

Who is this resource pack for?

The resource pack has been developed to assist HIV leads or other 'HIV champions' in increasing rates of HIV testing in their hospital trusts or organisations outside the specialist HIV clinical setting as specified in the *UK national guidelines for HIV testing 2008*. It aims to provide concrete tools for carrying out HIV testing and for educating staff about the need for it, and also to enable discussions with decision makers within trusts about making HIV testing more routine in everyday clinical practice.

The slide sets are useful for professionals who are responsible for providing training on HIV to other staff within the hospital trust, or in educational meetings outside, and who want an easy-to-use basis for presentations. The slide sets can be combined and adapted to fit sessions of any length.

The pack can also be used by HIV lead clinicians in their discussions with decision makers within the hospital, such as chief executives, medical directors, clinical governance and risk managements leads, to encourage the trust to adopt a policy of routine HIV testing where appropriate. The template documents have been designed to facilitate this process by doing some of the preparatory work. The fact that they have been developed with the expert advice of leading clinicians from HIV and different medical specialties through the Project Advisory Group will, it is hoped, expedite their approval for use locally, with appropriate adjustments.