

**EMBRACE**

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# Introduction

- This presentation looks at:
  - Background of Embrace UK
  - Our experience of the survey
  - What the data reports are telling us locally
  - Situations in using the data
  - Being Bass Line collaborator

# Embrace UK

- A charity and company limited by guarantee
- Established in 1994
- Formerly ECCUK
- Currently runs > 20 projects
- Health project – 9 different programmes
- 14 paid staff, 20 casual and 50 volunteers

# Embrace UK services

Health

Youth Services - Youth Development,  
Young people Health service

Advice Services – Immigration,  
housing, debt, benefit, business

Interpreting Services

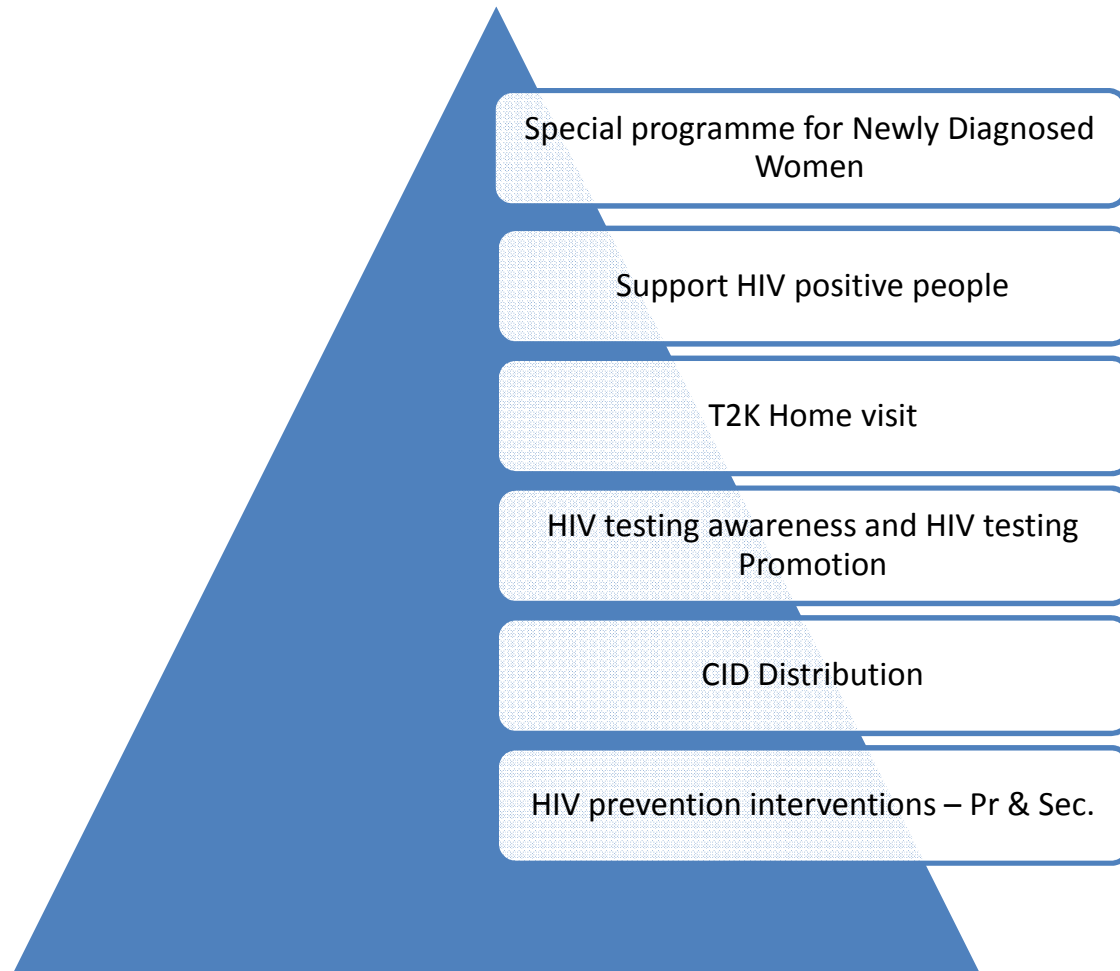
Training – parenting, ESOL  
Citizenship

Media – Community Radio

Research

Volunteering Opportunities

# Embrace UK –Health –PACSH



# Health

- Chlamydia screening
- Mental health
- Youth health
- NAHIP
- Heal partnership
- General health

