



STI Screening, Sexual Health Promotion & Education

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What's to day about ?



- Networking
- Sharing experiences around Chlamydia screening in education settings
- STI testing within a sexual health promotion context.

Setting the scene



- Ru Clear achievements to date
- Young People and STIs
- Where Next ?

In the beginning..



February 2007

National Chlamydia Screening Programme

Opportunistic screening of 15 – 24 year olds

Target - 15% screened (outside GUM).

Accessibility



- 500 screening venues
- Outreach & Vulnerable young people





- Gonorrhoea testing
- Non stigmatising Community treatment venues

What have we achieved ?



Over 35,000 people tested



Over 4,400 people treated

Not going to achieve 15% in 2007/8

Where now ?



- LDP target to test 17% of the 15 – 24 year old population

BUT

We need to focus on young peoples sexual health in a holistic way

How Young ?



- Nationally 26% of women and 30% of men (aged 16-19) report having sexual intercourse before the age of 16.
- Women have their first sexual experience (as opposed to sexual intercourse) at the age of 14 and men aged 13.

National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles

Why do young people have sex ?



Reasons for first intercourse

Young people cite natural follow on, being in love and curiosity as the main reasons why they had first intercourse. Although young men are more likely to say they had intercourse out of curiosity and women because they are in love, there has been a steady convergence between the sexes on the reasons for first intercourse.¹

K Wellings et al, sexual behaviour in Britain, Penguin 1994

So .. our aims should be



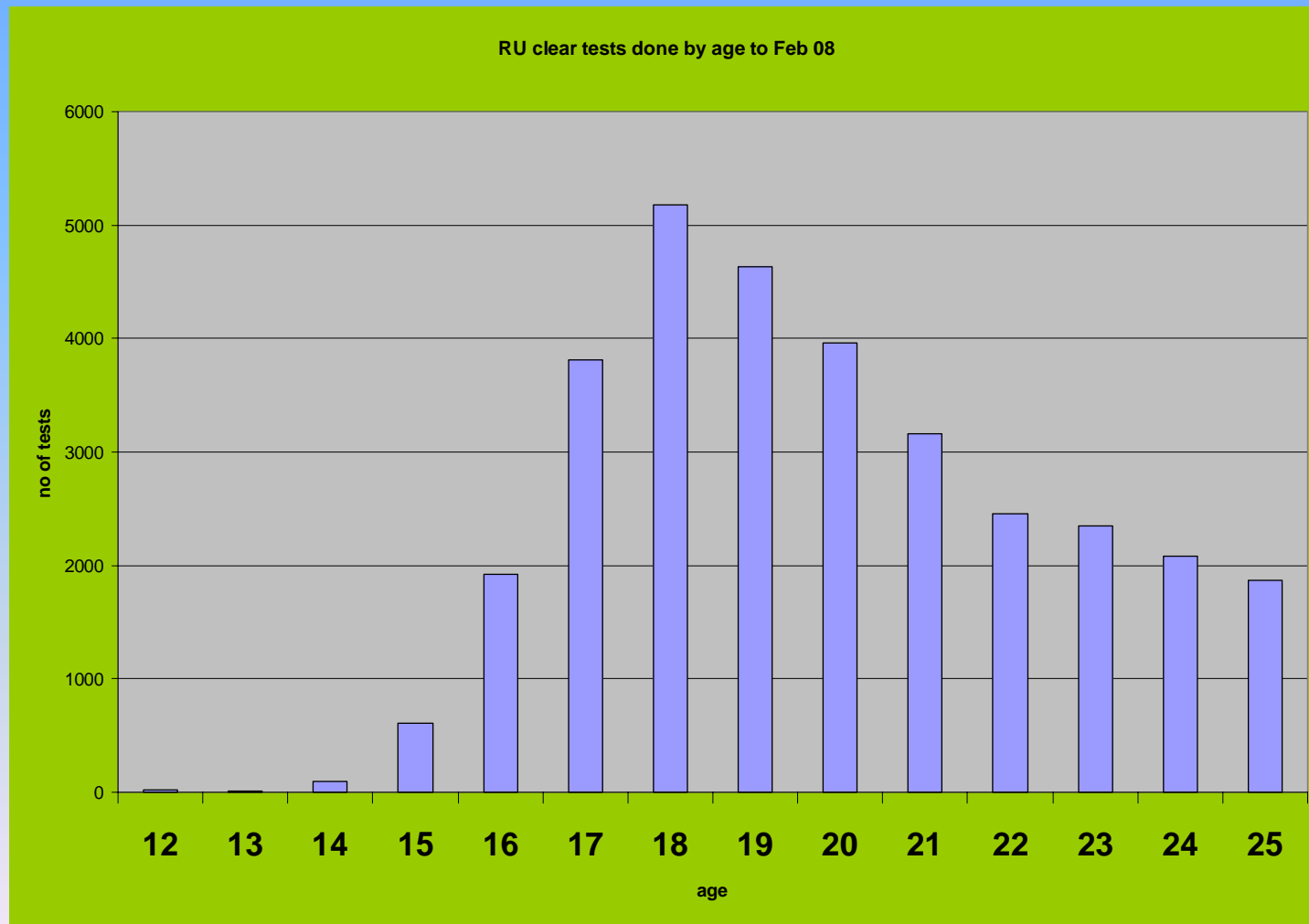
- to provide information and education to enable young people to make informed choices about their sexual health and personal relationships
- facilitate equitable access to quality sexual health services.
- Prevent harm from unplanned pregnancy and STI's

