

Vital Statistics 2007 The UK Gay Men's Sex Survey

England Strategic Health Authorities of residence data report (January 2009: Version 2)

Important Note: This report supercedes the GMSS'07 local data reports released in August 2008. Subsequent to that release of data we identified a problem with a number of cases which we believe to have been falsified. The false cases seemed to be an attempt to systematically skew the findings in a particular area of the survey, but provided incomplete data in other areas. In order to exclude as many of these false cases as possible, while retaining valid cases, we tightened the inclusion criteria and excluded all cases missing responses for any of 31 survey items. This resulted in the loss of 29% of all cases, which accounts for the reduction in cases in the report compared with the earlier data release. This has been necessary for us to continue to have confidence in the data that remains.

This report uses data from the UK *Gay Men's Sex Survey* 2007, conducted by Sigma Research in collaboration with health promoters throughout the UK. It supplements the main survey report which will be published in April 2009. Survey methods and interpretation of the variables will be outlined in that report.

This data is intended to provide HIV health promotion planners with information about their local population of gay men and bisexual men. The report contains data from men who live in England and for whom Strategic Health Authority (SHA) of residence is known. Respondents are grouped according to the SHA in which they live.

There are also whole country reports for Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, with men grouped according to their region of residence. There are also individual data reports for each Strategic Health Authority (SHA) in England, with men grouped according to their Primary Care Trust (PCT) of residence. These, and similar reports for previous years, are available at: www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/go.php/local/gay

The data

The survey used two data collection methods over the summer of 2007: a self-sealing, Freepost addressed booklet distributed by health promotion agencies; and via a specific website promoted via links on gay and HIV-related web-sites.

This report contains data from all the men recruited through both methods. To be included in the sample respondents had to: be male; be aged 14 or over; be living in the UK; have had sex with a man in the last year or have a gay, bisexual or other "queer" identity; have completed at least one demographic question and one other question. Differences between the number of surveys returned and the number of men who appear in the sample are due to these exclusions.

The tables

Groups of men living in the same Strategic Health Authority appear as a row (horizontal line) in the tables. The bottom row of each table gives the result for all men living in England. The first table shows the number of men recruited to the survey living in the ten SHAs and the size of the sub-samples in the rest of the tables. The tables show the proportions (%) of each sub-sample for that variable (less missing data). Rows add up to 100%. The only exception to this layout is table 3, Age averages.

Questionnaires

The contents page identifies the Booklet question number (Q) each table is derived from. The questionnaire used in the survey is available to download at: www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/files/VS2007booklet.pdf

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SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

1. Web and booklet sample sizes by Strategic Health Authority of residence

Count

	Distribution method		Total
	Web	Booklet	
London	1219	783	2002
South West	256	265	521
South Central	225	98	323
South East Coast	259	132	391
East of England	225	229	454
East Midlands	163	150	313
West Midlands	267	189	456
Yorkshire and The Humber	219	245	464
North West	303	199	502
North East	106	63	169
Total	3242	2353	5595

2. Age groups.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Age in 10s					Total
	<20	20s	30s	40s	50+	
London	4.3%	27.7%	34.2%	23.9%	9.9%	100.0%
South West	8.3%	33.2%	23.4%	21.1%	14.0%	100.0%
South Central	14.6%	31.3%	21.7%	20.7%	11.8%	100.0%
South East Coast	7.9%	27.9%	23.8%	27.1%	13.3%	100.0%
East of England	11.2%	35.9%	24.9%	15.4%	12.6%	100.0%
East Midlands	10.5%	29.7%	25.9%	22.4%	11.5%	100.0%
West Midlands	9.6%	31.8%	24.6%	21.9%	12.1%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	14.2%	36.4%	24.1%	14.7%	10.6%	100.0%
North West	8.4%	32.1%	27.7%	17.5%	14.3%	100.0%
North East	20.1%	34.9%	24.3%	11.2%	9.5%	100.0%
Total	8.5%	30.9%	28.0%	21.0%	11.5%	100.0%