# Embrace UK Vs NAHIP

Our aims matches NAHIP's aims in KWP

Our target groups are similar to KWP

Interventions methods are shared – KWP, Handbook, Information booklets, posters etc



# KWP Target Group

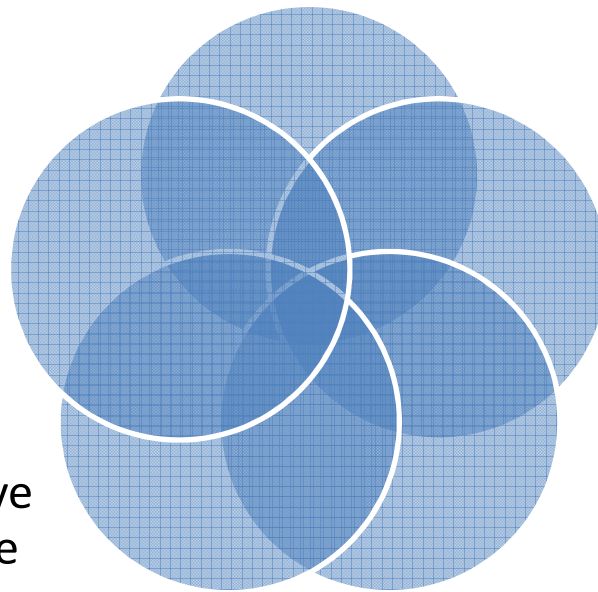
People with HIV

People who are  
or will be  
sexually active

People in sexual  
relationships  
with people with  
HIV

People who have  
sex with people  
with multiple  
sexual partners

People with  
multiple sexual  
partners



# Africans Aim-6 , KWP

- Reduce sexual HIV risk behaviour
- Decline unwanted sex or non-penetrative sex
- Use correctly male and female condoms
- Couples establish & maintain HIV concordance
- Undiagnosed STIs get diagnosed
- Practice withdrawal
- Take PEP

# Experience & recruitment -1

- An Assessment of the sexual HIV Prevention needs of Africans.
- Energy and ambition was high at the beginning
- Thought to recruit more than the 2007.
- Use our staff and volunteers
- Outreach venues
- Gave out more booklets

## Experience & recruitment-2

- 2580 booklets returned (15.3 % ) of the total distributed
- London 1022 booklets – 10.9% E&H
- 111 booklets included out of 700 (15.7 %)
- Realised the difficulty to engage Africans
- Realised that more work should be done

# What the data report is saying locally

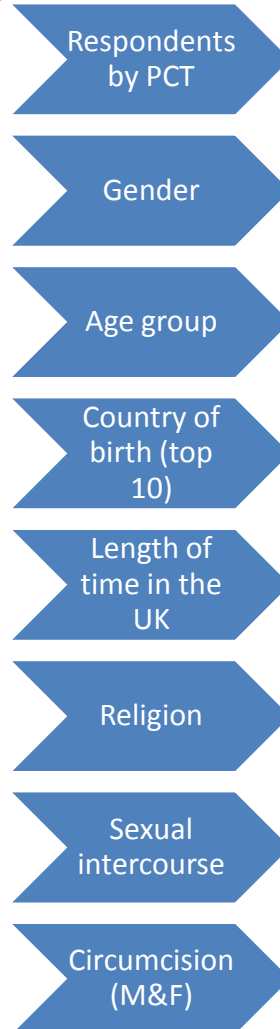
- Data report gives vital information locally
- Use 2 type of reports
  1. London Strategic Health Authority Data, by PCT
  2. Research report – analysis of the survey
  3. Link the report findings to local use

# Report findings

## Analysed in 5 areas:

- Description of the people who took part
- HIV test and Diagnosis needs
- Sexual risk and precaution behaviours
- Indicators of HIV Prevention need
- Interventions past and futures

# 1. Demographic descriptions



# Respondent by PCT

PCT	Number	%
London	1022 (39.6%) of all	100.0 (London PCTs)
E&H	111	10.9
E	53	5.2
H	58	5.7



# Gender

PCT	Female	Male	Total (%)
London	54.8	45.2	100.0
E&H	64.0	36.0	100.0
E	59.6	40.4	100.0
H	68.4	31.6	100.0

# Age group ( % )

PCT	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total (%)
London	11.5	28.3	30.3	22.3	7.7	100.0
E&H	5.5	20.7	32.2	27.4	14.2	100.0
E	2.0	20.0	34.0	28.0	16.0	100.0
H	8.9	21.4	30.4	26.8	12.5	100.0

