



National Condom Distribution Service

Report of activities for 2019





About the NCDS

The National Condom Distribution Service (NCDS) was established by the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) in October 2015 to help meet the strategic aims of the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015–2020,¹ namely to improve sexual health and wellbeing and reduce negative sexual health outcomes, such as sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and crisis pregnancies.

The NCDS functions as a central point for distributing free condoms and lubricant sachets to HSE services and other organisations working directly with individuals and groups who may be at increased risk of negative sexual health outcomes. These groups are listed in the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015–2020. The NCDS also supplies condoms and lubricant sachets to support sexual health promotional campaigns and educational initiatives. For more information on the NCDS, [please click here](#)

About the HSE Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme

The HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) is a national programme tasked with implementing Ireland's first framework for sexual health and wellbeing, the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015–2020.

The programme is one of a number of national policy priority programmes situated within the Health and Wellbeing, Strategic Planning and Transformation, Health Service Executive (HSE).

The programme delivers a programme of research; funding initiatives, including crisis pregnancy counselling services and relationships and sexuality education programmes; communications campaigns; information provision; and policy initiatives.

About this report

This report presents information on the activities of the NCDS from 1 January to 31 December 2019. The report contains information on organisations who ordered condoms and lubricant from the NCDS during this period, who they work with and how they distributed the products. It also highlights how the presence of the NCDS has expanded since 2017.² Reports presenting information on the activities of the NCDS have been published annually since 2017. To view these reports, [please click here](#)

1 Department of Health (2015) *National Sexual Health Strategy 2015–2020*. Dublin: Department of Health.

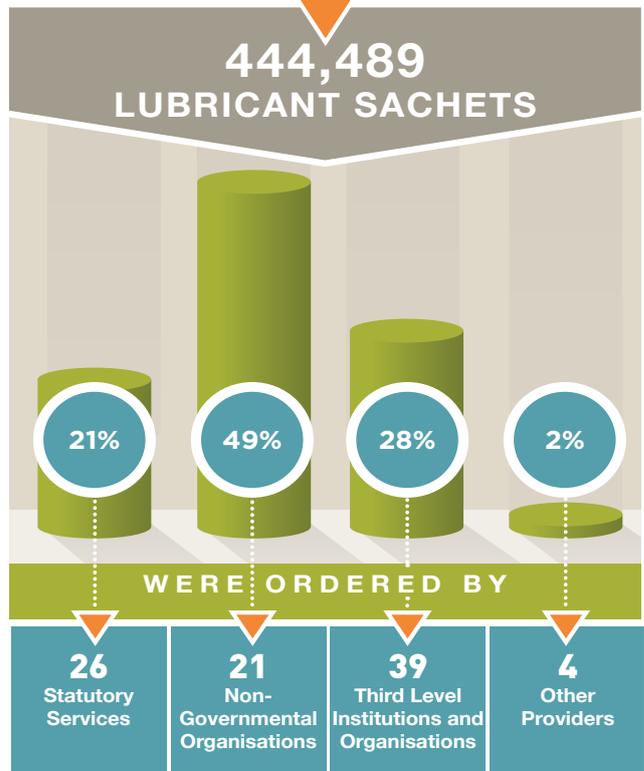
2 Annual data on the NCDS has been collated since 2017

