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Are you ready to **'Rock the Ribbon'** this World AIDS Day?

Public Health is proud to partner with the National AIDS Trust this World AIDS Day in their mission to prevent new cases of HIV, protect the rights of individuals living with HIV, and combat stigma and discrimination. In the UK alone, there are over 105,000 people living with HIV. Advances in medicine now enable individuals with HIV to live long and healthy lives, while also providing effective tools to stop transmission. However, despite these advancements, HIV remains stigmatized, leading to discrimination in areas such as employment, education, housing, and healthcare. Overcoming this stigma is crucial to improving the quality of life for those affected and increasing testing and prevention efforts. Together, we can make a difference.

World AIDS Day an important occasion to **raise awareness on HIV!**

1. Get a test – did you know you can order a free STI testing kit, including HIV test online: <https://www.sexualhealth.cwl.nhs.uk/order-form/>
- 2) Knowledge is power:
 - Educate yourself on how HIV is really transmitted in the link below
 - Get more of an understanding with the Can't Pass It On campaign in the link below too
- 3) Rock the Ribbon: Read more about the Worlds AIDS Day 2023 campaign below

www.worldaidsday.org

Tell us why you'll **#RockTheRibbon** with your community and be an HIV ally this year.

HIV & STIGMA WEBINAR

Join us for a webinar on **Wednesday 13th December, from 1 to 2pm**, to enhance your knowledge about HIV, listen to personal stories from individuals living with HIV, and discover how you can contribute to the Surrey HIV Action Plan and combat stigma in Surrey. This event is open to everyone, and we encourage both medical professionals and non-medical attendees to participate. To reserve your spot, please click on the provided link above