3. Age averages.

Age

Strategic Health	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
London	35.00	14	87	35.60	10.779
South West	33.00	14	77	35.11	13.359
South Central	32.00	14	73	33.69	13.322
South East Coast	35.00	15	81	35.96	13.311
East of England	30.00	15	85	33.39	12.951
East Midlands	34.00	15	66	34.19	12.015
West Midlands	33.00	15	76	34.35	12.223
Yorkshire and The Humber	29.00	14	71	32.23	12.648
North West	33.00	14	77	34.74	12.521
North East	27.00	16	67	30.25	12.168
Total	33.00	14	87	34.59	12.164

4. Ethnicity in 6 groups.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Ethnicity						Total
	White other	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White British	
London	23.1%	4.2%	3.0%	3.1%	4.4%	62.4%	100.0%
South West	6.2%	.8%	1.0%	2.1%	.8%	89.2%	100.0%
South Central	9.6%	1.2%	.6%	1.5%	1.9%	85.1%	100.0%
South East Coast	8.5%	.3%	1.5%	2.3%	2.1%	85.4%	100.0%
East of England	8.0%	.9%	1.3%	2.2%	1.3%	86.3%	100.0%
East Midlands	5.1%	.3%	1.6%	2.9%	1.6%	88.5%	100.0%
West Midlands	5.3%	1.3%	3.1%	1.8%	2.0%	86.6%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	4.8%	.4%	2.6%	1.5%	1.3%	89.4%	100.0%
North West	8.8%	.8%	1.0%	1.6%	1.8%	86.1%	100.0%
North East	5.3%	.6%	.6%	.6%	1.2%	91.7%	100.0%
Total	12.7%	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%	2.5%	78.4%	100.0%

5. Sexual identity.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Sexual identity				Total
	Gay	Bisexual	I don't usually use a term	Any other term	
London	88.8%	6.1%	4.4%	.6%	100.0%
South West	82.9%	10.6%	5.0%	1.5%	100.0%
South Central	83.0%	10.8%	4.6%	1.5%	100.0%
South East Coast	89.3%	7.2%	2.6%	1.0%	100.0%
East of England	81.1%	13.2%	4.2%	1.5%	100.0%
East Midlands	87.9%	7.3%	3.8%	1.0%	100.0%
West Midlands	82.5%	12.7%	3.9%	.9%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	87.1%	8.0%	4.3%	.6%	100.0%
North West	89.0%	6.8%	3.4%	.8%	100.0%
North East	85.8%	9.5%	4.1%	.6%	100.0%
Total	86.5%	8.4%	4.2%	.9%	100.0%

6. Gender of sexual partners in the last year.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Gender of sexual partners				Total
	No one	Women only	Both men and women	Men only	
London	3.8%	.3%	5.1%	90.8%	100.0%
South West	6.0%	.6%	7.5%	86.0%	100.0%
South Central	9.3%	.6%	7.4%	82.7%	100.0%
South East Coast	7.9%	.3%	6.1%	85.7%	100.0%
East of England	8.6%	1.5%	7.9%	81.9%	100.0%
East Midlands	10.2%	.6%	6.7%	82.4%	100.0%
West Midlands	7.0%	1.3%	8.1%	83.6%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	8.4%	.9%	8.2%	82.5%	100.0%
North West	6.8%	.4%	5.8%	87.1%	100.0%
North East	11.8%	1.2%	7.1%	79.9%	100.0%
Total	6.5%	.6%	6.5%	86.4%	100.0%

7. Marriage / civil partnership status.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Legal partnership status			Total
	in a civil partnership with a man	in a marriage with a woman	in neither of these	
London	6.0%	1.6%	92.3%	100.0%
South West	7.7%	5.2%	87.1%	100.0%
South Central	6.2%	3.4%	90.4%	100.0%
South East Coast	7.4%	3.3%	89.2%	100.0%
East of England	5.3%	4.7%	90.0%	100.0%
East Midlands	3.8%	3.2%	93.0%	100.0%
West Midlands	4.4%	4.6%	91.0%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	5.8%	1.7%	92.5%	100.0%
North West	5.6%	2.6%	91.8%	100.0%
North East	5.3%	2.4%	92.3%	100.0%
Total	5.9%	2.9%	91.2%	100.0%

