



National Condom Distribution Service

Report of activities for 2017



About the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme

The HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (the Programme) is a national programme tasked with implementing Ireland's first framework for sexual health and wellbeing, the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015 – 2020. The Programme also has a statutory responsibility for the delivery of three mandates as originally set out within the Crisis Pregnancy Agency (Establishment) Order 2001 (S.I. No. 446 of 2001).

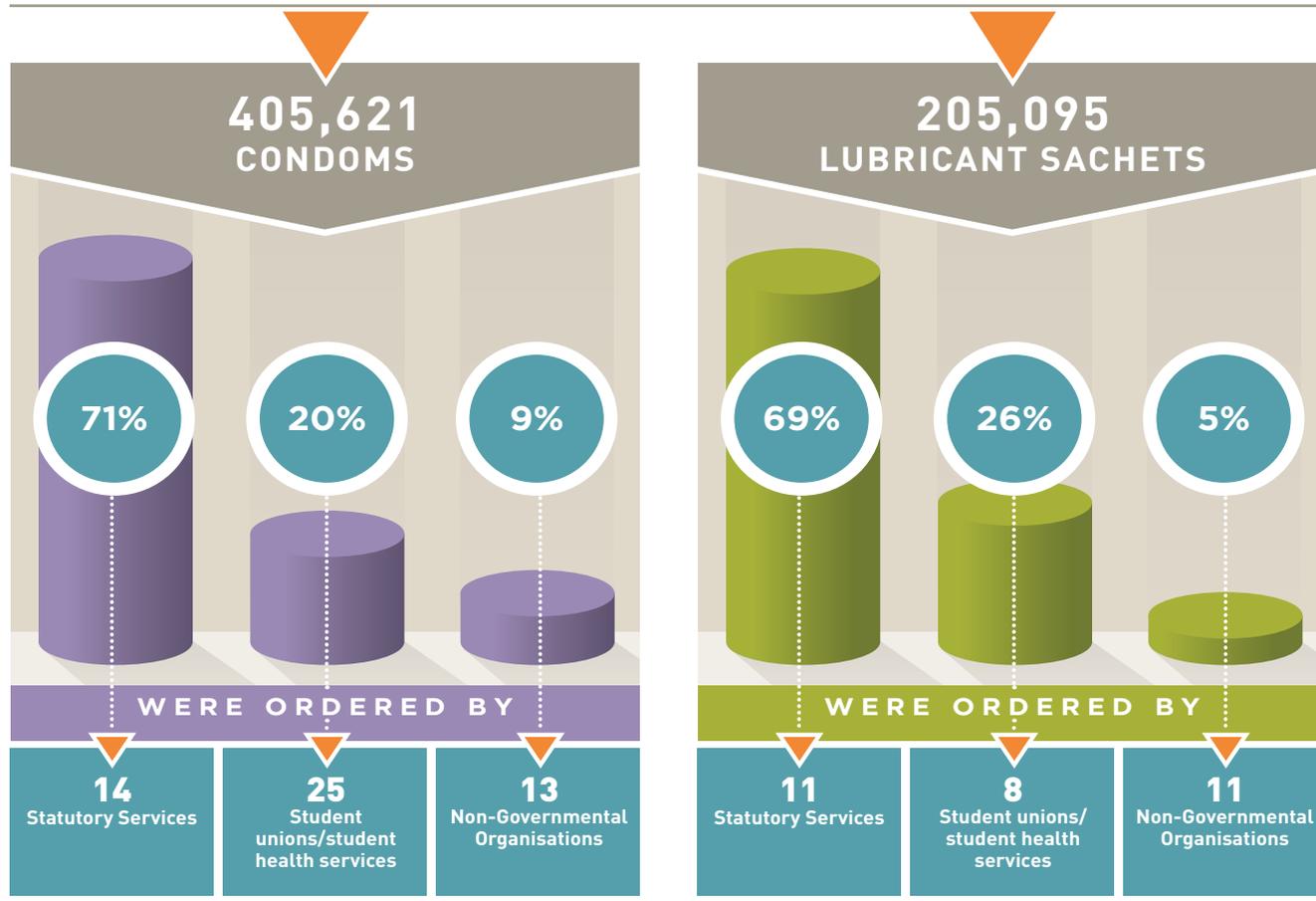
The Programme is one of a number of national policy priority programmes situated within the national Strategic Planning and Transformation function of the Health Service Executive.

The Programme delivers a programme of research; funding initiatives including crisis pregnancy counselling services and relationships and sexuality education programmes; communications campaigns; information provision and policy initiatives.

The Programme established the National Condom Distribution Service (NCDS) in October 2015 to assist in meeting the strategic aims of the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015–2020. The NCDS functions as a central point for distributing free condoms and lubricant sachets to HSE services and other organisations working directly with individuals and groups who may be at increased risk of negative sexual health outcomes.

NATIONAL CONDOM DISTRIBUTION SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN 2017

FIFTY-TWO ORGANISATIONS ORDERED



WHO THEY REACHED



TOP 5 SERVICES BY QUANTITY OF CONDOMS ORDERED

- 1 Gay Men's Health Service Outreach
- 2 Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme Outreach
- 3 Gay Men's Health Service Clinic
- 4 Union of Students in Ireland
- 5 STI Clinic, University Hospital Limerick

TOP 5 SERVICES BY QUANTITY OF LUBRICANT ORDERED

- 1 Gay Men's Health Service Outreach
- 2 Union of Students in Ireland
- 3 Gay Men's Health Service Clinic
- 4 Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme Outreach
- 5 GOSHH

KEY FESTIVALS AND EVENTS WHERE CONDOMS AND LUBRICANTS WERE DISTRIBUTED VIA OUTREACH IN 2017



- World Aids Day
- SHAG Week
- LGBT Pride
- LIFE Festival
- Forbidden Fruit
- Body and Soul
- Sea Sessions
- Longitude
- Galway Races
- Beatyard Festival
- Castlepalooza
- Electric Picnic

1. Introduction

The National Condom Distribution Service (NCDS) was established by the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) in October 2015 to assist in meeting the strategic aims of the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015–2020 to improve sexual health and wellbeing and reduce negative sexual health outcomes such as sexually transmitted infections and crisis pregnancies.

The NCDS functions as a central point for distributing free condoms and lubricant sachets to HSE services and other organisations working directly with individuals and groups who may be at increased risk of negative sexual health outcomes. These groups are listed in the National Sexual Health Strategy. The NCDS also provides condoms and lubricant sachets to support sexual health promotional campaigns and educational initiatives.