How does screening fit in ?

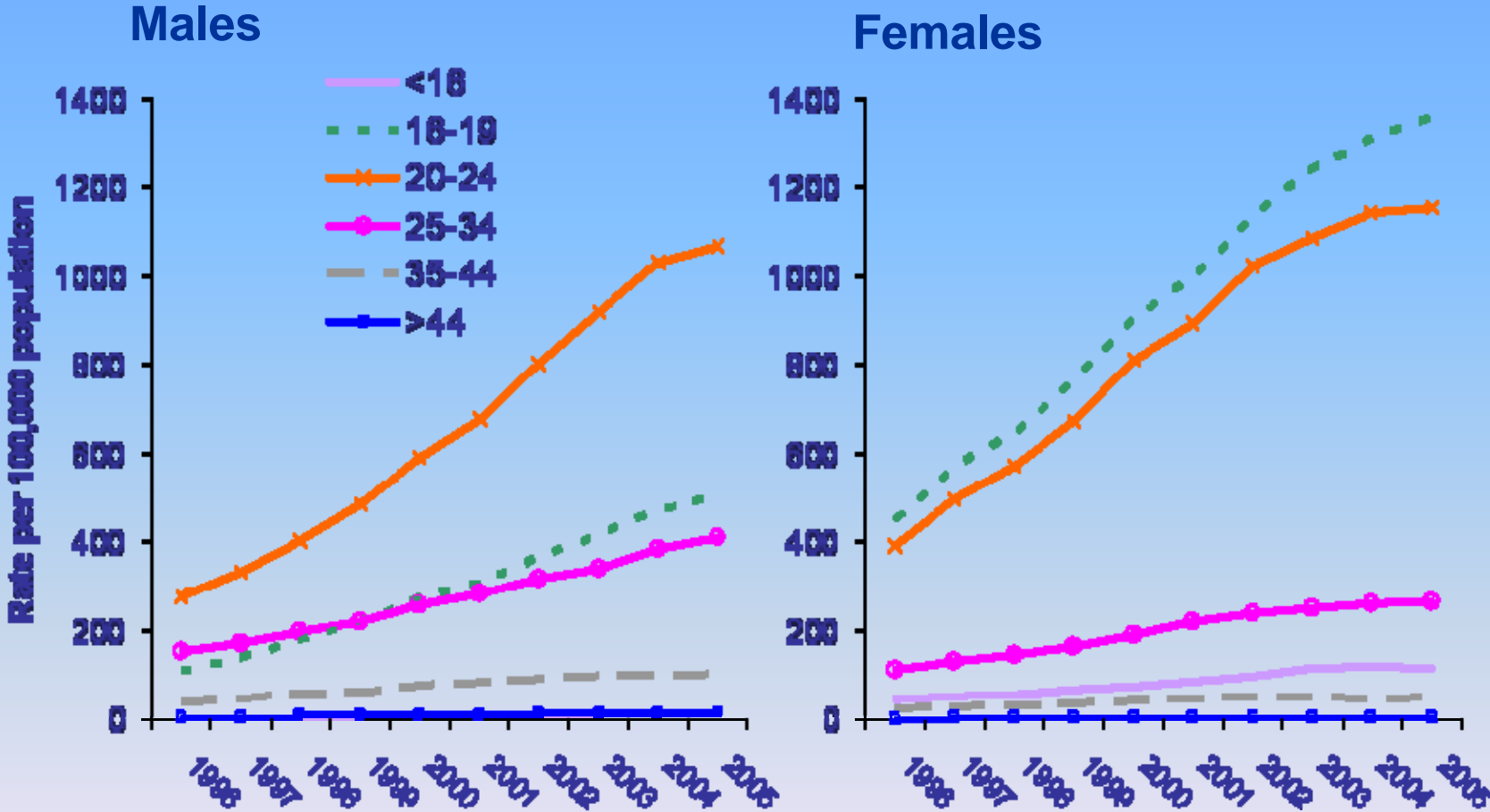


- Empowering young people to look after their own sexual health now and in the future
- Part of a range of information and choices about sexual health and wellbeing
- Keeping young people safe from damage caused by STI's

Who have we tested ?