8. Sero-discordancy with male regular partner.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	HIV serodiscordancy with male partner			Total
	Not in sero-discordant relationship	In sero-discordant relationship	Don't know if sero-discordant	
London	80.8%	9.7%	9.4%	100.0%
South West	86.4%	5.0%	8.6%	100.0%
South Central	86.4%	4.3%	9.3%	100.0%
South East Coast	80.6%	10.5%	9.0%	100.0%
East of England	87.9%	4.6%	7.5%	100.0%
East Midlands	86.6%	5.1%	8.3%	100.0%
West Midlands	85.5%	5.5%	9.0%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	87.9%	5.4%	6.7%	100.0%
North West	81.9%	9.4%	8.8%	100.0%
North East	87.0%	7.1%	5.9%	100.0%
Total	83.8%	7.5%	8.7%	100.0%

HIV TESTING & HEPATITIS SUSCEPTIBILITY

9. HIV testing history

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	HIV testing history			Total
	Never tested	Tested negative	Tested positive	
London	20.9%	64.0%	15.1%	100.0%
South West	35.9%	58.7%	5.4%	100.0%
South Central	39.0%	55.4%	5.6%	100.0%
South East Coast	36.1%	50.6%	13.3%	100.0%
East of England	38.0%	55.8%	6.2%	100.0%
East Midlands	39.9%	55.3%	4.8%	100.0%
West Midlands	37.6%	51.9%	10.5%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	41.2%	54.1%	4.7%	100.0%
North West	35.8%	50.2%	14.0%	100.0%
North East	37.9%	54.4%	7.7%	100.0%
Total	31.7%	57.6%	10.7%	100.0%

10. Hepatitis B susceptibility.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Hepatitis B susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
London	37.6%	62.4%	100.0%
South West	49.3%	50.7%	100.0%
South Central	53.9%	46.1%	100.0%
South East Coast	47.6%	52.4%	100.0%
East of England	52.4%	47.6%	100.0%
East Midlands	54.3%	45.7%	100.0%
West Midlands	52.0%	48.0%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	50.6%	49.4%	100.0%
North West	47.6%	52.4%	100.0%
North East	51.5%	48.5%	100.0%
Total	46.0%	54.0%	100.0%

11. Hepatitis A susceptibility.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Hepatitis A susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
London	51.4%	48.6%	100.0%
South West	72.4%	27.6%	100.0%
South Central	82.0%	18.0%	100.0%
South East Coast	58.3%	41.7%	100.0%
East of England	71.6%	28.4%	100.0%
East Midlands	75.7%	24.3%	100.0%
West Midlands	75.2%	24.8%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	73.1%	26.9%	100.0%
North West	70.1%	29.9%	100.0%
North East	78.1%	21.9%	100.0%
Total	64.8%	35.2%	100.0%

SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

12. Number of male sexual partners in the last year.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Number of male sexual partners in the last year						Total
	None	One	2,3 or 4	5 to 12	13 to 29	30 or more	
London	4.1%	14.9%	22.0%	23.8%	16.4%	18.8%	100.0%
South West	6.5%	22.5%	29.2%	23.3%	8.7%	9.8%	100.0%
South Central	9.9%	19.9%	28.6%	25.5%	8.4%	7.8%	100.0%
South East Coast	8.2%	18.4%	24.6%	23.5%	11.8%	13.6%	100.0%
East of England	10.2%	20.3%	29.8%	22.5%	10.2%	7.1%	100.0%
East Midlands	11.0%	20.0%	26.5%	23.9%	11.6%	7.1%	100.0%
West Midlands	8.4%	21.1%	25.6%	21.1%	13.0%	10.8%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	9.3%	25.9%	26.8%	19.4%	9.7%	8.9%	100.0%
North West	7.2%	23.0%	27.0%	20.2%	11.6%	11.0%	100.0%
North East	13.0%	21.3%	28.4%	21.9%	8.9%	6.5%	100.0%
Total	7.2%	19.2%	25.4%	22.8%	12.6%	12.8%	100.0%