2. About this report

This report presents information on the activities of the NCDS from January 1 to December 31st 2017. The information presented in this report is based on (i) data provided by the services and organisations in their application forms to the service in 2017; (ii) logistical information recorded by Store-All Logistics, the company responsible for distributing the products; and (iii) monitoring information completed by the services and organisations in 2018 at the request of the SHCPP.

This report provides information on:

- Services and organisations that ordered products from the NCDS in 2017 and the at-risk groups and target audiences they work with.
- The number of products ordered in 2017 by service and organisations.
- Distribution of condoms and lubricant by services in 2017.

3. Products ordered by services and organisations

This section provides information about the services and organisations that ordered from the NCDS over the 12-month period January–December 2017. This section also provides information on the at-risk groups and target audiences the services and organisations work with.

In total, fifty-two services and organisations ordered condoms and/or lubricant sachets from the NCDS in 2017. Of these, fourteen were statutory services; thirteen were non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or community organisations; and twenty-five were student unions or student health centres.

Forty-seven of the services/organisations that ordered from the NCDS in 2017 operate on a local or regional basis, covering fourteen counties in the Republic of Ireland, and one in Northern Ireland. The remaining five services/organisations are national organisations.

Statutory Services¹

Fourteen statutory services received condoms and lubricant sachets from the NCDS in 2017. Twelve of these were HSE services and two were affiliated to Tusla. Among the twelve HSE services, eight were clinical services and four were non-clinical services.

¹ Statutory services refer to services/organisations that are established by legislation (HSE, Tusla) and are financed and provided by the government.

- **HSE clinical services**

Eight clinical HSE services ordered from the NCDS in 2017, including the Gay Men’s Health Service (GMHS), Dublin; HIV Clinical Services, Cork University Hospital; the Youth Health Service, Cork; and hospital-based STI services/clinics in Cork, Laois, Limerick, Waterford and the North East, including Louth and Monaghan.

The GMHS stated that they intended to distribute condoms and lubricant sachets to men who have sex with men (MSM), and the STI service in University Hospital Waterford stated that it intended to distribute condoms and lubricant sachets to the students from Waterford Institute of Technology who used their service. In addition, the Youth Health Service in Cork stated that it intended to distribute condoms to young people. The remaining clinical services stated that condoms and lubricant sachets would be distributed to the patients attending the clinical service.

- **HSE non-clinical services**

Four HSE non-clinical services that ordered products from the NCDS in 2017 included the GMHS outreach service, HSE Health Promotion and Improvement in Longford and Killarney and the HSE SHCPP via the company Headcase Marketing, which operated the Johnny’s Got You Covered (JGYC) sexual health promotion campaign. The JGYC outreach campaign has been running since 2012 as part of the Think Contraception campaign to encourage young people to consistently practice safe sex.

- **Tusla – Child and Family Agency**

Two Tusla services engaged with the NCDS in 2017. These included Tullow Area School Completion Project (SCP) and Saol Nua – Intensive Family Support Service, Cork. While Saol Nua aimed to distribute condoms to a range of at-risk individuals, Tullow Area SCP uses condoms and lubricant for educational demonstration purposes with young people and students.

Table 1: Statutory services ordering from the NCDS in 2017

HSE Clinical		At-Risk Group/Target Audience
1	GMHS, Dublin	MSM
2	HIV Clinical Services, Cork University Hospital	Clinic patients
3	STI Clinic, University Hospital Limerick	Clinic patients
4	STI Clinic, Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise	Clinic patients
5	STI Clinic, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Cork	Clinic patients
6	STI Services, Dublin North East ²	Clinic patients
7	STI Services, University Hospital Waterford	Students
8	Youth Health Service, Cork	Young people (aged <24)
HSE Non-Clinical		At-Risk Group/Target Audience
9	GMHS Outreach, Dublin	MSM
10	HSE Health Promotion, Killarney	Health education & community professionals
11	HSE Health Promotion, Longford	General public, LGBT
12	SHCPP (ordered and distributed by Headcase Marketing), National	Young adults, general public
Tusla – Child and Family Agency		At-Risk Group/Target Audience
13	Saol Nua – Intensive Family Support Service, Cork	LGBT, migrant population, individuals with MH issues, individuals with addiction issues, individuals with learning difficulties, vulnerable individuals
14	Tullow Area Schools Completion Programme, Carlow	Young people, students

² STI services DNE covers services in Monaghan General Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, and Louth County Hospital, Dundalk

Non-Governmental Organisations/Community Organisations

In total, thirteen NGOs/community organisations ordered condoms and lubricant sachets from the NCDS in 2017. These organisations reported working with a range of different groups considered to be at an increased risk of experiencing negative sexual health outcomes. These groups include people who inject drugs, LGBT³, migrants, sex workers, young people, homeless people and people living with HIV or STIs. Some organisations also reported working with parents and carers of young people.

Table 2: NGOs/community organisations ordering from the NCDS in 2017

NGO/Community Organisations		At-Risk Group/Target Audience
1	AIDS West, Galway ⁴	LGBT, migrant population, sex workers, general public
2	Ana Liffey Drug Project, Limerick	Drug users, sex workers
3	Chrysalis Drug Project, Dublin	Female sex workers
4	Donegal Women's Centre	Young women (from a range of at-risk groups)
5	GOSHH, Mid-West ⁵	People living with HIV/HEP B or C, MSM, young people, sex workers, LGBT, general public, parents
6	Irish Family Planning Association, National	Students, carers, youth workers, parents
7	Meath Community D&A Response	Service users experiencing addiction/substance misuse issues
8	One Family, National	LGBT, migrant, single-parent families, service users
9	Partnership for Health Equity, Limerick	Homeless people, drug users, sex workers, undocumented migrants
10	Sexual Health Centre, Cork	LGBT, migrant population, general population
11	Sophia Housing, National	Couples moving on from homelessness
12	SouthWest Counselling Centre, Kerry ⁶	Young people
13	Tralee International Resource Centre	Asylum seekers, refugees, wider international community

Student Unions and Student Health Centres

In total, twenty-four student unions and one student health centre ordered products from the NCDS in 2017. The Union of Students in Ireland (USI) made the application to the NCDS on behalf of its members, twenty-two of whom ordered condoms and lubricants from the NCDS. The remainder comprises the students union from Mary Immaculate College (MIC) in Limerick, which is independent from the USI, and the student health centre in Dublin City University (DCU) who applied directly to the NCDS.