Overview of NCDS Activities in 2019

105 ORGANISATIONS ORDERED

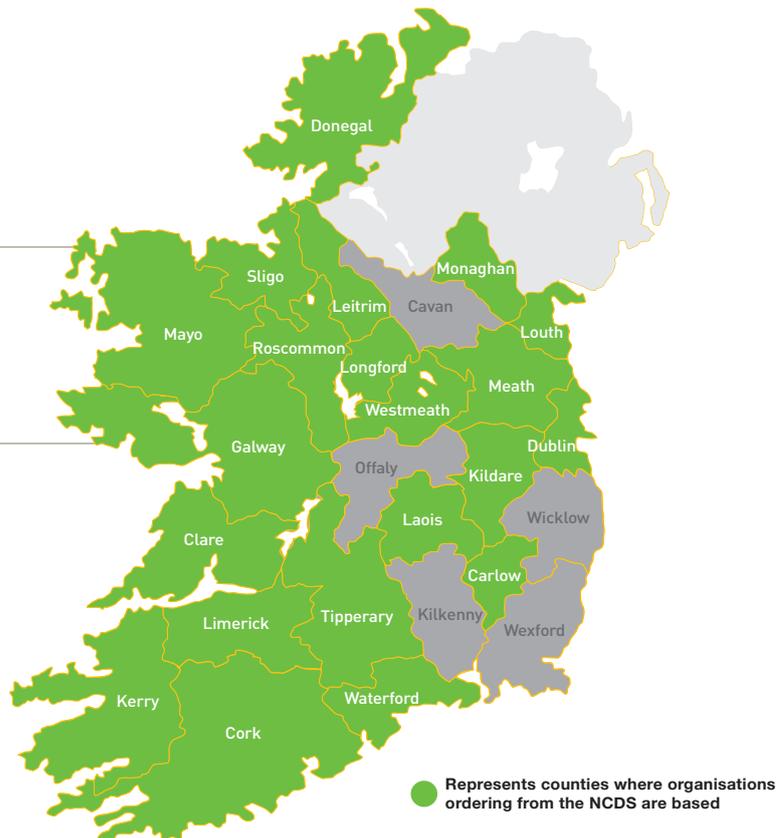


90 ORGANISATIONS ORDERED

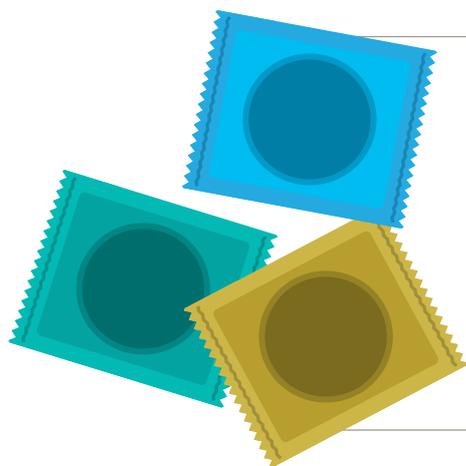


WHERE WERE THE ORGANISATIONS BASED?

Some organisations operate on a local level and some operate on a national level



WHO DID THEY REACH?



- STI clinic patients
- Young people
- gbMSM³
- LGBTI+
- Students
- Professionals (trainers)
- Young people in care
- Migrant communities
- People living with HIV
- People with drug/addiction issues
- Homeless people
- People with intellectual disabilities
- People living with hepatitis
- Care leavers
- Travelling community
- Early school leavers
- Prisoners
- Asylum seekers/refugees
- Parents/Carers
- Sex workers

HOW DID THEY REACH PEOPLE?



- One to one sessions
- Information stands
- Information packs
- Condom dispensers
- Training and workshops
- Outreach activities

WHERE DID THEY REACH PEOPLE?



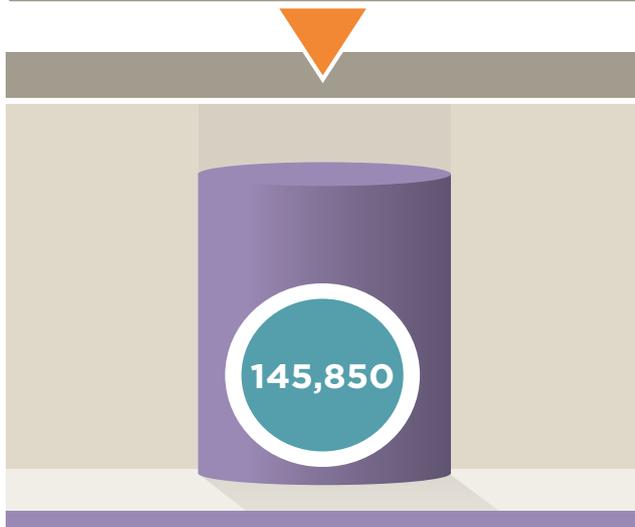
- Third level campuses/SHAG Week⁴
- Festivals
- Rapid HIV testing sessions
- Needle exchanges
- Public STI clinics and hospitals
- Social and nightlife venues
- Direct provision centres
- World AIDS Day events
- LGBTI+ Pride Week

³ Gay, bisexual and other Men who have Sex with Men

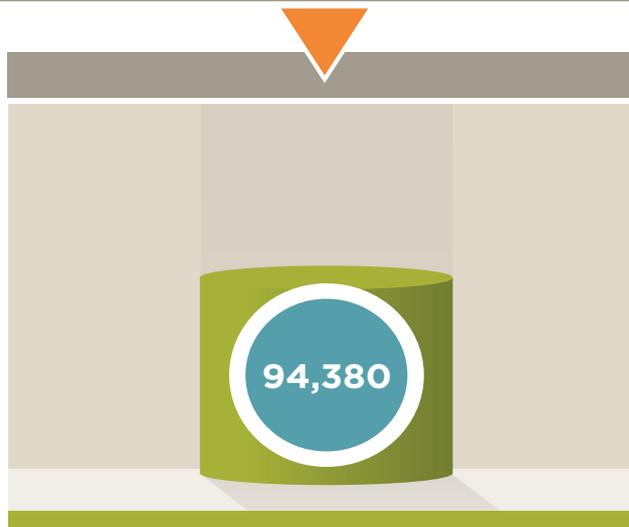
⁴ Sexual Health Awareness & Guidance Week