13. Met new male sexual partner/s in last year.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Met new male partner		Total
	No	Yes	
London	13.7%	86.3%	100.0%
South West	20.4%	79.6%	100.0%
South Central	16.2%	83.8%	100.0%
South East Coast	16.9%	83.1%	100.0%
East of England	17.7%	82.3%	100.0%
East Midlands	18.3%	81.7%	100.0%
West Midlands	18.9%	81.1%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	23.5%	76.5%	100.0%
North West	20.0%	80.0%	100.0%
North East	18.4%	81.6%	100.0%
Total	17.2%	82.8%	100.0%

14. Unprotected anal intercourse (UAI) in the previous year with partners whose HIV status was unknown or discordant.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	UAI with partners of unknown or discordant status				Total
	Not done	Insertive only	Receptive only	Both Insertive and Receptive	
London	72.5%	9.0%	7.5%	11.1%	100.0%
South West	77.7%	6.2%	7.2%	8.9%	100.0%
South Central	76.9%	8.2%	7.6%	7.3%	100.0%
South East Coast	75.5%	5.4%	7.0%	12.1%	100.0%
East of England	79.8%	6.1%	6.3%	7.9%	100.0%
East Midlands	76.3%	6.9%	10.5%	6.3%	100.0%
West Midlands	74.3%	6.6%	8.7%	10.5%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	75.5%	7.8%	7.6%	9.1%	100.0%
North West	71.2%	6.2%	10.3%	12.3%	100.0%
North East	77.0%	4.8%	7.9%	10.3%	100.0%
Total	74.6%	7.4%	7.9%	10.1%	100.0%

15. Perceived HIV transmission risk in the last year (for all men).

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	HIV transmission risk in last year		Total
	No	Yes	
London	63.6%	36.4%	100.0%
South West	74.1%	25.9%	100.0%
South Central	68.4%	31.6%	100.0%
South East Coast	69.1%	30.9%	100.0%
East of England	76.9%	23.1%	100.0%
East Midlands	73.8%	26.2%	100.0%
West Midlands	67.5%	32.5%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	67.9%	32.1%	100.0%
North West	68.1%	31.9%	100.0%
North East	72.8%	27.2%	100.0%
Total	68.3%	31.7%	100.0%

HEALTH NEEDS

16. Ever heard of PEP.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Heard of PEP		Total
	No	Yes	
London	30.3%	69.7%	100.0%
South West	50.7%	49.3%	100.0%
South Central	49.5%	50.5%	100.0%
South East Coast	41.4%	58.6%	100.0%
East of England	49.6%	50.4%	100.0%
East Midlands	55.9%	44.1%	100.0%
West Midlands	49.6%	50.4%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	52.2%	47.8%	100.0%
North West	49.2%	50.8%	100.0%
North East	42.6%	57.4%	100.0%
Total	42.5%	57.5%	100.0%

17. Any concern about your alcohol use.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	any concern about alcohol use		Total
	No	Yes	
London	87.3%	12.7%	100.0%
South West	89.9%	10.1%	100.0%
South Central	91.2%	8.8%	100.0%
South East Coast	88.4%	11.6%	100.0%
East of England	92.4%	7.6%	100.0%
East Midlands	88.3%	11.7%	100.0%
West Midlands	91.9%	8.1%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	87.3%	12.7%	100.0%
North West	87.0%	13.0%	100.0%
North East	95.9%	4.1%	100.0%
Total	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%

18. Any concern about your drug use.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	any concern about any drug use		Total
	No	Yes	
London	89.0%	11.0%	100.0%
South West	93.0%	7.0%	100.0%
South Central	95.0%	5.0%	100.0%
South East Coast	90.7%	9.3%	100.0%
East of England	94.0%	6.0%	100.0%
East Midlands	89.9%	10.1%	100.0%
West Midlands	91.6%	8.4%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	90.2%	9.8%	100.0%
North West	93.8%	6.2%	100.0%
North East	96.4%	3.6%	100.0%
Total	91.3%	8.7%	100.0%

