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System disrup pective

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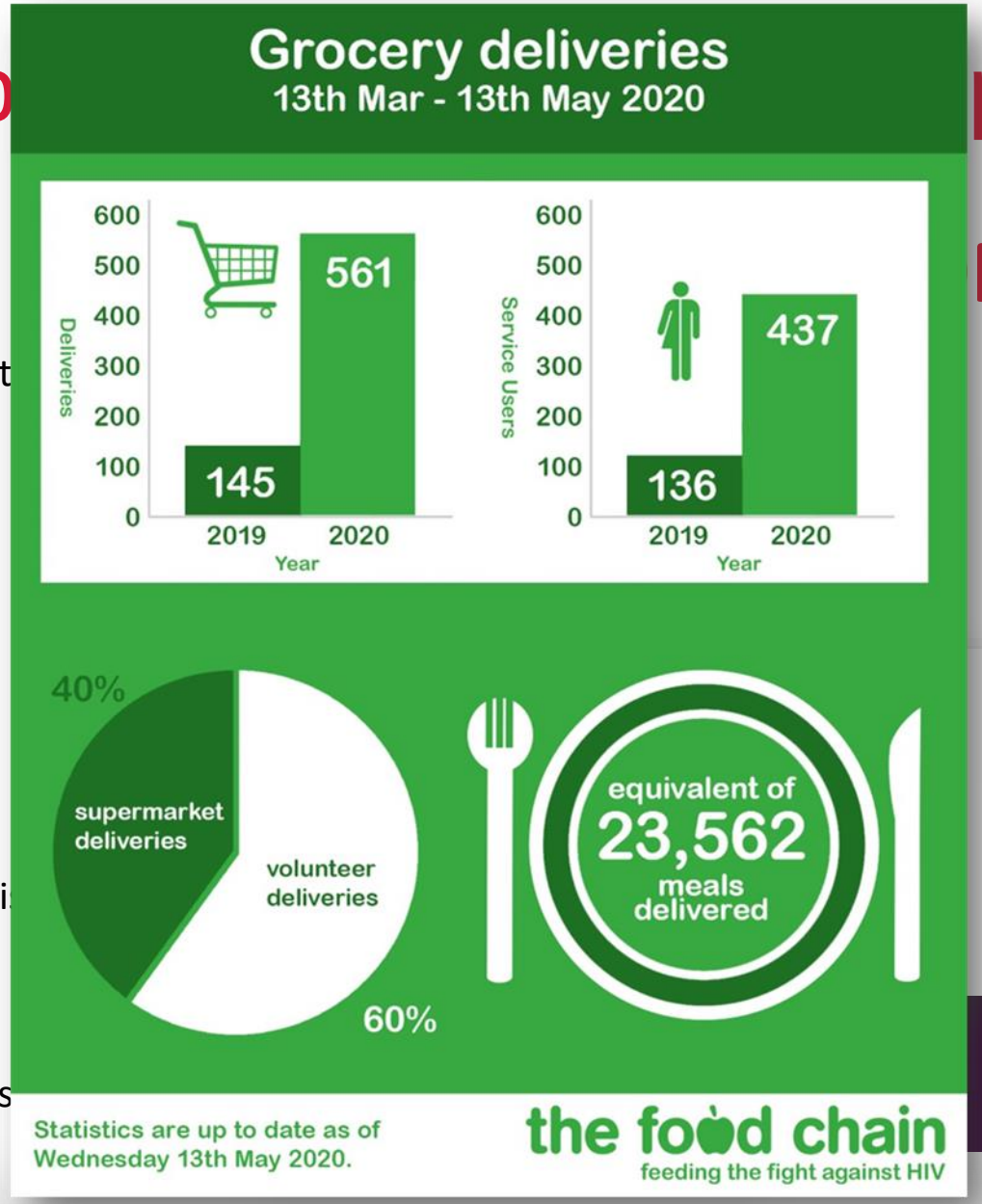
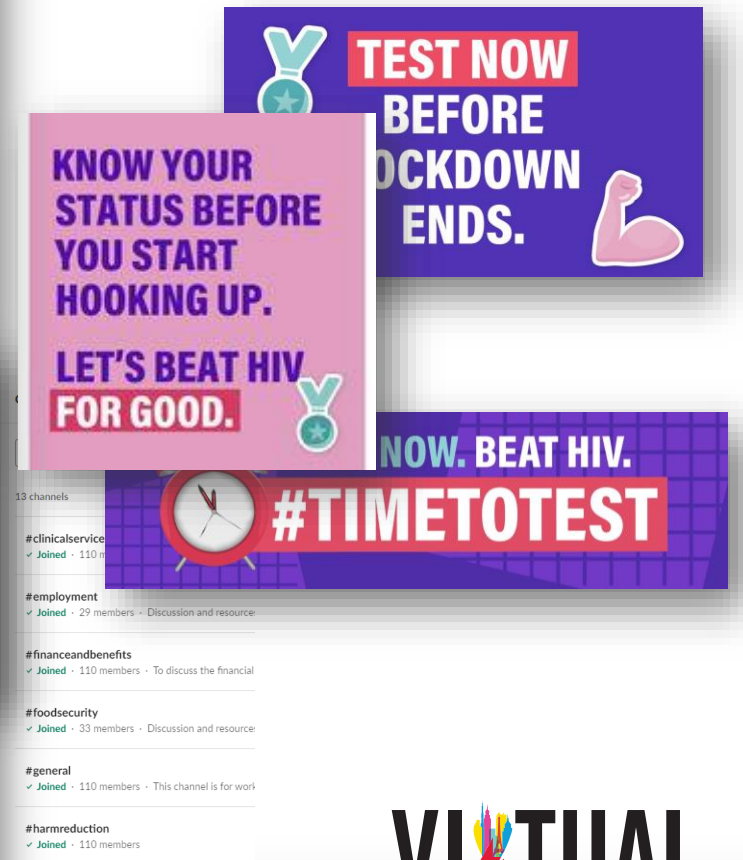
RESOURCES

