

A close-up, high-angle photograph of a person's face, focusing on the mouth and chin area. The skin is a warm, golden-brown tone. A dark, shadowed shape, possibly a hand or a piece of fabric, is positioned over the mouth, creating a silhouette effect. The lighting is soft and directional, highlighting the texture of the skin.

**VITAL
STATISTICS**
MEN'S SEX SURVEY 2002

Sigma Research has been carrying out community-based sex research for more than ten years. We are the UK's leading social research group specialising in the policy aspects of sexual health and HIV. Sigma Research is based in Brixton, South London and is affiliated to the University of Portsmouth.

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The survey is about sex between men and HIV. It is being distributed all over the country by health educators and gay men's organisations. The findings will be used to inform HIV education at national and local levels.

This survey is **anonymous** – please do not write your name on this booklet. The questions are **frank** and **explicit**. Please answer honestly.

VITAL STATISTICS is a national survey happening throughout the summer of 2002.

It is being carried out 'on-the-spot' at Pride-type events in London, Birmingham, Leicester, Brighton, Manchester and Cardiff. It is also being distributed in this booklet form by health educators and gay organisations.

Please fill this survey in only once this summer, and return this booklet before 30 September 2002.

Thanks for your help.



ABOUT YOU

1 **How old are you?** years

2 **What term do you usually use to describe yourself sexually?**

(Tick one)

Gay

Bisexual

I don't usually use a term

Other – What? _____

3 **What is your ethnic group?** (Tick one)

Asian or Asian British

Black or Black British

Chinese

Mixed race

White

Other – What? _____

4 **Which of the following educational qualifications do you have?**

(Tick as many as apply)

I have no educational qualifications

O-Levels / CSEs / GCSEs or equivalent

A-Levels or equivalent

Degree or higher

Other – What? _____

5 Which Local Authority do you live in?

(who sends your household the Council Tax bill?)

If you don't know your local authority, write in your **home postcode** or the city/town you live in. If you live outside the UK, write in your country of residence

6 What term would you use to describe your PARENTS' social class WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP? (Tick one)

- Working Class
- Lower Middle Class
- Upper Middle Class
- Upper Class
- Don't Know / not sure
- Any other term – What? _____

7 What term would you use to describe YOUR CURRENT social class? (Tick one)

- Working Class
- Lower Middle Class
- Upper Middle Class
- Upper Class
- Don't Know / not sure
- Any other term – What? _____

8 Do you currently have one (or more) regular male sexual partner(s)?

- No → GO TO QUESTION 11
- Yes



9 How long have you been having sex with your regular sexual partner? (If you have more than one regular partner tell us about the longest relationship)

_____ years _____ months

10 Do you and your regular partner have the same HIV status?

(Tick one)

- Yes, we have the same HIV status
(either both positive or both negative)
- No, one of us is positive and the other is negative
- Don't know whether we have the same status or not

11 Have you been vaccinated against Hepatitis B? (Tick one)

- Don't know
- Yes, and I completed the course of vaccinations
- Yes, but I didn't complete the course
- No, but I'm naturally immune to Hep B
- No and I don't know whether I'm immune or not

12 Have you ever received an HIV test result? (Tick one)

- Yes, I've tested positive → GO TO QUESTION 14
- Yes, my last test was negative
- No, I've never tested for HIV

13 If a man you were going to have sex with told you he was HIV positive, would you...? (Tick one)

- Not want to have sex with him
- Still want to have sex with him but be extra careful
- Have the kind of sex you would have had anyway
- Other – What? _____

ABOUT YOUR FIRST SEXUAL EXPERIENCES WITH MEN

14 How old were you when you first had sex with another man/boy (whether or not you fucked with him)?

_____ Years [IF NEVER GO TO QUESTION 26]

15 How old were you when you first fucked either way with a man/boy?

_____ Years [IF NEVER GO TO QUESTION 19]

16 How old was the first man/boy you fucked with?

_____ Years

17 The VERY FIRST TIME you fucked with a man/boy...

(Tick as many as apply)

- You fucked him
- He fucked you
- Condoms were used
- Water based lubricant was used

18 What did you think about the HIV status of the first man you fucked with? (Tick one)

- I thought he was HIV positive
- I thought he was HIV negative
- I didn't think about his HIV status
- I'd not heard of HIV then



