

Vital Statistics 2007 The UK Gay Men's Sex Survey

Area Sub-samples Data Report (January 2009: Version 2)

West Midlands Strategic Health Authority (n=456)

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. There is a data report for each Strategic Health Authority (SHA) in England, with men grouped according to their Primary Care Trust (PCT) of residence. There are also whole country reports for England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, with men grouped according to their region 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 websites.

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 PCT appear as a row (horizontal line) in the tables. The bottom row of each table gives the result for the entire SHA. The first table shows the number of men recruited to the survey living in PCT areas and the size of the sub-samples in the rest of the tables. PCT areas with fewer than 20 men in the sample are reported as "all other men". Some adjoining PCT areas are amalgamated where respondents cannot be allocated to an individual PCT area. 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

1a. Primary Care Trust (PCT) area of residence.

	Frequency	Percent
Heart of Birmingham Teaching or Birmingham East & North or South Birmingham (all merged)	148	32.5
Coventry Teaching	37	8.1
Warwickshire	33	7.2
Worcestershire	31	6.8
South Staffordshire	24	5.3
Sandwell	24	5.3
Wolverhampton City	23	5.0
Telford and Wrekin	19	4.2
Shropshire County	18	3.9
Dudley	18	3.9
Stoke on Trent	17	3.7
North or South Staffordshire (PCT Unknown)	15	3.3
Walsall Teaching	14	3.1
Solihull Care Trust	12	2.6
North Staffordshire	10	2.2
Herefordshire	7	1.5
PCT area unknown	6	1.3
Total	456	100.0

1b. Web and booklet sample sizes by PCT area of residence.

Count

	Distribution method		Total
	Web	Booklet	
South Staffordshire	15	9	24
Wolverhampton City	14	9	23
Sandwell	11	13	24
All Birmingham (merged)	100	48	148
Coventry Teaching	20	17	37
Worcestershire	19	12	31
Warwickshire	17	16	33
All other West Midlands SHA men	71	65	136
Total	267	189	456

2. Age groups.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Age in 10s					Total
	<20	20s	30s	40s	50+	
South Staffordshire	4.2%	25.0%	20.8%	37.5%	12.5%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	8.7%	60.9%	13.0%	8.7%	8.7%	100.0%
Sandwell	8.3%	20.8%	8.3%	41.7%	20.8%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	4.1%	34.5%	33.1%	17.6%	10.8%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	24.3%	35.1%	24.3%	13.5%	2.7%	100.0%
Worcestershire	9.7%	29.0%	19.4%	19.4%	22.6%	100.0%
Warwickshire	18.2%	42.4%	12.1%	24.2%	3.0%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	11.0%	24.3%	25.0%	25.0%	14.7%	100.0%
Total	9.6%	31.8%	24.6%	21.9%	12.1%	100.0%

3. Age averages.

Age

Demog - PCT area of residence	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
South Staffordshire	39.00	19	76	38.83	14.209
Wolverhampton City	25.00	17	57	29.22	10.291
Sandwell	40.50	16	71	40.00	13.825
All Birmingham (merged)	34.00	16	68	34.34	10.928
Coventry Teaching	24.00	15	52	27.92	10.194
Worcestershire	36.00	17	59	36.45	13.142
Warwickshire	26.00	16	51	29.03	10.664
All other West Midlands SHA men	36.50	16	67	35.99	12.670
Total	33.00	15	76	34.35	12.223

4. Ethnicity in 6 groups.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Ethnicity						Total
	White other	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White British	
South Staffordshire						100.0%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	13.0%		4.3%		4.3%	78.3%	100.0%
Sandwell				4.2%		95.8%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	7.4%	3.4%	6.8%	2.7%	4.1%	75.7%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	16.2%			2.7%		81.1%	100.0%
Worcestershire						100.0%	100.0%
Warwickshire	6.1%					93.9%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	1.5%	.7%	2.2%	1.5%	1.5%	92.6%	100.0%
Total	5.3%	1.3%	3.1%	1.8%	2.0%	86.6%	100.0%

5. Sexual identity.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Sexual identity				Total
	Gay	Bisexual	I don't usually use a term	Any other term	
South Staffordshire	87.5%	8.3%	4.2%		100.0%
Wolverhampton City	95.7%		4.3%		100.0%
Sandwell	79.2%	20.8%			100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	83.1%	10.1%	5.4%	1.4%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	73.0%	21.6%	2.7%	2.7%	100.0%
Worcestershire	77.4%	16.1%	6.5%		100.0%
Warwickshire	81.8%	18.2%			100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	83.1%	12.5%	3.7%	.7%	100.0%
Total	82.5%	12.7%	3.9%	.9%	100.0%