19. I would sometimes rather risk HIV transmission than use a condom.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Sometimes rather risk HIV transmission than use a condom					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
London	3.1%	8.5%	7.0%	20.6%	60.7%	100.0%
South West	1.9%	7.1%	8.8%	22.8%	59.3%	100.0%
South Central	1.9%	6.2%	9.3%	23.2%	59.4%	100.0%
South East Coast	2.6%	7.2%	10.0%	22.8%	57.5%	100.0%
East of England	4.8%	7.5%	5.1%	16.1%	66.5%	100.0%
East Midlands	3.2%	6.1%	9.9%	21.7%	59.1%	100.0%
West Midlands	2.9%	7.2%	7.5%	20.2%	62.3%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	3.2%	8.0%	6.9%	23.5%	58.4%	100.0%
North West	4.2%	8.2%	7.0%	18.5%	62.2%	100.0%
North East	2.4%	4.7%	7.7%	21.3%	63.9%	100.0%
Total	3.1%	7.6%	7.6%	20.8%	60.8%	100.0%

20. I can talk to my friends about safer sex and HIV.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	I can talk to my friends about safer sex and HIV					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
London	46.1%	37.2%	9.2%	5.7%	1.9%	100.0%
South West	39.9%	40.7%	10.7%	6.3%	2.3%	100.0%
South Central	39.9%	40.9%	9.6%	6.5%	3.1%	100.0%
South East Coast	35.3%	41.9%	13.0%	6.9%	2.8%	100.0%
East of England	43.0%	35.5%	10.4%	7.5%	3.7%	100.0%
East Midlands	39.0%	39.9%	10.9%	6.7%	3.5%	100.0%
West Midlands	42.5%	33.3%	14.9%	6.6%	2.6%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	42.0%	35.1%	13.4%	6.9%	2.6%	100.0%
North West	43.6%	36.7%	10.0%	6.8%	3.0%	100.0%
North East	40.2%	35.5%	14.8%	5.3%	4.1%	100.0%
Total	42.7%	37.5%	10.9%	6.3%	2.6%	100.0%

21. I have someone to talk to if I'm worried about safer sex and HIV.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	I have someone to talk to if I'm worried about safer sex and HIV.					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
London	42.4%	37.4%	10.0%	7.3%	2.9%	100.0%
South West	41.3%	38.0%	11.5%	6.0%	3.3%	100.0%
South Central	35.6%	36.8%	11.5%	10.5%	5.6%	100.0%
South East Coast	36.3%	36.6%	13.3%	9.2%	4.6%	100.0%
East of England	40.3%	35.7%	10.4%	9.5%	4.2%	100.0%
East Midlands	40.3%	37.7%	9.9%	8.3%	3.8%	100.0%
West Midlands	43.6%	33.6%	11.6%	7.5%	3.7%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	44.0%	33.4%	10.8%	8.6%	3.2%	100.0%
North West	41.0%	36.7%	10.4%	9.2%	2.8%	100.0%
North East	40.8%	30.8%	8.9%	14.2%	5.3%	100.0%
Total	41.3%	36.3%	10.7%	8.2%	3.5%	100.0%

22. If I wanted to know something about safer sex or HIV, I'd know how to find the answer.

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	If I wanted to know something about safer sex or HIV, I'd know how to find the answer.					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
London	56.8%	32.9%	5.6%	2.4%	2.3%	100.0%
South West	51.4%	37.8%	6.9%	2.1%	1.7%	100.0%
South Central	52.0%	37.2%	6.8%	1.2%	2.8%	100.0%
South East Coast	47.8%	37.9%	9.2%	3.6%	1.5%	100.0%
East of England	53.1%	36.6%	6.2%	3.3%	.9%	100.0%
East Midlands	49.2%	39.9%	7.7%	2.9%	.3%	100.0%
West Midlands	54.6%	33.8%	6.4%	2.0%	3.3%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	55.2%	34.5%	7.3%	1.7%	1.3%	100.0%
North West	52.4%	36.5%	7.0%	2.2%	2.0%	100.0%
North East	47.3%	37.9%	5.9%	4.1%	4.7%	100.0%
Total	53.7%	35.3%	6.5%	2.4%	2.0%	100.0%