ABOUT THE SEX YOU'VE HAD IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

19 In the last 12 months have you had sex with...? (Tick one)

- No one → GO TO QUESTION 26
- Women only → GO TO QUESTION 26
- Men only
- Both men and women

20 In total, how many MEN have you had sex with in the last 12 months? (Tick one)

- One
- 2, 3 or 4
- 5 to 12
- 13 to 29
- 30 or more

21 In the last 12 months have you...? (Tick as many as apply)

- Sucked a man's cock
- Had a man cum in your mouth (whether or not you swallowed)
- Been sucked by a man
- Been fucked by a man
- Been fucked without a condom
- Fucked a man
- Fucked a man without a condom
- Fisted a man
- Been fisted by a man
- Pissed on (or in) a man
- Had a man piss on (or in) you

22 Where have you met NEW male sexual partners in the last 12 months? (Tick as many as apply)

- I've NOT met any new sexual partners in the last year
- At a regular social group
- Through ads in magazines and newspapers
- At a backroom/sex club
- In a cottage (public toilet)
- At a cruising ground
- On the Internet
- In a bar, pub or club
- At a private party
- At a sauna
- At work
- At the gym
- At a sex cinema
- Other – Where? _____

23 Which of the following have you used (even if only once) while DOING THE FUCKING in the last 12 months?

(Tick as many as apply)

- I've NOT fucked anyone in the last year
- Latex (rubber) condom
- Polyurethane (plastic) condom (for example, Avanti)
- Femidom
- None of the above



24 Which of the following have you used (even if only once) while GETTING FUCKED in the last 12 months?

(Tick as many as apply)

- I've NOT been fucked in the last year
- Latex (rubber) condom
- Polyurethane (plastic) condom (for example, Avanti)
- Femidom
- None of the above

25 How likely do you think it is, that in the last 12 months, you've fucked WITHOUT a condom with a man with a DIFFERENT HIV STATUS to yourself? (Tick one)

- I definitely have
- I probably have
- I may have, may not have
- I probably have not
- I definitely have not

26 Do you expect to have sex with a man in the future? (Tick one)

- No
- Yes
- Not sure

**27 Tick a box to show whether you agree or disagree:
"I'd expect a man with HIV to tell me he was positive before we had sex"**

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| strongly
agree | agree | not sure | disagree | strongly
disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ABOUT BEING OUT

28 What proportion of people know you have sex with men?

(Put one tick in each column – if applicable)

	Close Family	Friends	Workmates
All or almost all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More than half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
About half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Few or none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 In the last 12 months, have you experienced discrimination BECAUSE OF YOUR SEXUALITY in relation to...?

(Tick as many as apply)

- Housing and living conditions
- Using bars or restaurants
- Shopping
- Dealing with tradespeople and business services
- Using public transport and taxis
- Skills, training and job opportunities
- Access to information about health and social services
- Dealing with health professionals
- Using alcohol and drug treatment services
- Using mental health services
- Using relationship guidance services
- Immigration or partner's immigration
- Looking after children
- Other family relationships
- Friendships
- Workmates and colleagues
- Strangers in public



30 In the LAST YEAR, have you been verbally abused because of your sexuality?

No

Yes

31 In the LAST YEAR, have you been physically attacked or assaulted because of your sexuality?

No

Yes

HIV PREVENTION AND 'SAFER SEX' MATERIALS

If you are out on the gay scene or at home reading the gay press you may see written materials concerning HIV and 'safer sex'.

Advertisements are common in the gay press and are also sometimes used as posters in gay venues. You might also see information leaflets, stickers, postcards or smaller (credit card sized) cards. The following questions ask whether you remember seeing some of these materials.

32 Below is one of a series of three adverts and posters from a campaign called *Enjoy fucking?* They appeared in the gay press.

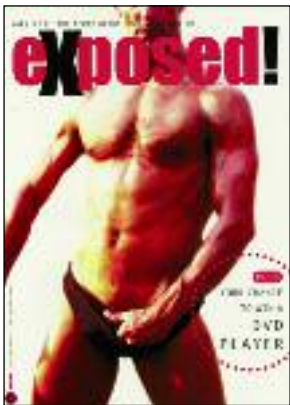


Do you remember seeing any *Enjoy fucking?* adverts in the gay press? (tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts in the gay press
- I recognise them but have never looked closely at or read them
- I've seen copies of the adverts and have read most or all of them



- 33 Displayed below is the cover of a large format 'magazine' that has been distributed in the gay press and in some gay pubs. It is called *Exposed – issue 1*.



