

Sexual health knowledge and service access needs of people of Black Heritage resident in the City of London and Hackney

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Introduction



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BACKGROUND

- ❖ High rates of STIs between 2012-2022
- ❖ High prevalence of STIs among people of Black heritage

AIM

- ❖ To determine sexual health knowledge and service access preferences for people of Black heritage in City of London and Hackney

Sexual Health Coverage in City and Hackney

NHS

- Primary Care: GPs and Community Pharmacies
- Specialist Sexual Health Clinics: Homerton Sexual Health Services (Leadenhall St; Clifden Centre; Ivy Centre; John Scott)
- Open Doors

Voluntary and Community Sector

- Positive East
- Community African Network (CAN)
- Body & Soul

Homerton Sexual Health Advice
 PrEP Bisexual Consent
 Condom Scheme Young Hackney
 HIV Lesbian Testing Chlamydia
Sexual Health
 Transgender Young People CAN
 Infections Condoms Knowledge
 Consent Positive East STDs
 Gonorrhoea Pregnancy Gay Leadenhall
 Ivy Centre HPV **Safe sex**
 Protection Implant John Scott
Sex Education Pleasure
 Syphilis Clifden Centre

Online Services

- Sexual Health London (SHL)

Local Authority

- Young Hackney



Methodology:

Survey Period: June 2023 – May 2024

Target Population: Black African (BA);
Black British (BB); Black Caribbean (BC)
residents

Recruitment: Street outreach and
community events in City of London and
Hackney

Respondents: 331 total

Demographics

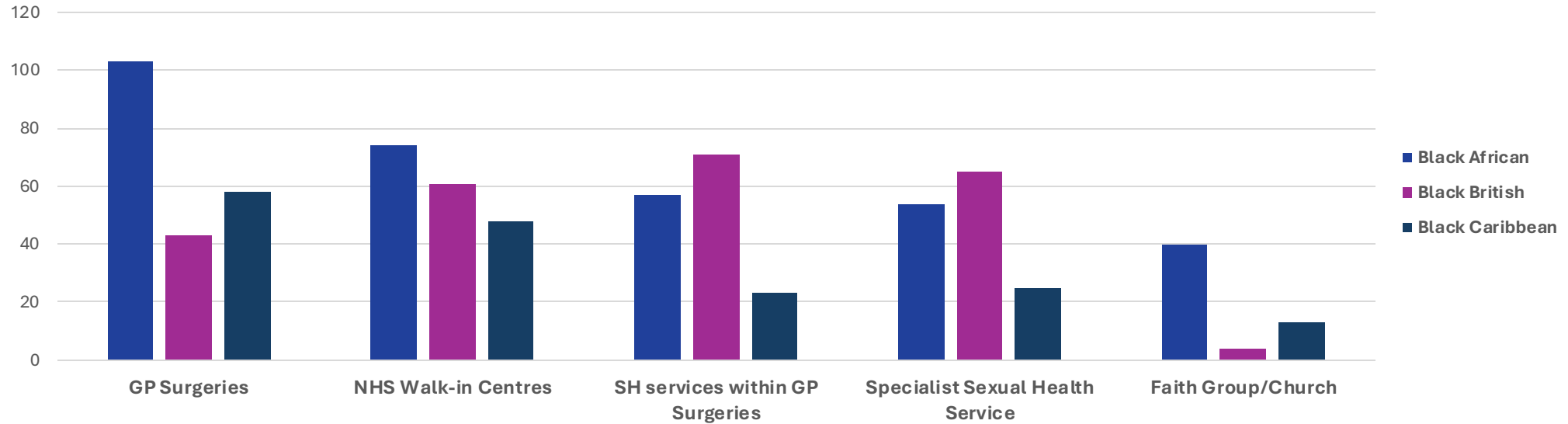
Demographics: City & Hackney

- ❖ **Hackney:** 260,000 population
- ❖ 43% under 30 years old
- ❖ 21% identify as Black
- ❖ **City of London:** 8,600 population
- ❖ Half a million commuting population
- ❖ 70% identify as White and 3% belong to Black heritage

Demographics: Respondents

- ❖ 147 BA; 110 BB; 74 BC
- ❖ **Age Group:** Largest age group was 16-25 years old
- ❖ **Gender:** 52% female
- ❖ **Religion:** 69% Christian
- ❖ **Sexual Orientation:** 89% heterosexual

Results: Venues for Sexual Health Advice



62%

GP surgeries

55%

NHS Walk-in Centres

46%

SH clinics within GP services

43%

Specialist sexual health service

Results: Facilitators & Barriers to Accessing SH Services

FACILITATORS

- ❖ **Walk-in Services:** 58% respondents
- ❖ **Being seeing in person:** 43% respondents
- ❖ **Health Services Offering More than SH Services:** 42% respondents

BARRIERS

- ❖ **Lack of Familiarity with Health Professionals:** 47% respondents
- ❖ **Concerns About Confidentiality:** 41% respondents
- ❖ **Fear of Family/Friends Finding Out:** 31% respondents

Results: Sexual Health Knowledge



**Sexual Health Service
Eligibility**



Condom Access



PrEP



Contraception



Conclusion and Recommendations

CONCLUSION

- ❖ 331 respondents from Black heritage
- ❖ Key Factors Influencing Access:
- ❖ Walk-in service availability
- ❖ Concerns about confidentiality
- ❖ Knowledge Gaps: BB more knowledgeable than BA and BC about SH services
- ❖ Study Limitations: Social acceptability bias

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Access Preferences: Increase walk-in services; assure confidentiality
- ❖ Community Engagement: Tailored outreach & education initiatives
- ❖ Training: Enhance health professional training to build trust
- ❖ Future Research: Address social acceptability bias

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