# Top 10 countries of birth

PCT	R. Congo	Ghana	Kenya	Nigeria	RSA	Dem R. cong	Uganda	UK	Zambia	Zimbabwe	elsewhereAf	Elseworld
Lon	0	3.8	10.0	13.1	2.3	4.7	9.7	19.8	5.1	8.0	19.1	4.3
E&H	2.8	1.8	11.9	13.7	0.9	3.8	19.9	10.7	9.1	11.1	10.8	3.7
E	3.8	-	15.1	15.1	0	5.7	17.0	7.5	9.4	15.1	7.5	3.8
H	1.8	3.5	8.8	12.3	1.8	1.8	22.8	14.0	8.8	7.0	14.0	3.5

# Length of time living in the UK

PCT	>1yr	<1 <3yrs	<3 <6 yrs	<6 <10 yrs	>10yrs	Total (%)
London	4.6	4.5	16.8	20.7	53.5	100.0
E&H	0.9	4.7	16.0	34.9	43.5	100.0
E	0	3.8	21.2	46.2	28.8	100.0
H	1.8	5.5	10.9	23.6	58.2	100.0

# Educational level

PCT	L (Pri/ No edu	M (sec)	H (uni/coll)	Total (%)
London	4.1	20.1	75.8	100.0
E&H	4.6	25.9	69.5	100.0
E	1.9	24.5	73.6	100.0
H	7.3	27.3	65.5	100.0

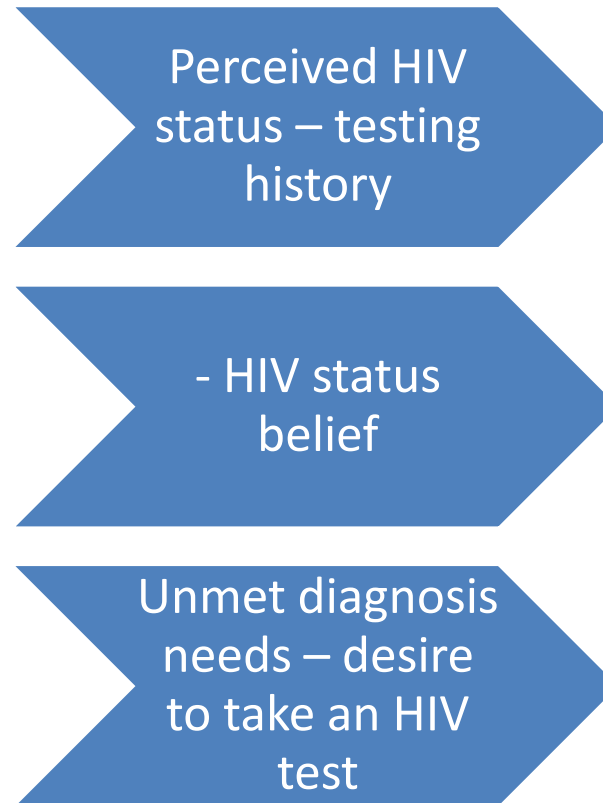
# Sexual intercourse partners in the last year by gender (males)

PCT	No sex	Excl. Hetro	Behav. bisex	EXClu. Homo	Total
London	16.0	69.8	8.7	5.5	100.0
E&H	18.6	65.4	12.4	3.6	100.0
E	15.8	73.7	10.5	0	100.0
H	21.4	57.1	14.3	7.1	100.0

# Sexual intercourse partners in the last year by gender (Females)

PCT	No sex	Excl. hetro	Behav. Bisex	Excl. Homo	Total
London	30.0	63.5	5.2	1.4	100.0
E&H	26.6	67.4	6.0	0	100.0
E	27.6	69.0	3.4	0	100.0
H	25.7	65.7	8.6	0	100.0

## 2. HIV Test and Dx Needs





# Perceived HIV Status

PCT	Defin. -ve	Prob -Ve	Not sure/don't know	Prob +ve	Defin +ve	Total
London	60.2	13.8	12.0	1.9	12.2	100.0
E&H	45.1	14.2	14.3	3.7	22.3	100.0
E	49.0	19.6	3.9	3.9	23.5	100.0
H	41.1	8.8	24.6	3.5	21.1	100.0