Table 3: Student unions and student health services who ordered from the NCDS in 2017

Union of Students in Ireland		At-Risk Group/Target Audience
1	Union of Students in Ireland	Students
2	Athlone Institute of Technology	Students
3	Cork Institute of Technology	Students
4	Dublin City University	Students

3 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender

4 AIDS West operates in counties around Galway including Mayo and Roscommon

5 Mid-West includes Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary

6 SouthWest Counselling Centre distributed condoms in Kerry, Cork and Limerick

5	Dublin Institute of Technology	Students
6	Dundalk Institute of Technology	Students
7	Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	Students
8	Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dun Laoghaire	Students
9	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	Students
10	Institute of Technology Carlow	Students
11	Institute of Technology Sligo	Students
12	Institute of Technology Tallaght	Students
13	Institute of Technology Tralee	Students
14	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	Students
15	Limerick Institute of Technology	Students
16	National College of Art and Design, Dublin	Students
17	National College of Ireland, Dublin	Students
18	NUI Galway	Students
19	Saint Angela's College, Sligo	Students
20	Trinity College Dublin	Students
21	University College Cork	Students
22	University of Ulster	Students
23	Waterford Institute of Technology	Students
Independent		At-Risk Group/Target Audience
24	Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	Students
Student Health Centre		At-Risk Group/Target Audience
25	Student Health Centre, DCU	Students

4. Distribution of NCDS Products to services and organisations

This section provides information on the number of products ordered by services from the NCDS. The information was provided by the logistics company responsible for distributing the condoms and lubricant sachets to the HSE services and organisations, once the order has been approved by the NCDS project team.

Total Products Ordered

- **Condoms**

A total of 405,621 condoms were distributed by the NCDS in 2017. Three in every five of these were distributed to statutory services. Student unions and student health centres received one fifth of the total and NGOs/community organisations received the remaining 9%.

• **Lubricant sachets**

A total of 205,095 lubricant sachets were distributed by the NCDS in 2017. Over two thirds were ordered by HSE services; student unions and health centres ordered one quarter of the total; and NGOs received 5%.

Table 6: Quantity of condoms and lubricant sachets ordered in 2017

Sector	Condoms	% of Total	Lubricant	% of Total
Statutory services	288,470	71%	141,719	69%
NGO/community organisations	35,751	9%	10,551	5%
SUs and SHCs	81,400	20%	52,825	26%
Total	405,621	100%	205,095	100%

Figure 1: Proportion of condoms ordered in 2017 by service type

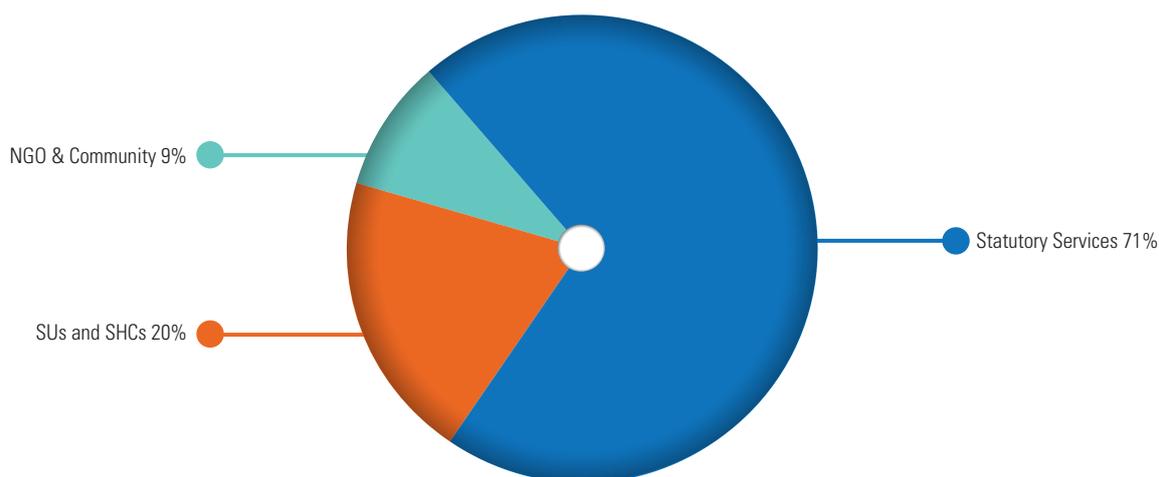
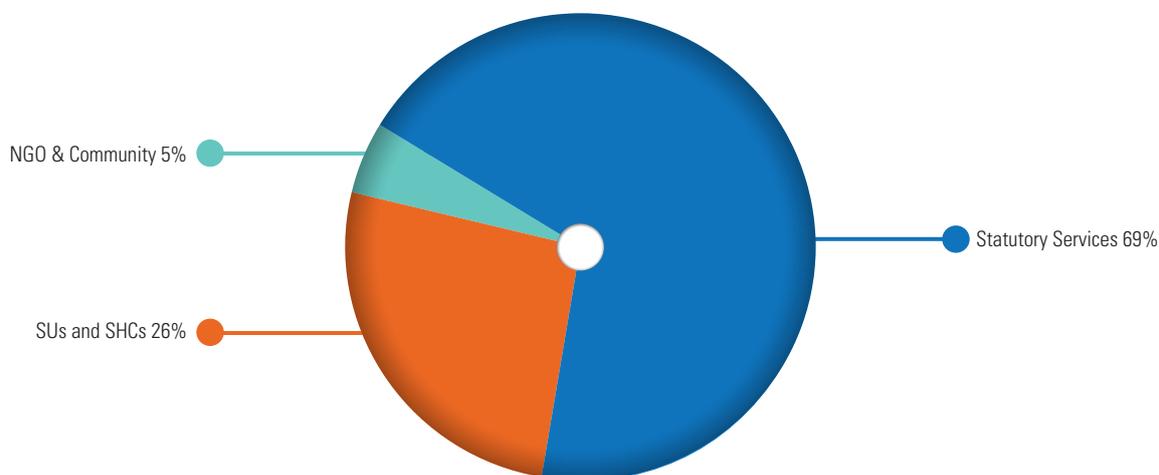