6. Gender of sexual partners in the last year.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Gender of sexual partners				Total
	No one	Women only	Both men and women	Men only	
South Staffordshire	4.2%		12.5%	83.3%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	4.3%		8.7%	87.0%	100.0%
Sandwell	20.8%		12.5%	66.7%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	6.8%	.7%	6.8%	85.8%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	8.1%	5.4%	8.1%	78.4%	100.0%
Worcestershire	12.9%	3.2%	6.5%	77.4%	100.0%
Warwickshire	9.1%	3.0%	9.1%	78.8%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	3.7%	.7%	8.1%	87.5%	100.0%
Total	7.0%	1.3%	8.1%	83.6%	100.0%

7. Marriage / civil partnership status.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Legal partnership status			Total
	in a civil partnership with a man	in a marriage with a woman	in neither of these	
South Staffordshire	4.2%	12.5%	83.3%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	4.3%		95.7%	100.0%
Sandwell	4.2%	8.3%	87.5%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	6.1%	1.4%	92.6%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching		2.7%	97.3%	100.0%
Worcestershire	9.7%	16.1%	74.2%	100.0%
Warwickshire	6.1%	3.0%	90.9%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	2.2%	5.2%	92.6%	100.0%
Total	4.4%	4.6%	91.0%	100.0%

8. Sero-discordancy with male regular partner.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	HIV serodiscordancy with male partner			Total
	Not in sero-discordant relationship	In sero-discordant relationship	Don't know if sero-discordant	
South Staffordshire	83.3%		16.7%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	87.0%		13.0%	100.0%
Sandwell	75.0%	8.3%	16.7%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	81.1%	11.5%	7.4%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	86.5%		13.5%	100.0%
Worcestershire	93.5%		6.5%	100.0%
Warwickshire	93.9%		6.1%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	88.2%	4.4%	7.4%	100.0%
Total	85.5%	5.5%	9.0%	100.0%

HIV TESTING & HEPATITIS SUSCEPTIBILITY

9. HIV testing history.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	HIV testing history			Total
	Never tested	Tested negative	Tested positive	
South Staffordshire	45.8%	45.8%	8.3%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	39.1%	60.9%		100.0%
Sandwell	37.5%	50.0%	12.5%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	28.4%	55.4%	16.2%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	43.2%	54.1%	2.7%	100.0%
Worcestershire	45.2%	48.4%	6.5%	100.0%
Warwickshire	48.5%	48.5%	3.0%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	40.0%	48.9%	11.1%	100.0%
Total	37.6%	51.9%	10.5%	100.0%

10. Hepatitis B susceptibility.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Hepatitis B susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
South Staffordshire	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	56.5%	43.5%	100.0%
Sandwell	45.8%	54.2%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	47.3%	52.7%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	54.1%	45.9%	100.0%
Worcestershire	54.8%	45.2%	100.0%
Warwickshire	69.7%	30.3%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	52.2%	47.8%	100.0%
Total	52.0%	48.0%	100.0%

11. Hepatitis A susceptibility.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Hepatitis A susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
South Staffordshire	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	87.0%	13.0%	100.0%
Sandwell	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	77.7%	22.3%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	81.1%	18.9%	100.0%
Worcestershire	83.9%	16.1%	100.0%
Warwickshire	60.6%	39.4%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	69.1%	30.9%	100.0%
Total	75.2%	24.8%	100.0%

SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

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

% within Demog - PCT area 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	
South Staffordshire	4.2%	37.5%	29.2%	12.5%	16.7%		100.0%
Wolverhampton City	4.3%	47.8%	26.1%	8.7%	13.0%		100.0%
Sandwell	20.8%	25.0%	16.7%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	7.5%	14.4%	18.5%	30.1%	15.8%	13.7%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	13.5%	21.6%	27.0%	13.5%	13.5%	10.8%	100.0%
Worcestershire	16.1%	19.4%	32.3%	9.7%	16.1%	6.5%	100.0%
Warwickshire	12.1%	15.2%	42.4%	27.3%	3.0%		100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	4.4%	22.1%	27.9%	19.9%	11.0%	14.7%	100.0%
Total	8.4%	21.1%	25.6%	21.1%	13.0%	10.8%	100.0%

