

NOTICE OF MOTION – FAST TRACK GWENT

To consider the undersigned Notice of Motion standing in the name of county borough Councillors E. Forehead and C. Andrews and supported by the Members listed.

We the undersigned Elected Members request that Caerphilly County Borough Council become a member of Fast Track Gwent, under the umbrella of Fast Track Cymru and part of Fast Track Cities across Wales. Members are working to collectively reach the UNAIDS targets in all Welsh cities, towns and seven local Health Boards. Fast Track Cymru is committed to achieving the UNAIDS 95/95/95 targets aiming for:

- 95% of people who are living with HIV to know their HIV status,
 - 95% of people who know that they are living with HIV to be on lifesaving antiretroviral treatment, and
 - 95% of people who are on treatment to be virally suppressed,
- as well as reaching zero new transmissions of HIV in Wales by 2030 and the goals of the Wales HIV Action Plan.

Fast Track Cities is a global initiative whose core partners include the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) and the joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Newport became a Fast Track city on 20th November in 2023, forming a coalition between Newport City Council, Pride in the Port and Aneurin Bevan Health Board, along with other key organisations and individuals. The aim is now to extend Fast Track Newport into a regional Fast Track Gwent. The Steering group has agreed three priorities for the initiative which will be adopted by Fast Track Gwent:

1. Stigma – We will challenge and eliminate stigma by raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, living with HIV/AIDS, true risk of transmission, PrEP and PEP, through community events, training, education, social, digital and printed media.
2. Testing – We will raise awareness, encourage, and provide opportunities for testing both at home and with clinical support, and provide advice, guidance and signposting for treatment options.
3. Underserved communities – We will work with partners and communities to ensure we reach and support traditionally underserved communities to ensure we reach and support traditionally underserved communities continuing the focus on the first two priorities whilst acknowledging and challenging additional barriers to stigma, testing, treatment, and support.

The work undertaken so far by Fast Track Newport has included:

- Development of promotional materials to raise awareness of living with HIV/AIDS in the 21st century and to challenge stigma
- Disseminated home testing kits
- Facilitated information sharing stands at events and venues

Appendix 1

- Contributed to and shared Fast Track Cymru promotional campaigns including 'Stop HIV Stigma Cymru'

Future work will include targetting groups at risk of new HIV transmission, including women.

By becoming part of Fast Track Gwent, Caerphilly County Borough Council will commit to supporting actions in Caerphilly and across Gwent to meet the Fast Track targets and goals.



Councillor E. Forehead

Supported By Councillors: C. Andrews, A. Hussey, A. McConnell, T. Heron, M. Adams, L. Whittle, J. Simmonds, M. Chacon-Dawson, G. Johnston, K. Woodland, S. Morgan, C. Forehead.