Figure 2: Proportion of lubricant sachets ordered in 2017 by service type



Statutory Services

• Condoms

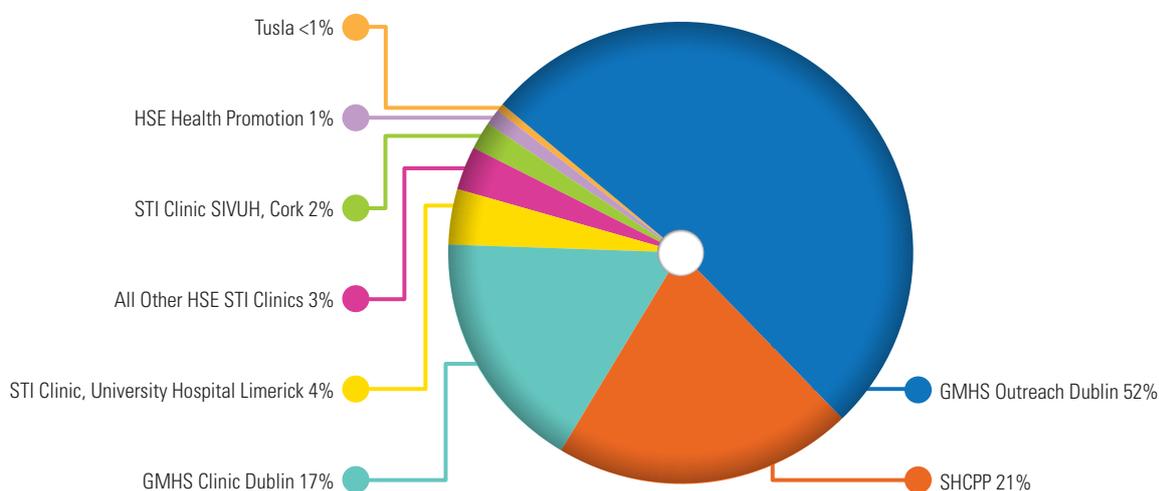
288,470 condoms were ordered by and distributed to statutory services in 2017. Over half were ordered and distributed by the GMHS outreach service and 16.5% were ordered and distributed by the GMHS clinic comprising almost 70% of the total. Just over one fifth was ordered by the SHCPP via Headcase Marketing for distribution via the Johnny's Got You Covered sexual health promotion outreach campaign.

Table 7: Quantity of NCDS condoms ordered by statutory services in 2017

HSE Clinical		Condoms	% of Total Statutory Orders
1	GMHS, Dublin	47,600	16.5%
2	STI Clinic, University Hospital Limerick	11,850	4.1%
3	STI Clinic, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Cork	5,950	2.1%
4	STI Services, Dublin North East	1,950	<1%
5	Youth Health Service, Cork	1,500	<1%
6	STI Clinic, Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise	1,450	<1%
7	STI Services, University Hospital Waterford	1,400	<1%
8	HIV Clinical Services, Cork University Hospital	950	<1%
<i>HSE Clinical Total</i>		<i>72,650</i>	<i>25.2%</i>
HSE Non-Clinical			
9	GMHS Outreach, Dublin ³	150,500	52.2%
10	SHCPP (ordered and distributed by Headcase Marketing) National	60,500	21%
11	HSE Health Promotion, Longford	4,000	1.4%
12	HSE Health Promotion, Killarney	170	<1%
<i>HSE Non-Clinical Total</i>		<i>215,170</i>	<i>75%</i>
Tusla – Child and Family Agency Services			
13	Saol Nua – Intensive Family Support Service, Cork	350	<1%
14	Tullow Area Schools Completion Programme, Carlow	300	<1%
<i>Tusla Total</i>		<i>650</i>	<i><1%</i>
Statutory Services Total		288,470	100%

³ This GMHS outreach programme supplies social venues in Dublin with condoms and lubricant sachets. The social venues include saunas, pubs, clubs, cinemas and community centres.

Figure 3: Proportion of condoms ordered by statutory services as a share of total



• **Lubricant sachets**

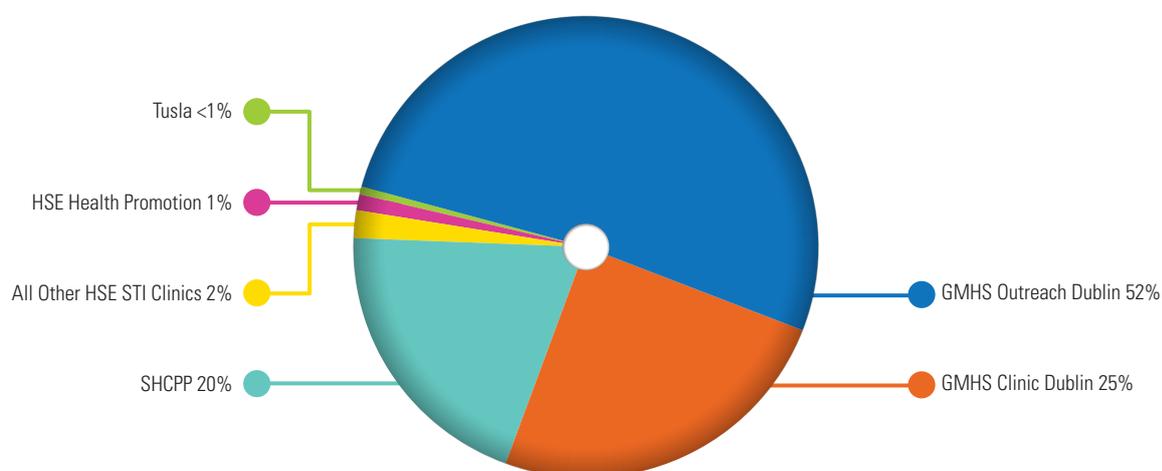
141,719 sachets were ordered by eleven statutory services in 2017. Just over half of these were ordered by and distributed to the GMHS outreach service while one quarter of the total were ordered and distributed by the GMHS clinic, comprising almost 77% of the total ordered in 2017. Twenty per cent of the total was ordered by the SHCPP via Headcase Marketing for distribution via the Johnny’s GotYou Covered sexual health promotion outreach campaign.

Table 8: Quantity of NCDS lubricant sachets ordered by HSE services in 2017

HSE Clinical		Lubricant	% of Total Statutory Orders
1	GMHS, Dublin	35,500	25%
2	STI Clinic, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Cork	1,000	<1%
3	STI Services, Dublin North East	500	<1%
4	Youth Health Service, Cork	500	<1%
5	STI Clinic, Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise	150	<1%
6	STI Services, University Hospital Waterford	300	<1%
<i>HSE Clinical Total</i>		<i>37,950</i>	<i>27%</i>

HSE Non-Clinical			
7	GMHS Outreach, Dublin	72,899	51.4%
8	SHCPP (ordered and distributed by Headcase Marketing) National	28,500	20%
9	HSE Health Promotion, Longford	2,000	1.4%
10	HSE Health Promotion, Killarney	20	<1%
<i>HSE Non-Clinical Total</i>		<i>103,419</i>	<i>73%</i>
Tusla – Child and Family Agency			
11	Saol Nua – Intensive Family Support Service, Cork	350	<1%
<i>Tusla Total</i>		<i>350</i>	<i><1%</i>
Statutory Services Total		141,719	100%

Figure 4: Proportion of lubricant sachets ordered by HSE services as a share of total