13. Met new male sexual partner/s in last year (among those who had any male partners).

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Met new male partner		Total
	No	Yes	
South Staffordshire	26.1%	73.9%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	40.9%	59.1%	100.0%
Sandwell	26.3%	73.7%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	16.2%	83.8%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	12.5%	87.5%	100.0%
Worcestershire	15.4%	84.6%	100.0%
Warwickshire	3.4%	96.6%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	21.5%	78.5%	100.0%
Total	18.9%	81.1%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	UAI with partners of unknown or discordant status				Total
	Not done	Insertive only	Receptive only	Both Insertive and Receptive	
South Staffordshire	69.6%	8.7%	8.7%	13.0%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	68.2%	4.5%	13.6%	13.6%	100.0%
Sandwell	72.7%	4.5%	9.1%	13.6%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	72.2%	7.6%	11.1%	9.0%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	74.3%	5.7%	2.9%	17.1%	100.0%
Worcestershire	82.8%		6.9%	10.3%	100.0%
Warwickshire	68.8%	9.4%	15.6%	6.3%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	78.0%	6.8%	5.3%	9.8%	100.0%
Total	74.3%	6.6%	8.7%	10.5%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	HIV transmission risk in last year		Total
	No	Yes	
South Staffordshire	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	73.9%	26.1%	100.0%
Sandwell	58.3%	41.7%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	62.2%	37.8%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	67.6%	32.4%	100.0%
Worcestershire	87.1%	12.9%	100.0%
Warwickshire	60.6%	39.4%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	71.3%	28.7%	100.0%
Total	67.5%	32.5%	100.0%

HEALTH NEEDS

16. Ever heard of PEP.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Heard of PEP		Total
	No	Yes	
South Staffordshire	41.7%	58.3%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	56.5%	43.5%	100.0%
Sandwell	41.7%	58.3%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	41.2%	58.8%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	56.8%	43.2%	100.0%
Worcestershire	71.0%	29.0%	100.0%
Warwickshire	54.5%	45.5%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	52.2%	47.8%	100.0%
Total	49.6%	50.4%	100.0%

17. Any concern about your alcohol use.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Any concern about alcohol use		Total
	No	Yes	
South Staffordshire	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	100.0%		100.0%
Sandwell	86.4%	13.6%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	92.6%	7.4%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	94.6%	5.4%	100.0%
Worcestershire	87.1%	12.9%	100.0%
Warwickshire	93.9%	6.1%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	93.4%	6.6%	100.0%
Total	91.9%	8.1%	100.0%

