Gay Men’s Health Service Nurse Led Screening Service is shortlisted for Health Service Excellence Award.

The HSE Gay Men’s Health Service has seen over 1,400 Men who have sex with men (MSM) in 14 months

Service highlights the importance of STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) screening

Majority of MSM who attended for an STI test had no symptoms


This HSE Gay Men’s Health Service Nurse led screening service has been selected to compete for the overall best project award at the 2017 Health Service Excellence Awards (HEA). This innovative nurse-led asymptomatic screening clinic delivers high quality clinical services within Men who have sex with men (MSM) communities.

Siobhan O’Dea, Manager of the GMHS welcomes the nomination to the HEA “The clinic has been in operation for 14 months now with over 1,400 attendees. In this time, almost one in every six attendees was diagnosed with an STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection). Of these diagnosis 15% were blood borne viruses, 56% Gonorrhoea and 29% Chlamydia. The diagnosis of these infections was important due to the fact that all presenting service users had no symptoms and were not aware they had an STI. Diagnosing these STI’s contributes to a reduction in onward transmission and ultimately reducing the overall burden of infection and associated costs to the HSE”

Helen Deely, Head of the Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) said “The Gay Men’s Health Service (GMHS) is centrally involved in helping to reduce the incidence of HIV in the MSM community. Our successful collaboration with the GMHS has contributed to the success of the nurse led clinic and the SHCPP is delighted that the Monday clinic has been nominated for this award”

Martina Queally, Chief Officer, HSE Community Healthcare Organisation 6, stated ‘I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the staff that are involved in the new nurse-led asymptomatic screening clinic at the GMHS, and congratulate them on their nomination for a Health Service Excellence Award’.

The HEA ceremony will be held in Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park on Thursday, December 14. Shortlisted projects were chosen by the National Selection Panel from all over Ireland.
The Awards are designed to encourage and inspire our healthcare staff to develop better services that result in easier access and high quality care for patients and to promote pride among staff in our services.

Details of all of the shortlisted projects can be found at: http://hse.ie/eng/about/our-health-service/excellence-awards/

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