# HIV testing history

PCT	Never tested	Last test -ve	Tested +ve	Total
London	38.5	45.9	15.6	100.0
E&H	33.1	39.1	27.8	100.0
E	27.5	43.1	29.4	100.0
H	38.6	35.1	26.3	100.0

# Desirability of and access to HIV testing

PCT	Don't want test, know where 2 get one	No sure if want test, know where 2 get one	Want test and know where 2 get one	Don't want test, don't know where 2 get one	No sure if want test and don't know where 2 get one	Want a test , don't know where to go	Total
London	37.8	14.6	30.2	6.9	3.7	6.8	100.0
E&H	40.8	8.8	30.7	10.9	5.2	3.6	100.0
E	40.5	10.8	29.7	8.1	8.1	2.7	100.0
H	40.9	6.8	31.8	13.6	2.3	4.5	100.0

# Unmet HIV Diagnosis Needs-1

- Desire to take an HIV test
- Not knowing where to test
- Reasons for never testing for HIV
  - no reason to think they had HIV
  - Too afraid they might have HIV
- ✓ Should be priorities for intervention to meet HIV test needs

# Unmet needs-2

- ✓ People who wanted to test are already motivated and needs information to help them access services.
- ✓ In order to increase testing amongst those who have never tested, or tested negative in the past, it'll be necessary to increase ambivalence about the likelihood that they could have HIV infection.

# Most recent STI Dx (other than HIV)

PCT	In the last month	Last 12 months	1-5 yrs ago	5 yrs ago	never	Don't know	Total
London	11.9	25.1	16.2	10.2	30.5	6.1	100.0
E&H	15.0	26.6	13.8	11.6	25.7	7.0	100.0
E	10.6	23.4	19.1	12.8	23.4	10.6	100.0
H	19.3	29.8	8.8	10.5	28.1	3.5	100.0

# STIs

- ✓ People in their 20s & 30s were most likely to report having an STI diagnosed in the last year.

# 3. Sexual Risk and Precaution Behaviours

Number of sexual partners

Regular sexual partners & extra-relational sex

SERO-discordant unprotected intercourse

Condom use

Experience of Condom failure



# Current regular sexual partnership

PCT	No regular partner at present	One regular partner (monogamous)	One regular partner (but not monogamous)	More than one regular partner	Total
London	36.9	42.3	13.1	7.8	100.0
E&H	37.5	38.5	17.2	6.8	100.0
E	31.9	46.8	19.1	2.1	100.0
H	43.4	30.2	15.1	11.3	100.0

# Sexual partner-1

- Short-term relationships were the norm for younger people, while people in their 40s and 50s were most likely to report being in a steady relationship lasting more than 8 years.
- Men were more twice as likely as women to have 4 or 5 SPs in the last year and 3X more likely to have 6 or more intercourse partners.

# Sexual partner-2

- ✓ Interventions to reduce partner numbers among Africans should over-serve men and younger people.

# Total number of sexual intercourse partners in the last year

PCT	None	one	two	three	four	five	6-12	13+	Total
London	23.8	42.3	15.8	6.2	2.8	2.5	3.6	3.1	100.00
E&H	23.5	45.9	10.2	10.2	2.0	0	6.2	2.0	100.0
E	22.4	46.9	10.2	12.2	4.1	0	4.1	0	100.0
H	24.5	44.9	10.2	8.2	-	-	8.2	4.1	100.0

# Regularity of condom use in the last year

PCT	always	More than half the time	About half the time	Less than half the time	never	Not had intercourse	total
London	34.2	12.9	5.4	8.8	17.9	20.8	100.0
E&H	45.0	13.5	4.0	7.8	9.5	20.2	100.0
E	38.0	16.0	6.0	10.0	8.0	22.0	100.0
H	51.9	11.1	1.9	5.6	11.1	18.5	100.0

# Condom use

- Men were more likely than women to always use condom when they did have intercourse.
- ✓ Women (particularly those in relationships) require interventions that will increase their ability & motivation to use condoms or to influence their partner to use them.
- ✓ Condom use was less common among people who thought they did not have HIV