18. Any concern about your drug use.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Any concern about drug use		Total
	No	Yes	
South Staffordshire	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	82.6%	17.4%	100.0%
Sandwell	95.5%	4.5%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	90.5%	9.5%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	94.6%	5.4%	100.0%
Worcestershire	90.3%	9.7%	100.0%
Warwickshire	97.0%	3.0%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	93.4%	6.6%	100.0%
Total	91.6%	8.4%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Sometimes rather risk HIV transmission than use a condom					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
South Staffordshire		16.7%	8.3%	12.5%	62.5%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	8.7%	4.3%	8.7%	8.7%	69.6%	100.0%
Sandwell	4.2%	8.3%	8.3%	29.2%	50.0%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	4.7%	8.8%	8.8%	20.3%	57.4%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching		10.8%	2.7%	16.2%	70.3%	100.0%
Worcestershire			6.5%	19.4%	74.2%	100.0%
Warwickshire		3.0%	15.2%	15.2%	66.7%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	2.2%	5.9%	5.1%	24.3%	62.5%	100.0%
Total	2.9%	7.2%	7.5%	20.2%	62.3%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	I can talk to my friends about safer sex and HIV					Total
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
South Staffordshire	41.7%	29.2%	20.8%	4.2%	4.2%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	43.5%	26.1%	17.4%	8.7%	4.3%	100.0%
Sandwell	33.3%	50.0%	4.2%	8.3%	4.2%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	43.2%	36.5%	14.9%	4.7%	.7%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	29.7%	37.8%	10.8%	13.5%	8.1%	100.0%
Worcestershire	29.0%	35.5%	19.4%	12.9%	3.2%	100.0%
Warwickshire	48.5%	27.3%	18.2%	6.1%		100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	48.5%	28.7%	14.7%	5.1%	2.9%	100.0%
Total	42.5%	33.3%	14.9%	6.6%	2.6%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area 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	
South Staffordshire	50.0%	37.5%	8.3%	4.2%		100.0%
Wolverhampton City	47.8%	26.1%	13.0%	8.7%	4.3%	100.0%
Sandwell	41.7%	41.7%		16.7%		100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	48.6%	27.7%	12.8%	6.8%	4.1%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	37.8%	35.1%	18.9%	5.4%	2.7%	100.0%
Worcestershire	25.8%	45.2%	12.9%	6.5%	9.7%	100.0%
Warwickshire	45.5%	30.3%	15.2%	6.1%	3.0%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	41.9%	36.8%	9.6%	8.1%	3.7%	100.0%
Total	43.6%	33.6%	11.6%	7.5%	3.7%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area 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	
South Staffordshire	58.3%	33.3%	8.3%			100.0%
Wolverhampton City	47.8%	43.5%	8.7%			100.0%
Sandwell	37.5%	50.0%	8.3%		4.2%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	57.4%	35.1%	3.4%	1.4%	2.7%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	51.4%	37.8%	8.1%	2.7%		100.0%
Worcestershire	58.1%	12.9%	16.1%	9.7%	3.2%	100.0%
Warwickshire	51.5%	33.3%	12.1%	3.0%		100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	55.9%	31.6%	4.4%	1.5%	6.6%	100.0%
Total	54.6%	33.8%	6.4%	2.0%	3.3%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Ease of declining sexual contact from other men				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
South Staffordshire	37.5%	41.7%	12.5%	8.3%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	43.5%	30.4%	17.4%	8.7%	100.0%
Sandwell	37.5%	33.3%	29.2%		100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	27.0%	48.0%	20.3%	4.7%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	29.7%	35.1%	29.7%	5.4%	100.0%
Worcestershire	35.5%	29.0%	32.3%	3.2%	100.0%
Warwickshire	24.2%	39.4%	27.3%	9.1%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	34.6%	36.8%	21.3%	7.4%	100.0%
Total	31.8%	39.7%	22.6%	5.9%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Ease of having safer sex during sexual encounters				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
South Staffordshire	41.7%	37.5%	12.5%	8.3%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	52.2%	30.4%	8.7%	8.7%	100.0%
Sandwell	41.7%	45.8%	12.5%		100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	50.7%	40.5%	6.8%	2.0%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	48.6%	35.1%	16.2%		100.0%
Worcestershire	51.6%	45.2%	3.2%		100.0%
Warwickshire	54.5%	36.4%	3.0%	6.1%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	60.3%	25.7%	11.8%	2.2%	100.0%
Total	52.9%	35.3%	9.2%	2.6%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Ease of negotiating sex that is wanted				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
South Staffordshire	33.3%	33.3%	20.8%	12.5%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	43.5%	43.5%	13.0%		100.0%
Sandwell	25.0%	45.8%	25.0%	4.2%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	40.5%	52.7%	4.7%	2.0%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	32.4%	48.6%	16.2%	2.7%	100.0%
Worcestershire	29.0%	58.1%	12.9%		100.0%
Warwickshire	24.2%	57.6%	9.1%	9.1%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	44.9%	43.4%	9.6%	2.2%	100.0%
Total	38.2%	48.5%	10.3%	3.1%	100.0%

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

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Ease of maintaining condom use in sexual encounters				Total
	Very easy	Quite easy	Quite difficult	Very difficult	
South Staffordshire	41.7%	29.2%	16.7%	12.5%	100.0%
Wolverhampton City	30.4%	39.1%	13.0%	17.4%	100.0%
Sandwell	37.5%	33.3%	25.0%	4.2%	100.0%
All Birmingham (merged)	41.2%	44.6%	11.5%	2.7%	100.0%
Coventry Teaching	48.6%	29.7%	16.2%	5.4%	100.0%
Worcestershire	41.9%	41.9%	12.9%	3.2%	100.0%
Warwickshire	39.4%	42.4%	12.1%	6.1%	100.0%
All other West Midlands SHA men	52.2%	33.1%	10.3%	4.4%	100.0%
Total	44.3%	37.9%	12.7%	5.0%	100.0%

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