-sexual-health-Aboriginal-BBV HealthySexual: https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Campaign-Healthysexual-sexual-health-awareness Antenatal Syphilis: https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Campaign-syphilis-in-pregnancy-2021
Young Deadly Free	https://youngdeadlyfree.org.au
Mooditj	https://shq.org.au/education-and-training/working-with-aboriginal-people
Growing and Developing Healthy Relationships (GDHR)	https://gdhr.wa.gov.au
HealthySexual	https://www.healthysexual.com.au/
Get the Facts	https://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au Includes a find a condom feature ; ask a question feature ; and download a form to take a free STI test
Condom Dispensers	Free condom dispensers and vending machines are available from the Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program (SHBBVP) at shbbvp@health.wa.gov.au
Condom Access	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator to find out how you can get condoms in your service. Visit: Find a free condom feature on Get the Facts
Needle and Syringe Programs (NSP)	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Information-for-needle-and-syringe-program-NSP-providers Email the NSP Program to find out where people can access NSPs or how you can get involved: NSP@health.wa.gov.au
ACE (Access, Care and Empowerment) Needle and Syringe Program mobile app	www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ace Mobile application for people who inject drugs and those wishing to find out more about harm reduction, BBV testing, treatment, locations for NSPs etc.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)	www.ashm.org.au/HIV/PrEP https://ashm.org.au/resources/hiv-resources-list/decision-making-in-prep-wa
'What it Means to Have HIV' video	https://youtu.be/OR5zL6yKW3o
'How to Treat Hepatitis C' video	https://youtu.be/GvjaLF-RBks
'What is an STI?' video	https://youtu.be/vYtV_Hf29RE
'What you Need to Know About Hepatitis B' video	https://youtu.be/ENlo5JOwL2Q
'We Need to Yarn about Syphilis' video	https://youtu.be/DJ7LZAne7yl
Yarning Quiet Ways	https://letsyarn.health.wa.gov.au/web/yarning-quiet-ways/home Hard copies can be ordered from Quickmail: https://dohquickmail.com.au
Kaiyai Girl	https://letsyarn.health.wa.gov.au/web/kaiyai-girl/home
Talk soon. Talk often: a guide for parents talking to their kids about sex	Electronic copy: https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/documents/tstov2 Top tips sheet: https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/documents/tsto-top-tips-sheet Hard copies can be ordered from Quickmail: https://dohquickmail.com.au
Puberty	Can be ordered from Quickmail: https://dohquickmail.com.au Electronic copy: https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/web/guest/-/puberty-1
Relationships, Sex and Other stuff	Can be ordered from Quickmail: https://dohquickmail.com.au Electronic copy: https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/web/guest/-/relationships-sex-and-other-stuff
Young Leaders Program	https://www.ahcwa.org.au/youngleaders
SECCA	https://www.secca.org.au/resources
PrEP for Sex Workers (available in English, Korean, Thai and Simplified Chinese)	Available from the Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program (SHBBVP) at shbbvp@health.wa.gov.au
EmbraceU – Sexual Health and BBV information for trans, gender diverse and non-binary people.	https://embraceu.shq.org.au/

2. Testing and Diagnosis

Silver Book (WA STI and BBV Clinical Guidelines)	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Silver-book
Quick guide for opportunistic STI testing for people with no symptoms	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~/_media/Files/Corporate/Reports%20and%20publications/Silverbook/quick-guide-to-sti-testing-2015.pdf Can be ordered from Quickmail: https://dohquickmail.com.au/
Australian STI Management Guidelines	http://www.sti.guidelines.org.au
Communicable Disease Network Australia (CDNA) Series of National Guidelines	https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdnasongs.htm
Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) Testing Portal	http://testingportal.ashm.org.au
Quick Guide to Testing and Treating the Syphilis Infection	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~/_media/Files/Corporate/Reports-and-publications/Silverbook/Quick-Guide-for-Syphilis.pdf
HIV Self-testing	https://www.afao.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/AFAO-HIV-Self-test-Fact-Sheet.pdf
Opportunistic Testing in Emergency Departments	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator to find out if this is happening in your region