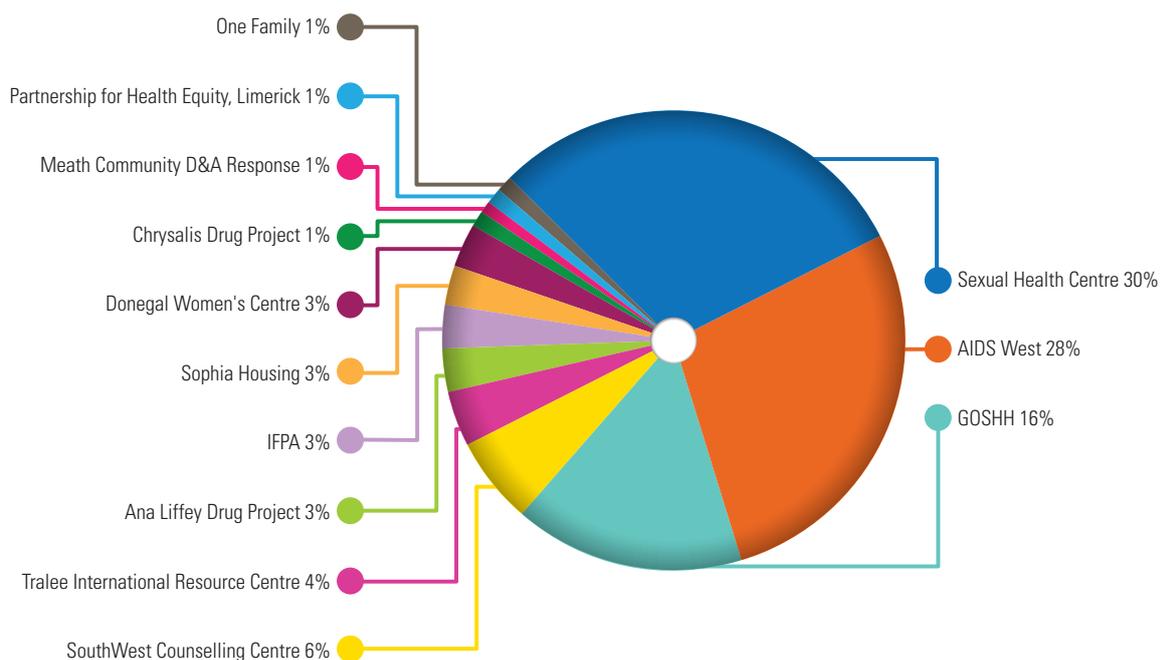
NGOs/Community Organisations

35,751 condoms were ordered and distributed to NGOs/community organisations in 2017. The Sexual Health Centre in Cork, AIDS West in Galway and GOSHH in Limerick ordered almost 75% of the total distributed to NGOs.

Table 9: Quantity of NCDS condoms ordered by NGO/community organisations in 2017

NGO/Community Organisation		Condoms	% of Total NGO/Community Orders
1	Sexual Health Centre, Cork	10,750	30.1%
2	AIDS West, Galway	9,901	27.7%
3	GOSHH, Mid-West	5,900	16.5%
4	SouthWest Counselling Centre, Kerry	2,300	6.4%
5	Tralee International Resource Centre, Kerry	1,500	4.2%
6	Ana Liffey Drug Project, Limerick	1,200	3.4%
7	Irish Family Planning Association, National	1,000	2.8%
8	Sophia Housing, National	950	2.7%
9	Donegal Women's Centre	950	2.7%
10	Chrysalis Drug Project, Dublin	500	1.4%
11	Meath Community D&A Response	300	<1%
12	Partnership for Health Equity, Limerick	300	<1%
13	One Family, National	200	<1%
NGO/Community Organisations Total		35,751	100%

Figure 5: Proportion of condoms ordered by NGOs/community organisations as a share of total

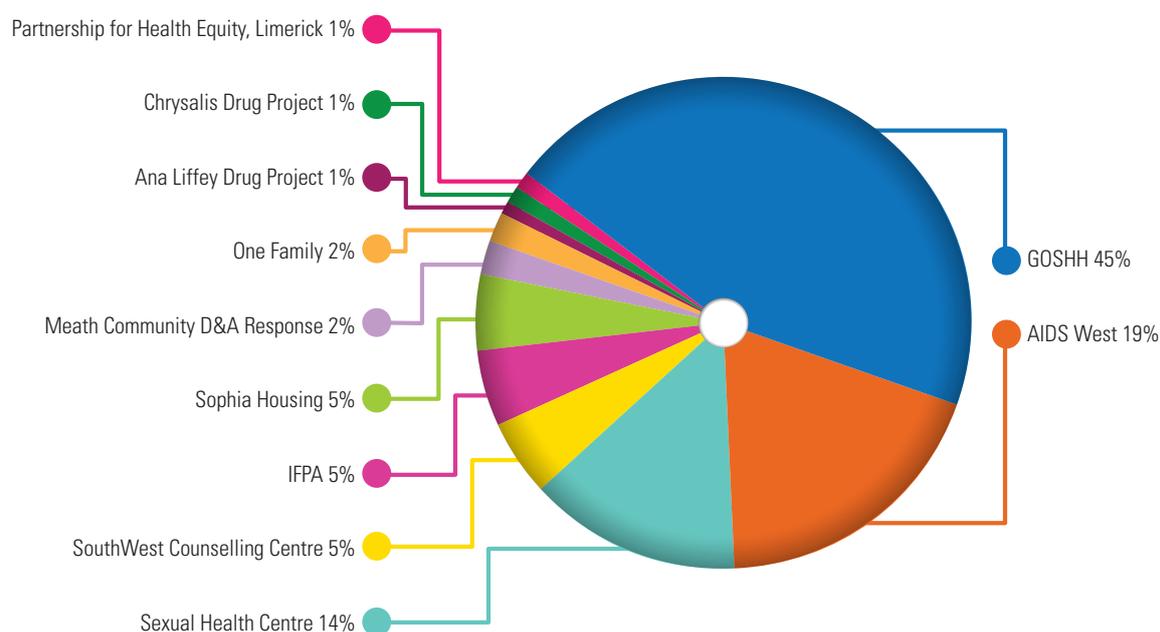


Eleven NGOs/Community Organisations ordered lubricant sachets from the NCDS in 2017. Between these eleven organisations, they ordered a total of 10,550 lubricant sachets. Reflecting the trend among condom orders by NGOs/community organisations, the most substantial orders were placed by GOSHH, AIDS West and the Sexual Health Centre in Cork. These three organisations ordered almost 80% of the total amount of lubricant received by NGOs/community organisations in 2017 from the NCDS.

