



Quality Action
Improving HIV Prevention in Europe

Quality Action CASE STUDY

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Organisation - Kaunas city municipality public health agency, country - Lithuania.
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2. Authors of the case study and contact details

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3. External support (facilitators/partners/technical assistance)

(Please list the names of other organisations and/or people who were involved in this practical application of a QA/QI tool, e.g. project partners, technical assistance, external stakeholders etc..)

Project partners: social diseases cabinet, Kaunas region probation service, Kaunas juvenile remand prison-corrections centre

4. Project/programme

(Please briefly describe the project/programme to which you applied the tool.)

The Kaunas city municipality public health agency is going to start a new project for HIV/AIDS prevention in risk groups. We are planning to start this project next year (2015). We have not much experience in this field. Before, we were creating brochures for young people and writing ads for local newspapers, web pages to inform the general community about HIV risk. Also, we have organised lectures on HIV/AIDS prevention for school children. This is important and useful, but, I am afraid, we still could not reach risk groups. The research shows that in Lithuania, HIV spreads mostly between drug users, their heterosexual relations and HIV is found more frequently in men than in women.

In this project, we are going to reach young people, who are sexually active between ages 18-34 and the most vulnerable groups of people with risk behaviour.

1. We will create stickers, brochures with full information: where a person can take a HIV test, where he can find help, what options there are if a person is already infected etc.

2. Collaborating with the social disease cabinet, the probation service and the Kaunas juvenile remand prison-correction centre will let us reach risk groups at the place they are and teach them safer behaviour.

5. Goals/aims of applying the QA/QI tool

(Please list the goals you wanted to achieve with the practical application of the tool.)

The main goal is to find a better way to reach risk groups in Kaunas city and give them correct information about HIV/AIDS risk and slow down the spread of HIV. I believe that quality assurance and quality improvement can help do that. Professional evaluation external to the project is important to improve our project. We already received reviewers' feedback and I totally agree with the comments they wrote.

6. Tool and methodology used

(Please indicate which of the five tools you used (Succeed, QIP, PQD, PIQA, Schiff) and briefly sketch out the steps and measures of how you applied it.)

We used the QIP tool as the framework for our project.

7. Results and benefits of applying the QA/QI tool

(Please describe what resulted from applying the tool and if and how your project/programme benefitted.)

We expected that this quality assurance tool will help us guide our project. As a result, we received project reviewers' feedback, which was helpful to see the project in a wider context and made us look closer at the project's strengths and weaknesses.

8. Recommendations

(Please describe the lessons learnt from positive and negative experiences during the process of using the tool itself and about the quality of projects/programmes like yours.)

It was the first time we used this tool, but the experience was positive. It made us think about details we didn't think about before. The reviewers' feedback was very professional and useful.

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