

Welfare Rights Ltd

“The Positive Protection Project”.

Aim

To reduce the spread of HIV in the UK

To increase the accessibility of condoms to people with HIV in the UK

To help to reduce poverty in the client group by taking away the need for people with HIV, especially people in low incomes, to choose between purchasing condoms and buying food or clothing

To help protect the health of people with HIV.

Method

To supply through the post free of charge condoms to people diagnosed with HIV who live in the UK.

People who are diagnosed can register for free condoms through the post by getting their G.P or any member of clinical staff in any GU clinic or other sexual health facility to complete a form that states that they are a person eligible for this service.

The **eligibility criteria** are:

The person has HIV

The person lives in the UK

The person is not known to be allergic to latex or Durex condoms.

This service is open to people in long term care institutions.

This service is open to people in prison and other forms of detention

We will not retain any medical documentation of clients and if this is sent to us, it will be returned by special delivery to the address stated by the client, after we have confirmed that it is safe to do so, or it will be cross cut shredded and burnt by us.

The person sends the letter in a prepaid recorded delivery envelope to our address. The form will contain a username and password chosen by the client as well as an address to which the client wishes the condoms to be sent. This must be their home address or their G.P’s surgery address.

Once the person is registered they can order up to 12 condoms of their choice from our range per week by calling us on our 0844 national telephone number, by sending us an email, by writing us a letter, or by faxing us a written request. They will only need to state their username and password.

Condoms will be sent out on request, packaged in plain brown envelopes with nothing that can easily show that they were sent by our service. The envelopes will be marked with a “Do not re-direct “ notice. There will be a post office code on the envelopes so that undelivered packages can be returned to us.

For clients who do not want to disclose their home address the condoms can be sent to their G.P’s surgery where they can sign for and collect them.

We will take out insurance to cover any risk that may arise as a result of this service. The data will be held on a computer that is never taken out of the premises and never connected to the internet.

We will ensure that we comply with all aspects of the Data Protection Act

Advertising the service.

The service will be advertised in all G.P clinics, Hospitals, Social services departments, PALs services and occupational health services. Leaflets on the service will be available at Universities, prisons and Colleges.

The service will target areas where heterosexual men and women frequent as the Terence Higgins Trust works very successfully with homosexual people.

Staff.

All staff will have clean enhanced disclosure certificates and not be allowed to take any form of media storage into the office or out of the office; including mobile phones, pieces of paper or other storage devices. We will seek to employ people with HIV on a paid part time basis. All staff will be trained on confidentiality, equal opportunities and diversity. We will operate a comprehensive Equal Opportunities Policy.

Additional security

On first delivery client will be given a pin number and this can be used if we required further confirmation of identity.

The name of the Project will be **“The Positive Protection Project”**.

Stages of development.

Stage 1

At first the project can start on a local level supplying services to people with in West Sussex PCT. The only staff required will be a full time worker to explain the project to the NHS staff and charitable partners, and a part time clerical officer to package and send out the condoms. The project can be run from our premises and costs can be kept low.

Stage 2

Feedback from our project partners will be implemented on a continuous basis and as the project gains greater public use the projects services will be extended to people on the whole Sussex,

Stage 3

Extension of the Service to the whole of the South East. Each regional will have a regional project co-ordinator responsible for ensuring the uptake of the service and resolving any cultural or regional issues.

Stage 4

Extension of the service to the whole of England. Each region will have its own staff and we will seek to locate our regional offices in places of high unemployment and employ the disabled or the long term unemployed as much as possible.

Stage 5

Extension of the service to people on Scotland. We will provide information on sexual health free of charge with the condoms. We will keep regional statistics on the number of condoms we distribute and the difficulties and successes we have faced.

Stage 6.

Extension of the service to people in Wales and Northern Ireland.

What will we need to run this service?

Equipment

A computer and software
A Laser printer for address labels etc.
Franking machine for postage
Condoms

Stationary

Posters
Pens
Staples
Hole punchers
Lever arch files
2 Filing cabinets
Fax machine
Software
Envelopes
Business cards
Letter headed paper

Utilities.

Insurance
Office premises
Business rates on office premises
Electricity
Telephone service costs
Website design and maintenance
Broadband internet
Postage costs
Water charges
Accountant
Legal advice
Computer specialist service

Staff.

1 Co-ordinator full time
1 part time clerical officer

We would like to start in the Sussex Area and expand to a national service in the long term.

Please feel free to send any comments, suggestions or feedback of any kind to Mrs. Susan Berney. Tel: 0844 800 7173, or welfare.rights@btconnect.com.

Thank-you for reading this document.

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