Table 10: Quantity of NCDS lubricant sachets ordered by NGOs/community organisations in 2017

NGO/Community Organisations		Lubricant	% of Total NGO/Community Orders
1	GOSHH, Mid-West	4,700	45%
2	AIDS West, Galway	2,001	19%
3	Sexual Health Centre, Cork	1,500	14.1%
4	Irish Family Planning Association, National	500	4.7%
5	Sophia Housing, National	500	4.7%
6	SouthWest Counselling Centre, Kerry	500	4.7%
7	Meath Community D&A Response	200	1.9%
8	One Family, National	200	1.9%
9	Ana Liffey Drug Project, Limerick	150	1.4%
10	Chrysalis Drug Project, Dublin	150	1.4%
11	Partnership for Health Equity, Limerick	150	1.4%
NGO/Community Organisations Total		10,551	100%

Figure 6: Proportion of lubricant sachets ordered by NGOs as a share of total



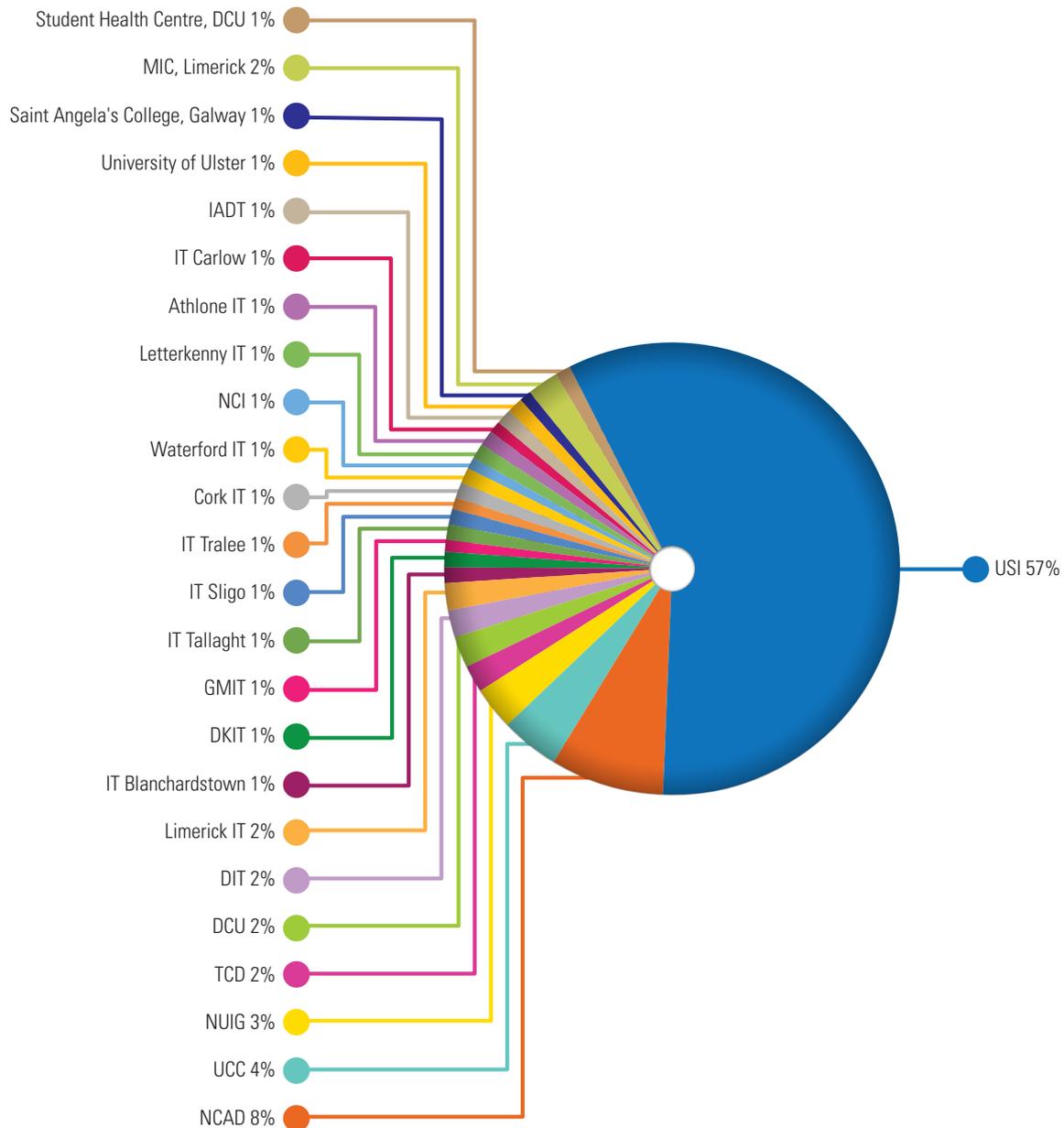
Student Unions and Health Centres

The USI ordered over half of the total amount of condoms ordered by student unions and health centres. Among the individual student unions, NCAD, UCC and NUIG received the most amounts each compared to the remaining unions.

Table 11: Quantity of NCDS condoms ordered by student unions and health centres in 2017

Union of Students in Ireland		Condoms	% of Total SU & SHC Orders
1	Union of Students in Ireland	46,500	57.1%
2	National College of Art and Design, Dublin	6,400	7.9%
3	University College Cork	3,000	3.7%
4	NUI Galway	2,500	3.1%
5	Trinity College Dublin	1,750	2.1%
6	Dublin City University	1,500	1.8%
7	Dublin Institute of Technology	1,500	1.8%
8	Limerick Institute of Technology	1,250	1.5%
9	Athlone Institute of Technology	1,000	1.2%
10	Cork Institute of Technology	1,000	1.2%
11	Dundalk Institute of Technology	1,000	1.2%
12	Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	1,000	1.2%
13	Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire	1,000	1.2%
14	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	1,000	1.2%
15	Institute of Technology Carlow	1,000	1.2%
16	Institute of Technology Sligo	1,000	1.2%
17	Institute of Technology Tallaght	1,000	1.2%
18	Institute of Technology Tralee	1,000	1.2%
19	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	1,000	1.2%
20	National College of Ireland, Dublin	1,000	1.2%
21	Waterford Institute of Technology	1,000	1.2%
22	University of Ulster	1,000	1.2%
23	Saint Angela's College, Sligo	500	<1%
<i>USI Total</i>		<i>78,900</i>	<i>97%</i>
Independent			
24	Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	2,000	2.5%
Student Health Centres			
25	Student Health Centre, DCU	500	<1%
Student Union/Health Centre Total		81,400	100%

Figure 7: Proportion of condoms ordered by student services/organisations as a share of total

