**Volunteer HIV tester**

**SPH HIV Team, within METRO’s HIV Domain**

**Role Description**

**Overall Purpose of Role**

To help with improving the sexual health of people living in Surrey through promoting and conducting HIV and syphilis testing with ‘hard to reach’ communities, with a focus on 18-25 year olds with support and guidance from the programme lead.

Distribute sexual health information and resources to individuals within Surrey venues, such as the University of Surrey.

To promote and conduct urine tests for Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia and appropriately record activity and results

**Reports to**: Peer Support Coordinator Surrey

W**orks with:**

Other volunteer outreach workers

Location: Surrey venues, such as Surrey University.

Hours: Currently Wednesdays fortnightly from 12.30 to 14.30 (although some shift times may vary in the future)

**Required commitment**: METRO expect a minimum monthly commitment of 4 hours, (usually 2 x 2 hour shifts, but this may vary) for a minimum of six (6) months once trained. Once a session is scheduled and agreed to, attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences without prior notice of 3 times will be grounds for dismissal as a volunteer.

**Mileage or fares will be reimbursed –** proof of receipt required

**Tasks and Activities**

Explaining finger prick testing for HIV/Syphilis and conducting testing. Explaining urine testing for Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia and conducting testing.

Completing necessary confidential paperwork with clients.

Sign up for C Cards for condoms- give distribution list where clients can get them for free

Signpost clients to appropriate services where necessary.

**Work with teams**

Communicate clearly and openly with SPH, Surrey Project Lead and other volunteers. Feedback to SPH Surrey Project Lead after each session and engage professionally with other in-venue staff.

**Job Knowledge and Skills**

Testing and sexual health training will be provided, but a broad understanding of sexual health services would be useful. An understanding of sexual health services and an ability to engage individuals in appropriate services would be useful, although training will be provided. To understand skills, competences and responsibilities and work within them

**General Issues** Comply with Health & Safety requirements relating to self and clients Comply with METRO policies and procedures, particularly but not exclusively Confidentiality, Lone working, Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection, Boundaries, Outreach Code of Conduct

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| **Requirements** | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Education/qualifications/experience**  No formal qualifications are needed  Good knowledge of English  Knowledge of current issues relating to STIs including HIV | Essential | Desirable |
| **Knowledge (with training)**  Understand testing for HIV/Syphilis  Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia  Knowledge of communities most affected by HIV and STIs e.g. gay men and BAME communities. |  | Desirable  Desirable |
| **Skills and abilities**  Good communication skills, including being able to talk to people face to face clearly and professionally.  Ability to record information in clear accurate English  Understand, respect, and maintain confidentiality    Understand and work within appropriate boundaries    Be respectful and value people regardless of background    Able to identify risks and follow procedures e.g. safeguarding    Be willing to submit to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check, if applicable | Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential  Essential |  |