

Brigstowe supports people living with HIV in Bristol and the surrounding area. In 2026, Brigstowe celebrated its 30th anniversary.

During the 2025-26 financial year, we supported

289 people

in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG)

Advice and Support Service

We advised **167** clients

100% of service users achieved one or more positive outcomes

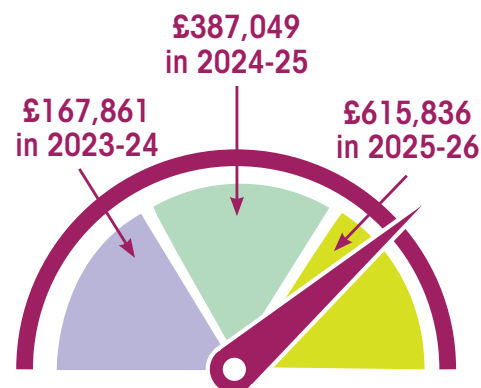
100% of respondents reported being satisfied with the service provided

74 improvements in housing

214 positive financial outcomes, an increase of **28%** from the previous year

9 positive outcomes in accessing training or paid or voluntary work

163 positive outcomes in accessing other rights and entitlements



Advice and Support Service client claims in welfare benefits, grants and debt write-offs

"I hope you know just how much you have actually done for me. The weight of everything on my shoulders has been cut in half at least. I thank you for that."
– Advice and Support Service Client

Migrant and Asylum Support Service

In 2025-26, we supported **44** clients

73%

of clients are more independent and have greater control in their lives

50%

of clients experienced a reduction in poverty

29

clients were helped to access trusted immigration advice, a **52%** increase from the previous year

"It was a service that was exceptional, and the delivery was done with so much care and compassion."
– Migrant and Asylum Support Service Client

Engagement Support Service

We provided support to

32 people

people who are finding it difficult to take their HIV medication and/or attend hospital appointments.

Recorded outcomes show:

- **68%** of clients had a positive outcome in achieving or maintaining an undetectable viral load, meaning that they cannot pass on HIV
- **73%** of clients improved their clinic attendance record

'Positive Voices' – Peer Support Services and HIV Awareness Training

One-to-One Peer Support and 'All In' Group Peer Support

12 active peer mentors, a 50% increase from the previous year

22 people reported an increase in confidence around disclosure of their HIV status, a 29% increase from the previous year

63 people reported an increase in mood

71 people reported more close relationships/reduction in isolation

47

unique individuals attended 'All in' events

5

social activities

HIV Awareness Training

10 training sessions delivered

100%

reported that the Positive Speaker was effective or very effective at raising the issues people living with HIV face

85%

reported a positive change in attitude around HIV issues

Brigstowe piloted a peer support group with 6 sessions. Following the successful pilot, we are now running a **monthly peer support group**, which started in April 2026.

In June 2026, we were delighted to be awarded a continuation Reaching Communities grant by the National Lottery Community Fund. This grant will fund our Positive Voices services for the next four years.



Yuno Sexual Health

From April 2025, Brigstowe became a provider for Yuno, the integrated sexual health service for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. We deliver targeted, community-based interventions to reduce sexual health inequalities, focusing on people who face barriers to services or are at greater risk of poorer outcomes.

5 regular non-clinical sexual health testing drop-ins established or relaunched **→ 47** testing sessions delivered with **114** attendees

3 volunteers recruited and trained to expand outreach capacity

Increased access to HIV/STI testing for people facing multiple barriers

yuno

"I come here because there's far too many steps to testing at home. Here, I can do the whole thing in one go, which means I actually do it."
East Trees clinic user

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Common Ambition Bristol (CAB)

CAB works to improve the sexual health of African and Caribbean heritage communities.

- **277** activities and events across **94** venues/organisations
- **11** targeted events including health drop-ins, workshops and advice sessions reaching **97 people**
- **40** businesses stock our condoms, HIV tests and flyers
- **First community testing drop-in** delivered in a barbershop
- **7500+** condoms, **2300+** lube sachets and **160** sexual health self-test kits distributed

Common Ambition Bristol
Improving sexual health

"I would say that [CAB team's] attitude is like open, friendly, passionate, interested and confident. Their level of information was amazing."
Woman, 27 yrs, of Caribbean Heritage

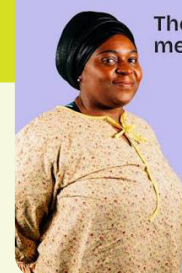
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Awareness campaign

Our 2025 Anti-Stigma Digital Campaign 'There's more to me than HIV', in partnership with Brook, featured on bus stops, libraries, the Yuno website and on social media.

"It is possible to thrive with HIV once you know that with treatment you cannot pass it on"

There's more to me than HIV



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local HIV services

The Peer Partnership

The Peer Partnership provides training, consultancy and service delivery for peer support programmes and services. These are designed together with clinical professionals and aimed at a range of long-term health conditions.

- **46** training sessions
- **321** participants trained
- **Income doubled** on previous year
- **Provided support for an NHS Trust** to develop co-production skills through an Action Learning Set

The
Peer Partnership
Lived experience improving lives

We would like to say a huge thank you to our funders, supporters, partners, volunteers, staff, trustees, clients and the local community who have enabled us to deliver these outcomes for our beneficiaries.