29 Statutory Services

CONDOMS ORDERED IN 2019



LUBRICANT ORDERED IN 2019



STATUTORY SERVICES INCLUDED:

- ✓ STI clinics
- ✓ Hospitals
- ✓ Drug and alcohol services
 - ✓ Aftercare services
- ✓ Education organisations
- ✓ Health promotion services

WHO DID THEY REACH?



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 People living with HIV
 Early school leavers
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 gbMSM
 Students
 Homeless people

Travelling community
 Young people in care
 Young adults
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 People with drug use/addiction issues
 People living with hepatitis

29 Non-governmental and community organisations

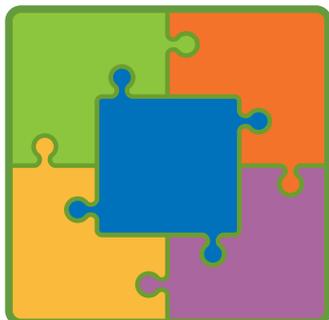
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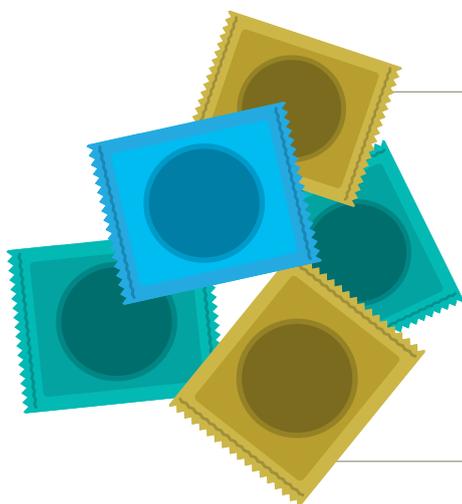


NGO AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS INCLUDED:



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| AIDS West ⁵ | Gay Health Network | One Family |
| AkiDwA | Gay Project Cork | Ruhama |
| Ana Liffey Drug Project | GOSHH, Mid-West | Safetynet Primary Care |
| BeLongTo Youth service | HIV Ireland ⁶ | Sexual Health Centre Cork |
| Carlow Regional Youth Service | Irish Family Planning Association | St Margaret's Centre |
| Chrysalis Community Drug Project | KASI | Sophia Housing |
| Donegal Women's Centre | LGBT Leitrim | SVP Laurel Lodge |
| Dublin Hash House Harriers | LGBT+ Ireland | Tralee International Resource Centre |
| FusionCPL | Lesbians in Cork | Foróige, Youth & Family Project Tramore |
| | Longford LGBT | |
| | Meath Drug & Alcohol Response Project | |

WHO DID THEY REACH?



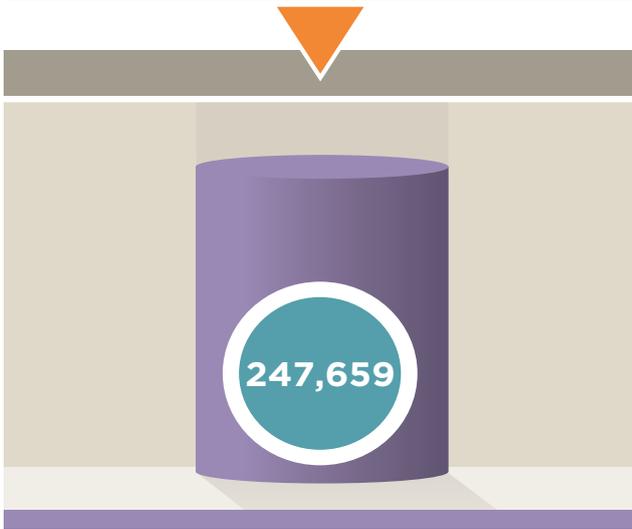
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| LGBTI+ | Parents/Carers |
| Students | People living with hepatitis |
| Sex workers | Young people |
| Homeless people | Refugees/Asylum seekers |
| Professionals (trainers) | People living with HIV |
| Migrants | Prisoners |
| People with drug/addiction issues | gbMSM |