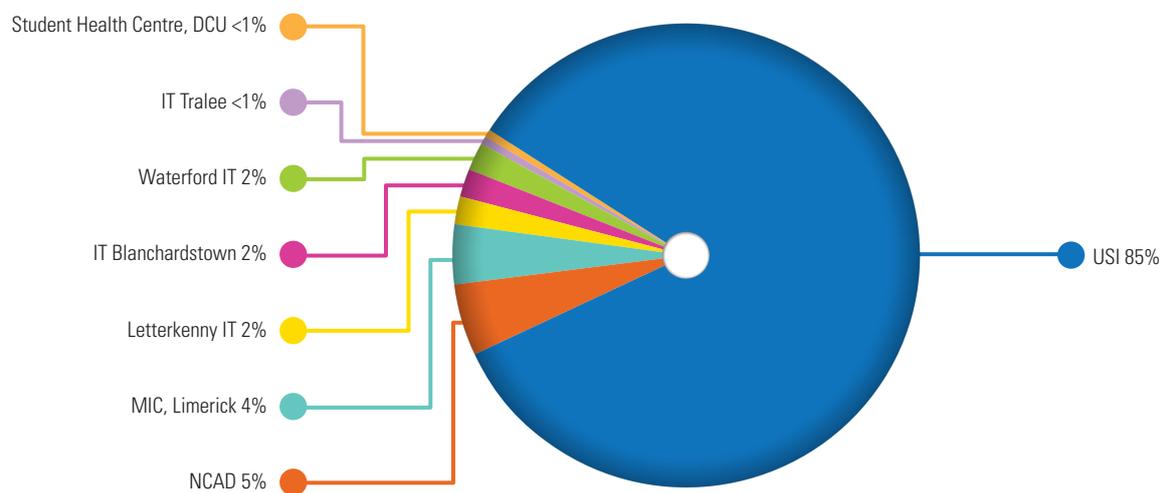


The USI ordered the vast majority of lubricant sachets among the student union and health centre sector. Half of the USI-affiliated unions that ordered lubricant ordered 1,000 lubricant sachets each. MIC in Limerick placed the third largest order for lubricant sachets among the student unions and health centres. Seventeen student unions did not order any lubricant sachets from the NCDS in 2017, despite ordering condoms.

Table 12: Quantity of NCDS lubricant sachets ordered by student unions and health centres in 2017

Union of Students in Ireland		Lubricant	% of Total SU and SHC Orders
1	Union of Students in Ireland	45,000	85.2%
2	National College of Art and Design, Dublin	2,500	4.7%
3	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	1,001	1.9%
4	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	1,000	1.9%
5	Waterford Institute of Technology	1,000	1.9%
6	Institute of Technology Tralee	274	<1%
<i>USI Total</i>		<i>50,775</i>	<i>95.6%</i>
Independent			
7	Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	2,000	3.8%
Student Health Centres			
8	Student Health Centre, DCU	50	<1%
Student Union/Health Centre Total		52,825	100%

Figure 8: Proportion of lubricant sachets ordered by student unions and health centres as share of total



5. Distribution of condoms and lubricant by services

This section of the report contains details about how services and organisations distributed condoms and lubricant during 2017. It is informed by monitoring information submitted by each service and organisation at the request of the SHCPP.

Statutory Services

Table 13: Distribution of NCDS condoms and lubricant by statutory services in 2017

Service Type		Number of NCDS Products Ordered by Services		At-Risk Group/Target Audience	Description of activities where condoms and lubricant were distributed
		Condoms	Lubricant		
HSE Clinical					
1	GMHS, Dublin	47,600	35,500	MSM	1-to-1 clinical sessions, 1-to-1 support sessions
2	HIV Clinical Services, Cork University Hospital	950	0	Clinic patients	Information not provided
3	STI Clinic, University Hospital Limerick	11,850	0	Clinic patients	Condoms left in bathrooms and clinical rooms to take, outreach – STI screening at local 3rd level colleges
4	STI Clinic, Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise	1,450	150	Clinic patients	1-to-1 clinical sessions
5	STI Clinic, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	5,950	1,000	Clinic patients	1-to-1 clinical sessions, 1-to-1 educational sessions, outreach – information stand at local 3rd level college (once a year)
6	STI Services, Dublin North East	1,950	500	Clinic patients	1-to-1 clinical sessions, hospital sexual health promotion week information, World AIDS Day
7	STI Services, University Hospital Waterford	1,400	300	Student population	Information not provided
8	Youth Health Service, Cork	1,500	500	Young people (aged <24)	1-to-1 clinical sessions, 1-to-1 support sessions
HSE Non-Clinical					
9	GMHS Outreach, Dublin	150,000	72,899	MSM	Outreach – distributing to MSM social venues
10	HSE Health Promotion, Killarney	170	20	Health education & community professionals	Educational sessions - Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion, training staff, information sessions at local 3rd level colleges

11	HSE Health Promotion, Longford	4,000	2,000	General public, LGBT	World AIDS Day information stand, SHAG week at local 3rd level college
12	SHCPP (ordered and distributed by Headcase Marketing) National	60,500	28,500	Young adults, general public	Outreach - SHAG week, music festivals, 3rd level colleges, street activity and night clubs
Tusla – Child and Family Agency		Condoms	Lubricant	At-Risk Group/Target Audience	
13	Saol Nua – Intensive Family Support Service, Cork	350	350	LGBT, migrant population, individuals with MH issues, individuals with addiction issues, individuals with learning difficulties, vulnerable individuals	1-to-1 support sessions
14	Tullow Area Schools Completion Programme, Carlow	300	0	Young people, students	Demonstration as part of education programme

NGO/Community Organisations

Table 14: Distribution of NCDS condoms and lubricant by NGO/community organisations in 2017

NGO/Community Organisation	Condoms Ordered	Lubricant Ordered	At-Risk Group/Target Audience	Description of activities where condoms and lubricant were distributed
1 AIDS West, Galway	9,901	2,001	LGBT, migrant population, sex workers, general public	Provided to individuals and groups who use the drop-in service upon request, outreach – weekly distribution to local direct provision centre, outreach – monthly distribution to LGBT and social venues, outreach – distribution during Pride week, outreach – SHAG week, outreach – Rainbow week ⁴ and GigSoc events ⁵ , outreach – Irish AIDS Day, World AIDS Day, outreach – distribution local events such as Galway Races Festival
2 Ana Liffey Drug Project, Limerick	1,200	150	Drug users, sex workers	Outreach, 1-to-1 sessions, needle and syringe programme, weekly drop-in service, shared with external service
3 Chrysalis Drug Project, Dublin	500	150	Female sex workers	Distributed weekly on streets to female sex workers via outreach, 1-to-1 support sessions upon request
4 Donegal Women’s Centre	950	0	Young women (from a range of at-risk groups)	1-to-1 clinical sessions, provided to tutor for dissemination in local adult education and youth reach centre, outreach – group information sessions, 1-to-1 information sessions