# Experienced condom failure in the last year

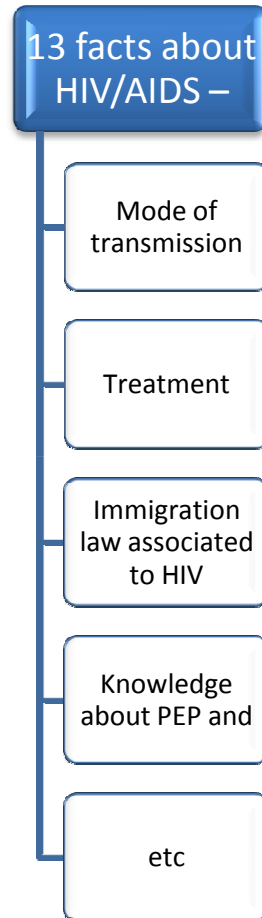
PCT	NO	Yes	Total
London	83.7	16.3	100.0
E&H	80.5	19.5	100.0
E	75.5	24.5	100.0
H	85.5	14.5	100.0

# Condom failure

- Interventions to promote condom use should aim to reduce the incidence of condom failure among Africans in our area.
  - Always check if condom is damaged, its expiry date and the kite mark.
  - Interventions should focus on discouraging the use of a condom for longer than half an hour and not using water-based lubricants.



# 4. Knowledge and Understanding-1



# 4. Knowledge & Understanding- 2

Access to condoms

Confidence in sexual  
communication and  
condom use

Motivation to avoid  
HIV (RE) infection

Belief in control over  
HIV transmission

# People can have HIV without knowing it

PCT	I knew this before today	I don't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	Total
London	90.5	3.9	5.0	0.7	100.0
E&H	88.1	2.7	8.3	0.9	100.0
E	94.3	1.9	3.8	0	100.0
H	81.8	3.6	12.7	1.8	100.0

# There's a medical test that can show whether or not you have HIV

PCT	I knew this before today	I don't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	Total
London	94.5	1.9	2.7	0.9	100.0
E&H	93.8	1.9	2.6	1.7	100.0
E	98.1	1.9	0	0	100.0
H	89.5	1.8	5.3	3.5	100.0

# Africans are NOT deported from the UK just because they have HIV

PCT	I knew this before today	I don't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	Total
London	65.5	13.3	17.5	3.8	100.0
E&H	64.7	14.3	16.4	4.6	100.0
E	62.0	14.0	22.0	2.0	100.0
H	67.3	14.5	10.9	7.3	100.0

# Immigration & HIV prevention

- ✓ Interventions are required to address knowledge gaps regarding HIV testing, treatment and about how immigration policy interacts with HIV.
- ✓ Interventions should aim to increase Africans' perceived proximity to the epidemic in England.

# A person with HIV can pass it to a partner during sexual intercourse

PCT	I knew this before today	I don't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	Total
London	95.2	2.2	1.4	1.1	100.0
E&H	92.5	3.8	2.8	0.9	100.0
E	94.0	4.0	2.0	0	100.0
H	91.1	3.6	3.6	1.8	100.0

# Condoms are free from sexual health clinics, FP clinics and some community organisations

PCT	I knew this before today	I don't know this	I wasn't sure of this	I don't understand	Total
London	84.7	9.3	5.1	0.9	100.0
E&H	84.8	9.6	4.7	0.9	100.0
E	84.0	12.0	4.0	0	100.0
H	85.7	7.1	5.4	1.8	100.0



# I can use condom with a sexual partner if I want to

PCT	Strongly agree	agree	Don't know/ doesn't apply	disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
London	53.8	29.3	7.9	4.5	4.5	100.0
E & H	57.2	26.5	4.7	5.8	5.8	100.0
E	58.0	24.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	100.0
H	56.4	29.1	5.5	5.5	3.6	100.0

# If I carried a condom I would worry about what people thought of me

Pc	Strongly agree	agree	I don't know/doesn't apply	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
London	15.9	13.2	14.0	27.7	29.3	100.0
E&H	19.2	11.5	6.6	29.5	33.2	100.0
E	24.0	12.0	6.0	28.0	30.0	100.0
H	14.5	10.9	7.3	30.9	36.4	100.0

# Condom use

- ✓ Interventions to increase condom use should address confidence in negotiating their use and should aim to increase the social acceptability of carrying and using them.