Point of Care Testing	Contact the SHBBVP at shbbvp@health.wa.gov.au to find out where Point of Care Testing is happening in your region.
Enhanced Surveillance	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator regarding enhanced surveillance.
Notification Forms	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Silver-book/STI-or-HIV-notification
Regional Clinical Forms	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator to find out what clinical forms are used in your region.
Online STI Testing (Could I Have It and Get the Facts)	https://www.couldihaveit.com.au https://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au
Australian Sexually Transmitted Infection & HIV Testing Guidelines 2019 for Asymptomatic Men who Have Sex with Men	https://stipu.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/STIGMA_Guidelines2019_Final_web.pdf

3. Disease Management and Clinical Care

Contact Tracing in Regional and Remote Areas	https://youtu.be/f2tMhfdQPPg
Syphilis Treatment Video	https://youtu.be/sanCmzV6LaU
Quick Guide to STI Management	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/Reports%20and%20publications/Silverbook/quick-reference-to-sti-management.pdf Can be ordered from Quickmail: https://dohquickmail.com.au
General Practice Medication Access Program	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator to find out if this is happening in your region
S100 Prescribers and ASHM	WA HIV s100 community prescribers: https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Information-for-pharmacists-HIV-s100-community-prescribers ASHM HIV Prescriber Program: https://www.ashm.org.au/HIV/prescriber-programs
Undetectable=Untransmittable: A guide for clinicians to discuss	https://www.ashm.org.au/products/product/UequalsU
Reasonable Precautions	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Sexual%20Health/PDF/Notifiable-infectious-diseases-fact-sheet.pdf
Hepatitis B and C treatment	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Silver-book
Australasian Contact Tracing Guidelines	http://www.contacttracing.ashm.org.au
Structured Administration Supply Arrangements	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Structured-Administration-and-Supply-Arrangements
Regional Clinical Forms	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator to find out what clinical forms are used in your region
Better to Know - website with resources to assist partner notification	https://www.bettertoknow.org.au
Drama Down Under – online STI information, testing and treatment resource for gay/MSM	https://www.thedramadownunder.info

4. Workforce Development

Local training and networks	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator to find out what training and networks are available in your region
Bursaries and Scholarships	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Sexual-health-and-blood-borne-viruses-workforce-development
STI and BBV Quarterly Forums	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/STI-and-BBV-quarterly-forums

Syphilis Videoconference Series	For upcoming sessions and recordings from previous presentations please visit the WA SORG site: https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/WA-Syphilis-outbreak-response
ASHM Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syphilis outbreak training • STI Testing in Primary Healthcare: Western Australia • Introduction to Syphilis Nursing • Introduction to Syphilis for Midwives: Western Australia 	https://lms.ashm.org.au/course/
Curtin Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Training Project	https://rseproject.org.au
School RSE grants	https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/-/school-grants
Sexual health teams workshops	Contact the SHBBVP at shbbvp@health.wa.gov.au to find out when the next workshop is scheduled.
Sexual Health Quarters	https://shq.org.au
Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) online training	https://aodelearning.mhc.wa.gov.au/course/index.php?categoryid=8
NSP coordinator training (annual face-to-face)	Email the NSP program to find out when the next face-to-face NSP coordinator training is: NSP@health.wa.gov.au
Birds and the BBVs	https://www.ahcwa.org.au/sexual-health-training
Point of Care Testing (POCT) Operator Training for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and Trichomonas testing in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services	Contact the Aboriginal Health Council of WA on 9227 1631
Point of Care Testing (POCT) Operator Training for Syphilis	Contact the SHBBVP at shbbvp@health.wa.gov.au
Youth Educating Peers (Youth Affairs Council of WA)	https://www.yacwa.org.au/youth-leadership/yep
HepatitisWA	https://www.hepatitiswa.com.au/education-and-training
WAAC	https://www.waac.com.au/
Peer Based Harm Reduction WA	https://harmreductionwa.org/consulting-and-workforce-development
Your Cultural Lens	https://ycl.health.wa.gov.au
SECCA	https://www.secca.org.au/services/education/
Let's Yarn	https://letsyarn.health.wa.gov.au
Mandatory Reporting Training Program	https://mandatoryreporting.dcp.wa.gov.au/Pages/Training%20Module s.aspx
WA Sexual Health Week Grants	Contact WAAC at hello@waac.com.au or phone 9482 0000
World AIDS Day Grants	Contact WAAC at hello@waac.com.au or phone 9482 0000
Ways of Working with Aboriginal People	https://www.mhc.wa.gov.au/training-and-events/strong-spirit-strong-mind-aboriginal-programs/ways-of-working-with-aboriginal-people/ *This training is not specific to sexual health and BBVs
LGBTI Inclusivity and Diversity Training	See 5. Enabling Environment
Cultural Awareness	https://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/about-us/cultural-awareness-training