23. How easy do you find it to decline sexual contact from other men?

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Ease of declining sexual contact from other men				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
London	36.8%	41.3%	17.4%	4.5%	100.0%
South West	31.9%	44.9%	16.3%	6.9%	100.0%
South Central	34.4%	41.2%	19.5%	5.0%	100.0%
South East Coast	30.4%	42.7%	20.5%	6.4%	100.0%
East of England	34.8%	41.2%	18.1%	5.9%	100.0%
East Midlands	36.7%	43.5%	15.0%	4.8%	100.0%
West Midlands	31.8%	39.7%	22.6%	5.9%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	36.2%	41.4%	17.2%	5.2%	100.0%
North West	34.5%	40.6%	20.1%	4.8%	100.0%
North East	36.1%	40.2%	19.5%	4.1%	100.0%
Total	34.9%	41.6%	18.3%	5.2%	100.0%

24. How easy is it for you to have safer sex during sexual encounters?

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Ease of having safer sex during sexual encounters				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
London	52.7%	36.6%	8.7%	1.9%	100.0%
South West	48.9%	39.3%	9.6%	2.1%	100.0%
South Central	49.5%	39.9%	8.0%	2.5%	100.0%
South East Coast	47.6%	39.4%	10.2%	2.8%	100.0%
East of England	53.1%	35.9%	7.5%	3.5%	100.0%
East Midlands	52.7%	37.4%	8.3%	1.6%	100.0%
West Midlands	52.9%	35.3%	9.2%	2.6%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	50.4%	39.0%	8.2%	2.4%	100.0%
North West	52.2%	37.1%	9.4%	1.4%	100.0%
North East	55.0%	33.7%	10.7%	.6%	100.0%
Total	51.7%	37.3%	8.8%	2.2%	100.0%

25. How easy is it for you to negotiate the sex that you want?

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Ease of negotiating sex that is wanted				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
London	38.3%	49.2%	11.1%	1.5%	100.0%
South West	35.7%	49.5%	12.7%	2.1%	100.0%
South Central	32.2%	49.8%	15.2%	2.8%	100.0%
South East Coast	33.5%	54.0%	10.5%	2.0%	100.0%
East of England	37.9%	46.7%	11.9%	3.5%	100.0%
East Midlands	41.9%	47.3%	9.9%	1.0%	100.0%
West Midlands	38.2%	48.5%	10.3%	3.1%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	35.6%	48.3%	13.6%	2.6%	100.0%
North West	39.4%	47.4%	10.8%	2.4%	100.0%
North East	37.3%	49.1%	11.2%	2.4%	100.0%
Total	37.4%	49.0%	11.5%	2.1%	100.0%

26. How easy is it for you to maintain condom use in your sexual encounters?

% within Strategic Health Authority of residence

	Ease of maintaining condom use in sexual encounters				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
London	47.4%	37.1%	12.3%	3.2%	100.0%
South West	44.3%	41.5%	11.3%	2.9%	100.0%
South Central	41.8%	39.9%	13.0%	5.3%	100.0%
South East Coast	44.2%	38.4%	13.6%	3.8%	100.0%
East of England	48.2%	35.5%	11.0%	5.3%	100.0%
East Midlands	48.9%	34.5%	15.3%	1.3%	100.0%
West Midlands	44.3%	37.9%	12.7%	5.0%	100.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	46.8%	38.1%	12.3%	2.8%	100.0%
North West	43.2%	39.8%	14.1%	2.8%	100.0%
North East	47.3%	36.7%	13.0%	3.0%	100.0%
Total	46.0%	37.9%	12.6%	3.5%	100.0%

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