# I would find it easy to talk about safer sex and HIV with new sexual partner

PCT	Strongly agree	agree	Don't know/doesn't apply	disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
London	44.6	27.9	16.8	6.6	4.2	100.0
E&H	47.6	26.7	15.7	5.4	4.6	100.0
E	46.0	34.0	14.0	2.0	4.0	100.0
H	49.1	19.3	17.5	8.8	5.3	100.0

## 5. Interventions past and future

- Preferred methods for learning more about HIV
  - ✓ reading and writing
  - ✓ Talking and listening
  - ✓ Taking part in group/workshops
- Preferred information sources

# Desire for more sexual health and HIV knowledge

PCT	No	Yes	Total
London	12.9	87.1	100.0
E & H	8.2	91.8	100.0
E	8.3	91.7	100.0
H	8.0	92.0	100.0

# Desire to learn about sexual health & HIV through reading

PCT	No	Yes	Total
London	21.9	78.1	100.0
E & H	20.7	79.3	100.0
E	18.8	81.1	100.0
H	22.6	77.4	100.0

# Desire to learn about Sexual health & HIV through talking to an individual

PCT	No	Yes	Total
London	45.1	54.9	100.0
E & H	44.5	55.5	100.0
E	43.8	56.3	100.0
H	45.3	54.7	100.0



# Desire to learn about sexual health & HIV through taking part in group/workshop

PCT	No	Yes	Total
London	75.9	24.1	100.0
E & H	75.2	24.8	100.0
E	72.9	27.1	100.0
H	77.4	22.6	100.0