5 Now known as Sexual Health West

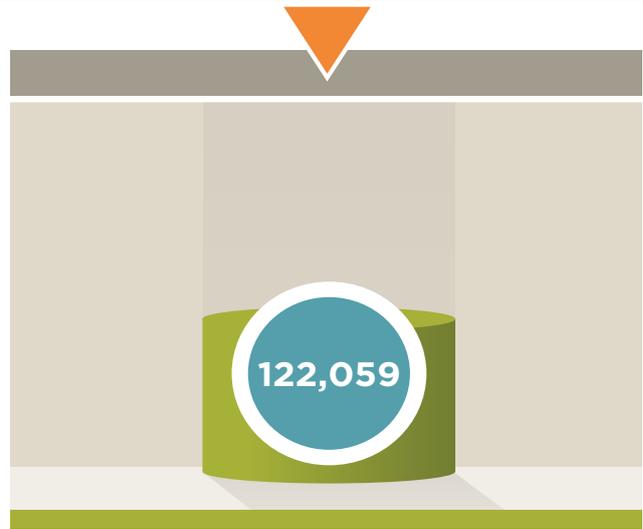
6 This includes the MPOWER Outreach Programme

43 Third Level Institutions and Organisations

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LUBRICANT ORDERED IN 2019



THIRD LEVEL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS INCLUDED⁷



Athlone Institute of Technology
 Carlow College
 Cork Institute of Technology
 Dublin City University
 Dundalk Institute of Technology
 Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
 Institute of Art, Design & Technology
 Institute of Technology Carlow
 Institute of Technology Sligo
 Institute of Technology Tralee
 Letterkenny Institute of Technology
 Limerick Institute of Technology
 Mary Immaculate College
 Maynooth University

National College of Art & Design
 National College of Ireland
 National University of Ireland Galway
 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
 St. Angela's College
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 University College Cork
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 University of Limerick
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 Waterford Institute of Technology

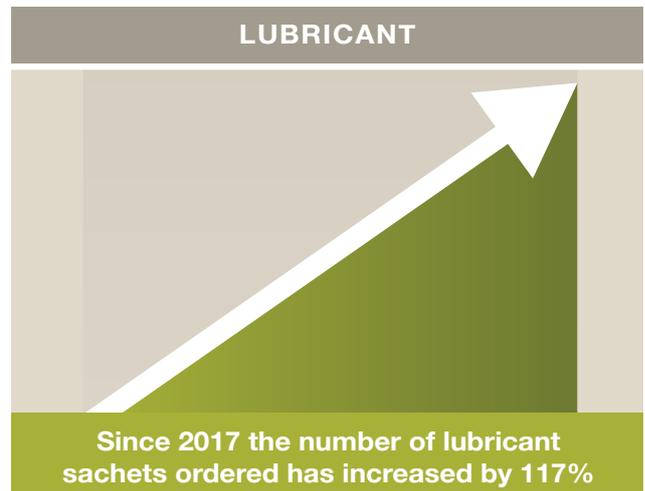
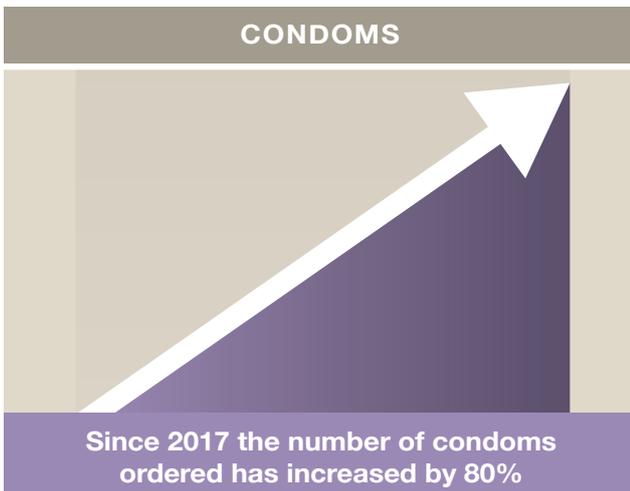
⁷ Representing 26 Third Level Institutions and the Union of Students in Ireland

How the NCDS has expanded

NUMBER OF SERVICES AND ORGANISATIONS ORDERING FROM THE NCDS



Since 2017, the number of services ordering from the NCDS has doubled



The NCDS is continuing to grow to support the sexual health promotion needs of people living in Ireland