4 This event is specific to the 3rd level college

5 Society based at local 3rd level college

6	GOSHH, Mid-West	5,900	4,700	People living with HIV/HEP B or C, MSM, young people, sex workers, LGBT, general public, parents	Drop-in service, 1-to-1 support session, CD Club workshops, outreach - Rapid Testing sessions, educational sessions, outreach – informational initiatives at 3rd level colleges, Outreach – ‘The Outing’ LGBT festival, outreach – Pride, SHAG week, Rainbow week, outreach – distributing to LGBT & social venues, World AIDS Day
7	Irish Family Planning Association, National	1,000	500	Students, carers, youth workers, parents	Demonstrations during Speakeasy programme and RSE workshops for professionals and students
8	Meath Community D&A Response	300	200	Service users experiencing addiction/substance misuse issues	1-to-1 support session, group information sessions
9	One Family, National	200	200	LGBT, migrant, single-parent families, service users	Placed in bathrooms alongside information poster
10	Partnership for Health Equity, Limerick	300	150	Homeless people, drug users, sex workers, undocumented migrants	1-to-1 clinical sessions
11	Sexual Health Centre, Cork	10,750	1,500	LGBT, migrant population, general population	Provided to visitors on request, in-house Rapid Testing sessions, outreach – Rapid Testing sessions, education sessions, information stands in 3rd level colleges and community settings
12	Sophia Housing, National	950	500	Couples moving on from homelessness	Available at reception for service users to take
13	SouthWest Counselling Centre, Kerry	2,300	500	Adolescents aged 15–19	Educational sessions for 2nd level students
14	Tralee International Resource Centre	1,500	0	Asylum seekers, refugees, wider international community	Left in bathrooms of its centre alongside leaflets, stocked local Direct Provision centre, educational workshops

Student Unions and Health Centres

Table 15: Distribution of NCDS condoms and lubricant by student unions and health centres in 2017

Union of Students in Ireland		Condoms Ordered	Lubricant Ordered	At-Risk Group/ Target Audience	Description of activities where condoms and lubricant were distributed
1	Union of Students in Ireland	46,500	45,000	Students	SHAG week packs, education sessions, information packs, sexual health campaigns
Independent		Condoms Ordered	Lubricant Ordered	At-Risk Group/ Target Audience	Description of activities where condoms and lubricant were distributed
2	Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	2,000	2,000	Students	Information packs, information stands, social events
Student Health Centre		Condoms Ordered	Lubricant Ordered	At-Risk Group/ Target Audience	Description of activities where condoms and lubricant were distributed
3	Student Health Centre, DCU	500	50	Students	Information not provided

Key Activities and Events

There are a number of key activities and events during which services and organisations engage with at-risk populations with NCDS condoms and lubricant sachets, as well as sexual health promotion messages, information and interventions which are detailed below:

- **Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance (SHAG) Week**

SHAG week is a key event in the third level calendar, as it provides an opportunity to target students with sexual health promotion messages and materials. Five services and organisations (SHCPP, HSE Health Promotion Longford, AIDS West, GOSHH, USI) used SHAG week to distribute condoms and lubricant, alongside sexual health information to promote sexual wellbeing among the student population. SHAG week events were targeted by HSE services, NGOs, and student services/organisations alike. During SHAG week, these services and organisations distributed condoms and lubricant to students at information stands, through information sessions and workshops, and by actively engaging with students on campuses across Ireland.

- **World AIDS Day**

Four services and organisations (STI Services, Dublin North East, HSE Health Promotion Longford, GOSHH, and AIDS West) actively engaged in condom and lubricant distribution during World AIDS Day, which was held on December 1, 2017. These services and organisations engaged in activities such as setting up information stands through which they provided individuals with condoms, lubricant and sexual health promotion information material.

- **LGBT Pride**

Two NGOs (AIDS West and GOSHH) stated that they distributed condoms and lubricant during LGBT Pride in 2017. Activities included supplying LGBT social venues with condoms and setting up information stands.

- **Festivals**

The SHCPP Outreach team distributed condoms and lubricant sachets at a number of festivals including: LIFE, Forbidden Fruit, Body and Soul, Sea Sessions, Longitude, Galway Races, Beatyard, Castlealooza, and Electric Picnic.

- **Outreach Activities**

Fourteen services and organisations (listed below) distributed condoms and lubricant during outreach activities during 2017, separate to the activities discussed above.

Table 16: Outreach activities during which NCDS condoms and lubricant were distributed in 2017

Service/Organisation	Outreach Activities at which condoms/lubricant were distributed
STI Clinic, University Hospital Limerick	STI screenings at local 3rd level colleges
STI Clinic SIVUH, Cork	Information stands at local 3rd level colleges
GMHS Outreach, Dublin	Supply MSM social venues in Dublin including saunas, clubs, cinemas and community centres
HSE Health Promotion, Killarney	Information sessions at local 3rd level colleges
HSE Health Promotion, Longford	Sexual health promotion information stand at local 3rd level college
SHCPP (ordered and distributed by Headcase marketing), National	Music festivals, concerts, visiting 3rd level colleges, on-street activity at Christmas
AIDS West, Galway	Supply local Direct Provision centres and LGBT social venues, distribution at events at local 3rd level colleges, distribution during Galway Races Festival
Ana Liffey, Limerick	Outreach
Chrysalis Drug Project, Dublin	Weekly on-street outreach to female sex workers
Donegal Women's Centre	Supply tutors in local youth reach and adult education (YRAE) centres, hold information sessions at local YRAE centres
GOSHH, Mid-West	HIV Rapid Testing sessions, information stands at: The Outing LGBT Festival – Lisdoonvarna, 16 Days of Action Opposing Violence Against Women, Mid-West Careers Fair, University of Limerick Career and Volunteer Fair, Limerick Mental Health Awareness Week, Distribution at local 3rd level colleges during SHAG/Rainbow weeks, World AIDS Day
Sexual Health Centre, Cork	HIV Rapid Testing sessions, information stands at local 3rd level colleges and community settings
South West Counselling Service, Kerry	Workshops with secondary school students
Tralee International Resource Centre	Supply to local Direct Provision centres, sexual health workshops

Summary

The information in this report highlights how the NCDS is working with partners in the statutory, NGO and student sectors to reach groups who are at increased risk of negative sexual health outcomes. Condoms and lubricant sachets were distributed to a broad range of at-risk groups in 2017, including MSM, young people, students, asylum seekers, drug-users, sex workers, people who are homeless, STI clinic patients, people living with HIV, individuals who identify as LGBT, and people with addiction issues. The products were distributed via one-to-one sessions in clinical settings, education settings and a range of outreach and health promotion activities nationwide.



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