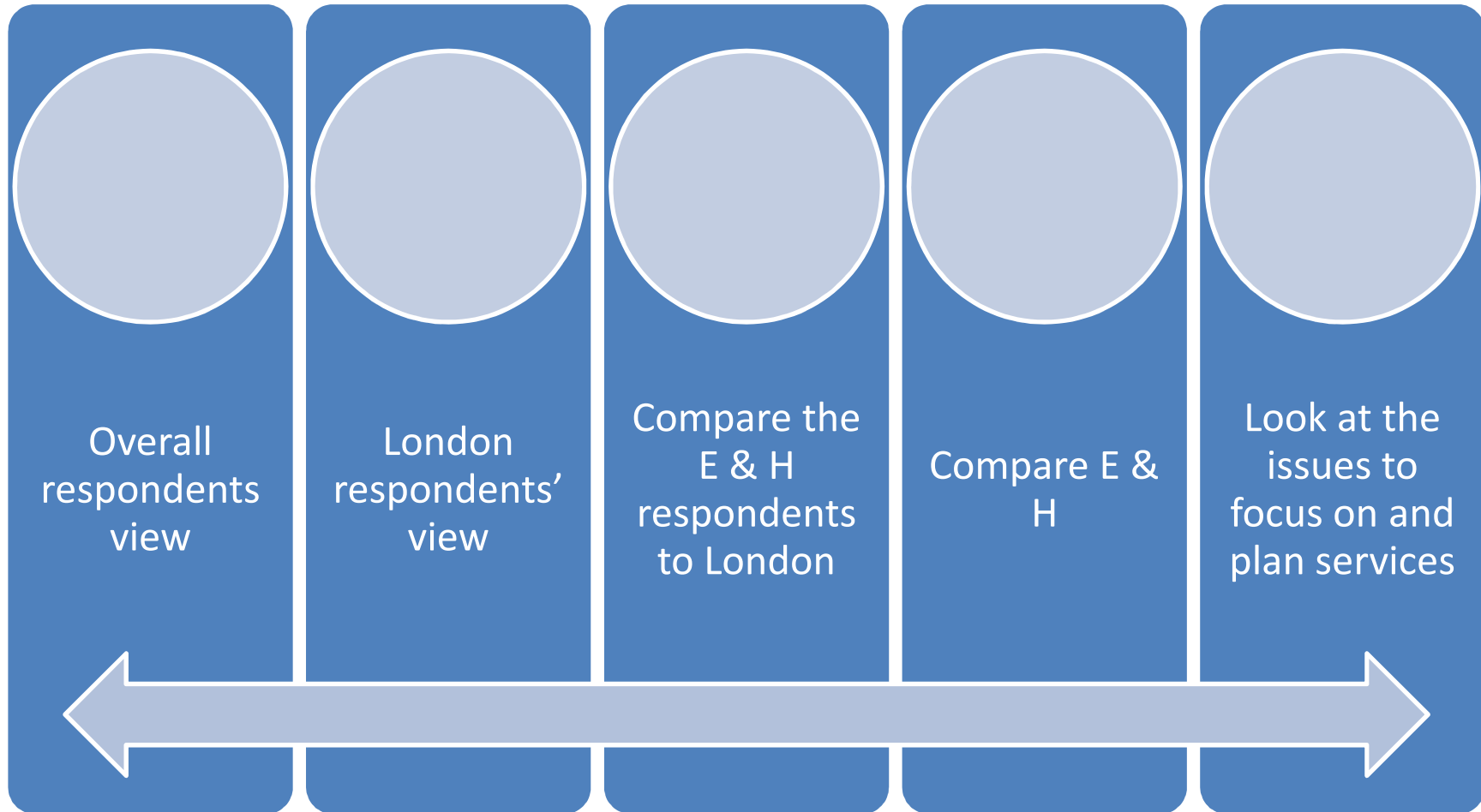
# Heard of PEP

PCT	No	Yes	Total
London	66.6	33.4	100.0
E & H	66.7	33.3	100.0
E	67.3	32.7	100.0
H	66.1	33.9	100.0

# Willingness to use PEP (among those who have not tested HIV+)

PCT	No	Yes	Maybe	Total
London	12.6	62.4	25.0	100.0
E & H	16.8	63.8	19.4	100.0
E	14.7	73.5	11.8	100.0
H	18.9	54.1	27.0	100.0

# Situations I use the data -1



# Situations -2

Convey the message to Commissioners

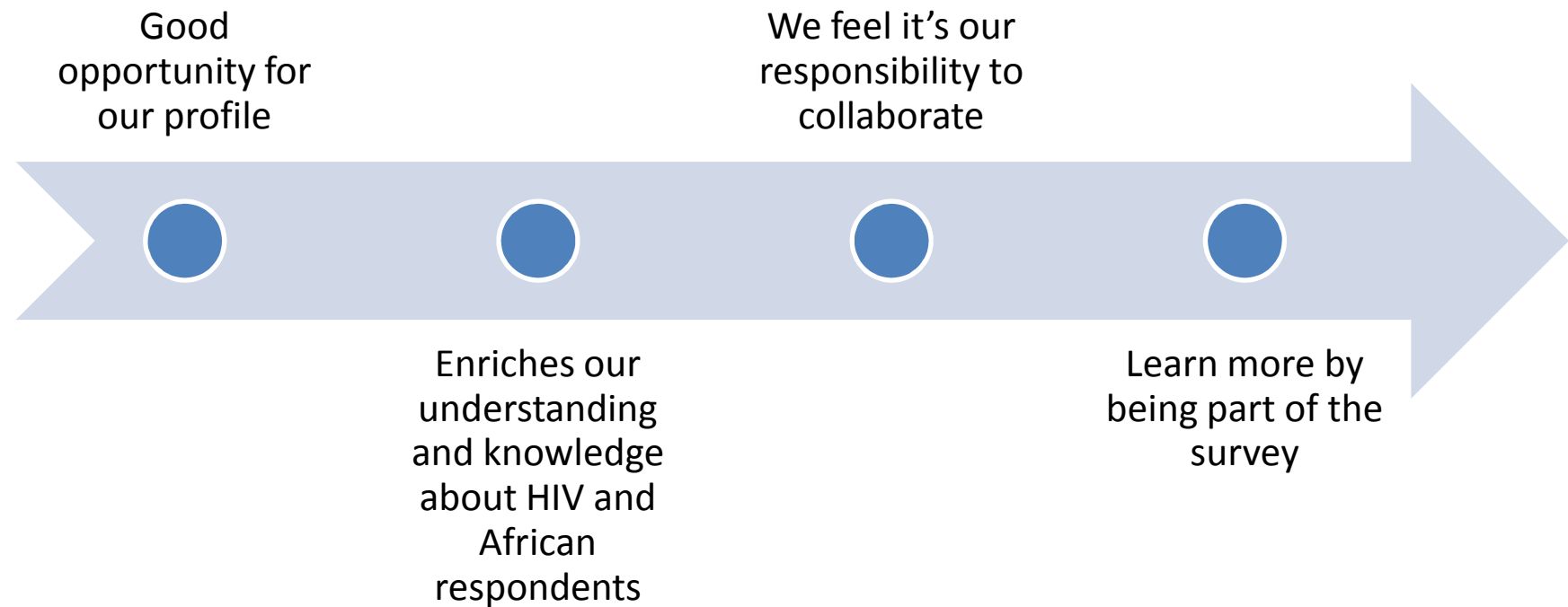
Plan to present E & H SHBs meetings

present at the HIV Providers Strategic GP meeting

Use the data to do more shopping

Learn more to deliver high quality services

# Being BASS Line collaborator



**THANK YOU!!**

