

STD PS Staffing Summary

At King County, one DIS worked full-time on syphilis STD PS, one split their time between syphilis and GC/CT, and 4 worked primarily on GC/CT, 2 of whom were assigned to STD PS part-time at 50% of full time employment (FTE). All King County DIS also provided STD results to public health STD clinic patients as part of their job responsibilities, which we considered unrelated to STD PS work and estimated to account for approximately 10% of their time. At Pierce County, GC/CT cases were generally assigned to 3 DIS and syphilis to one DIS. DIS in Pierce County also worked approximately half of their time on clinic work, which we estimated accounted for approximately 35% of their time on average as they did some low intensity STD PS work during this time (15%) when not seeing patients. In Spokane County, 1 DIS focused primarily on Syphilis cases (and HIV only work that was excluded from analysis), and 2 were split between GC/CT and syphilis. Spokane casework for syphilis was also heavily supported by a state DOH consulting staff member assigned to the region, who reported 90% of her work-time was devoted to syphilis work (case assignment and STD PS) in Spokane at the time of observations. The majority of casework was conducted within the office at all three locations and field work was conducted when other modes of contact were unsuccessful. Most field work in King County was performed by a single designated DIS one day a week for all cases regardless of DIS case assignments. In Pierce and Spokane counties, field work was generally performed by all DIS for their assigned cases, often in pairs of DIS.