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My Health Record	https://www.myhealthrecord.gov.au
All Good Resources	http://allgood.org.au
Healthy Conversations	https://youtu.be/1k5PqNHOH5w
Rainbow Friendly Services	https://www.qip.com.au/standards/rainbow-tick-standards
Richmond Well-being - Rainbow Tick Readiness	https://www.rw.org.au/community-services/rainbow-tick-readiness/
Removing Barriers	http://removingbarriers.ashm.org.au
LGBTI Inclusivity and Diversity Training	https://www.livingproud.org.au/ https://www.pridetraining.org.au/ www.primiconsulting.com.au https://connectionandwellbeing.com.au/services/diversity-and-inclusivity-workshops/ https://shq.org.au/education/lgbtqia-diversity-workplace-training/ https://www.rainbowhealthvic.org.au/training-programs/online-and-remote-training-options https://www.transfolkofwa.org/training/
Medicare Cards for People Aged 15 and Over	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/medicare-card/getting-your-own-medicare-card

6. Data Collection, Research and Evaluation

SiREN	https://siren.org.au/
Health Infonet	https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/
Epidemiology Reports	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Epidemiology-of-STIs-and-BBVs-in-Western-Australia
TTANGO Research	https://www.ttango.com.au/
WA Survey of Secondary School Students and Sexual Health 2018	https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/documents/10184/468659/WA+Student+Survey+2018+Web_Final.pdf
Social Research Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirby Institute: https://kirby.unsw.edu.au/ • Burnet Institute: https://www.burnet.edu.au/ • Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS): https://www.latrobe.edu.au/arcshs • Centre for Social Research in Health: https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/csrh
Working with Indigenous Populations on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses: an Evidence Review from Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Canada.	https://siren.org.au/evidence-review-for-the-wa-aboriginal-shbbv-strategy/

7. Guiding Documents

National STI & BBV Strategies	https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-bbvs-1
WA Sexual Health and BBV Strategies	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/WA-Sexual-Health-and-Blood-borne-Virus-Strategies-2019-2023
Local Action Plans	Speak with your regional sexual health coordinator to find out if any actions plans are used in your region
Enhanced Response to Addressing STI (and BBV) in Indigenous Populations Action Plan	https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-infectious-syphilis-outbreak.htm
WA Syphilis Outbreak Response Action Plan	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/WA-Syphilis-outbreak-response

Talk Test Treat Trace Manual	https://letsyarn.health.wa.gov.au/talk-test-treat-trace
Endemic Regions Orientation Manual	Can be ordered from Quickmail: https://dohquickmail.com.au/
The Pregnancy Care Guidelines (see information related to STIs and BBVs)	https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/pregnancy-care-guidelines-and-related-documents
King Edward Memorial Hospital – Syphilis in Pregnancy guidelines	https://www.kemh.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Hospitals/WNHS/Fo r%20health%20professionals/Clinical%20guidelines/OG/WNHS.OG.S yphilisinPregnancy.pdf
International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education	https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000260770
NSP Guidelines and Information	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Information-for-needle-and-syringe-program-NSP-providers
The Rural Sexual Health in Youth (RuSHY) Framework	https://mcusercontent.com/c4c3f6ccf0277e1d1bc5cbe4b/files/411dae8a-c3a9-4980-add8-4bc18ea0a5ab/RUSHY_Framework.pdf
Communicable Disease Control Guidelines	https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Communicable-disease-control-guidelines

8. Other Information

Resources and contacts	For a list of other resources and contacts relating to sexual health and BBVs, please visit the Talk Test Treat Trace page on the Let's Yarn! website: https://letsyarn.health.wa.gov.au/tttt/supporting-documents
Quickmail	The SHBBVP maintains a variety of resources for the community and for health professionals, most of which are mentioned above. Staff working in WA can register and order resources from the WA Department of Health's online ordering system: https://doh.getquickmail.com
Regional Sexual Health Coordinators	Regional Sexual Health Coordinators are located in each of the Public Health Units. To find the contact details for your regional Public Health Unit visit: https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Contact-details-for-population-public-health-units
Queries	Please direct all queries regarding this resource to the SHBBVP. Phone: (08) 9222 2355 Email: shbbvp@health.wa.gov.au