Do you remember seeing this 'magazine' called *Exposed – issue 1*? (tick one)

- No, I've never seen it
- I recognise it but have never looked at it or read it
- I've looked at a copy but not read it in detail
- I've read most of it
- I've kept a copy of it

34 Below are two of a series of three adverts from a campaign called *Just as unbelievable*. They appeared in the gay and HIV-positive press and on the Terrence Higgins Trust website and on Gay.com. Matching posters also appeared in many gay bars as did cruise cards, postcards and a packet of sweets with the same images.



Do you remember seeing any *Just as unbelievable* adverts or posters? (tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts or posters
- I recognise them but have never looked at or read them
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them



- 35 Displayed below is the cover of a large format 'magazine' that has been distributed in the gay press and in some gay pubs. It is called *Exposed – issue 2*.



Do you remember seeing this 'magazine' called *Exposed – issue 2*? (tick one)

- No, I've never seen it
- I recognise it but have never looked at it or read it
- I've looked at a copy but not read it in detail
- I've read most of it
- I've kept a copy of it

36 Below are both adverts and posters from a campaign called *Stigma – if you listen you can hear it*. They appeared in the gay press and some other publications, as posters in some gay venues, and on the Healthy Gay Scotland website.

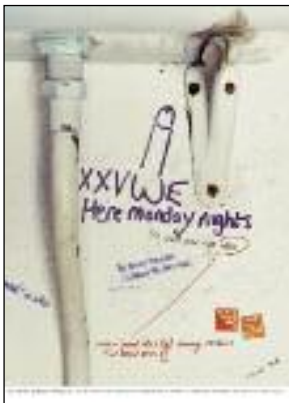


Do you remember seeing either of these *Stigma – if you listen you can hear it*, adverts or posters? (tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts or posters
- I recognise them but have never looked at or read them
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them



37 Below are two of a series of five adverts from a campaign called *Clever dick*. They appeared in the gay press and on the Terrence Higgins Trust website and on Gay.com. Three similar posters also appeared in many gay bars as did badges, cruise cards and postcards with similar images.



Do you remember seeing any *Clever dick* adverts or posters?
(tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts or posters
- I recognise them but have never looked at or read them
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them

- 38 Displayed below is the cover of a large format 'magazine' that has been distributed in the gay press and in some gay pubs. It is called *Exposed – issue 3*.



Do you remember seeing this 'magazine' called *Exposed – issue 3*. (tick one)

- No, I've never seen it
- I recognise it but have never looked at it or read it
- I've looked at a copy but not read it in detail
- I've read most of it
- I've kept a copy of it



39 Below are two of a series of three adverts from a campaign called *Look what's back*. They appeared in the gay and HIV-positive press and on the Terrence Higgins Trust website and on Gay.com. A poster with a similar image also appeared in many gay bars as did a lollipop and a booklet.



Do you remember seeing any *Look what's back* adverts or posters? (tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts or posters
- I recognise them but have never looked at or read them
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them

- 40 Below are two of a series of three adverts from a campaign called *You choose*. They appeared in the gay press, as posters and credit card sized leaflets in some gay venues, on a specific *You choose* website and on Gay.com.



Do you remember seeing any *You choose* adverts or posters?

(tick one)

- No, I have not seen any of these adverts or posters
- I recognise them but have never looked at or read them
- I've seen copies of the adverts and/ or posters and have read most or all of them



...AND FINALLY

41 Which parts of your body do you have pierced?

(Tick as many as apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have no piercings | <input type="checkbox"/> Lip/s |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ear/s | <input type="checkbox"/> Nose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eyebrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Nipple/s |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tongue | <input type="checkbox"/> Perineum (guiche) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navel | <input type="checkbox"/> Cock-head |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreskin | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other body part/s – Where? _____ | |

42 Have you filled in this survey already this summer?

- No
 Yes

*Thanks very much for taking part –
please remember to seal and post this booklet.*

Do you have any comments or suggestions about this survey?