Government funding uncertain/re-direct
Funding skewed towards immediate COVID response
Impact on Trust and Foundation income
Impact on fundraising opportunities
Staff furlough scheme
Redundancies

NEEDS

Hardship – food and other basic needs
Digital access
Information – shielding/ rights/ health ri
Loneliness and isolation
Anxiety
Bereavement
Limited access to testing and SH services
New forms of stigma





Learning from a crisis

- **Resilience and agility of the system is strengthened by networks. Leadership has a role in promoting these networks**

The impossible becomes possible…

- Online consultations
- Testing in Emergency Departments
- Reaching new populations and those lost to contact through temporary housing – opportunities to re-engage people in drug treatment and HIV treatment services.

But barriers still emerge – leadership has a further fire-fighting and problem-fixing role

- Nervousness about testing
- Initiatives starting up without consulting all stakeholders (e.g. testing; 'shielding' advice)

- **COVID-19 has exacerbated existing inequalities that were linked to HIV in London**

We knew there were those who were 'doing less well' – the size of this group has grown.

Sophia Forum – 45% Women living with HIV reporting mental health as primary concern.

Positively UK - 18% of service users said lockdown affected treatment adherence.

- **We can't just pick up where we left off**

It's not over and phases are complex.

Crisis working is not sustainable and crisis funding often doesn't deal with longer term impact on demand.

London FTCI leadership group priorities

The impact on the **system** and on **people and communities** affected by HIV must be evaluated on an ongoing basis.

We may need to **re-prioritise** or **re-distribute between** priorities.

Key issues:

- Mental health needs – already significant issues with services pre-COVID-19
- Digital access
- Food poverty
- Homelessness and housing issues
- Access to testing and other treatment and prevention services

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