Diagnoses of genital chlamydial infection by sex & age group, GUM clinics, UK: 1996 - 2005

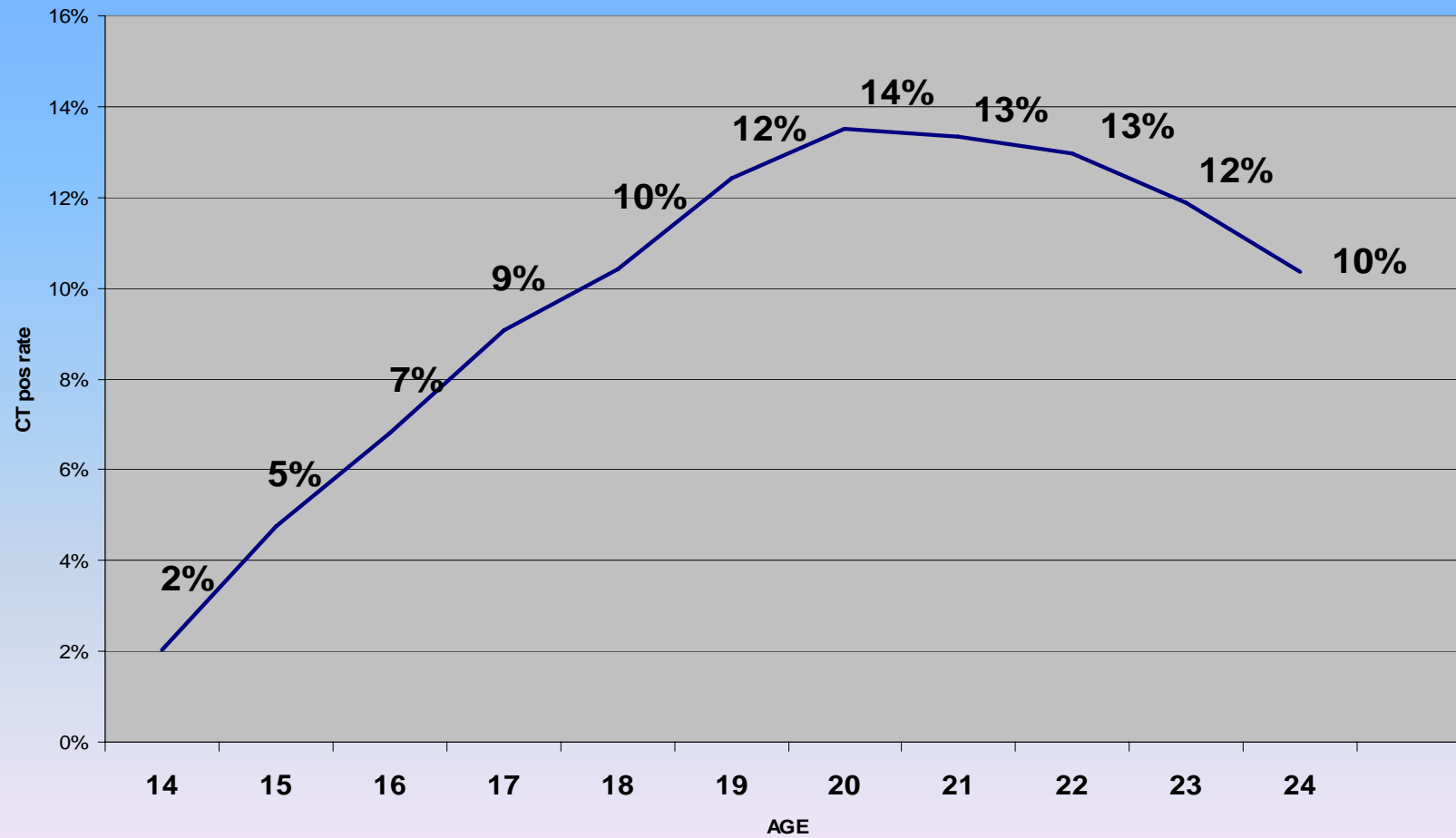


Data source: KC60 statutory returns and ISD(D)5 data.

Positivity in RU Clear



Positivity rate by age Ru Clear to Feb 2008



The Challenge



- Test more 15 & 16 year olds
- Place STI screening in the wider context of Sexual health promotion for young people.

BUT HOW ?

Education

