

A close-up, artistic photograph of a man's face, focusing on the nose, lips, and chin. The image is rendered in a monochromatic color palette of various shades of pink, magenta, and red, with soft lighting and a shallow depth of field. The man's eyes are closed, and his expression is neutral. The background is a solid, dark magenta color.

**VITAL  
STATISTICS**  
MEN'S SEX SURVEY 2004

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

**VITAL STATISTICS** is a UK-wide survey happening throughout the summer of 2004. It is being distributed in this booklet form by health educators and gay organisations.

It is also possible to complete the survey online at [www.sigmasurvey.org.uk](http://www.sigmasurvey.org.uk). A **Spanish** language version is also available at [www.sigmaspanish.org.uk](http://www.sigmaspanish.org.uk)

**Please fill in this survey (either booklet or online) once only this summer. Return this booklet by 30 September 2004.**

**Thanks for your help.**



## ABOUT YOU

### 1 Which country do you currently live in? (tick one)

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Elsewhere

(This research is for men resident in the UK, if you are not currently residing in the UK please do not complete this survey)

### 2 Which Local Authority do you live in?

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The local authority bills you for council tax. 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

### 3 What term do you usually use to describe yourself sexually? (tick one)

- Gay
- Bisexual
- I don't usually use a term
- Other – **say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 What is your ethnic group? (tick one)

White  British  
 Irish  
 Any other White background  
**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed  White and Black Caribbean  
 White and Black African  
 White and Asian  
 Any other mixed background  
**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

Asian or Asian British  Indian  
 Pakistani  
 Bangladeshi  
 Any other Asian background  
**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

Black or Black British  Caribbean  
 African  
 Any other Black background  
**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

Other ethnic groups  Chinese  
 Any other ethnic group  
**say what:** \_\_\_\_\_



**5 Which is your country of birth?** (tick one)

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Republic of Ireland
- Elsewhere ... **(Write the current name of the country below)**

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**6 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 – **say what:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7 How many YEARS of full-time education have you had since the age of 16?** (tick one)

- None
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 to 5 years
- 6 or more years

**8 How old are you?**  years

**9 What religion were you brought up in? (tick one)**

- No religion → NOW GO TO QUESTION 11
- Christianity
- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Judaism
- Islam
- Sikhism
- Other religion – say what: \_\_\_\_\_

**10 What is the branch (denomination or sect) of the religion you were brought up in?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**11 What is your current religion? (tick one)**

- No religion → NOW GO TO QUESTION 14
- Christianity
- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Judaism
- Islam
- Sikhism
- Other religion – say what: \_\_\_\_\_

**12 What is the branch (denomination or sect) of your current religion?**

\_\_\_\_\_



**13 Do you currently practise that religion?**

- No  
 Yes

**14 Do you currently have one (or more) REGULAR male sexual partner(s)?** (tick one)

- No → NOW GO TO QUESTION 16  
 Yes, one regular male partner  
 Yes, two or more regular male partners

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

(If you have more than one regular partner tell us about your main partner) (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

**16 Do you have any long-term ILLNESS, HEALTH PROBLEM or DISABILITY which limits your daily activities or the work you can do?**

- No  
 Yes – **say what:** \_\_\_\_\_



## ABOUT HIV TESTING...

### 17 Have you ever received an HIV test result? (tick one)

- No, I've never tested for HIV → NOW GO TO QUESTION 21
- Yes, my last test was negative
- Yes, I've tested positive

### 18 When was your most recent HIV test result? (tick one)

- In the last year
- In the last five years
- More than five years ago

### 19 Where did you go for your last HIV test? (tick one)

- GP surgery / local doctor
- GUM, STD or sexual health clinic
- Private health care clinic
- I used a home testing kit
- Other – **say where:** \_\_\_\_\_



**20 Have you had sex with a risk of HIV transmission since your last HIV test?**

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

**21 What do you believe your HIV status is currently?** (tick one)

- Definitely HIV positive
- Probably HIV positive
- Couldn't say / don't know
- Probably HIV negative
- Definitely HIV negative

## ABOUT THE SEX YOU'VE HAD IN THE LAST YEAR...

**22 In the last year have you had sex with...?** (tick one)

- No one → NOW GO TO QUESTION 31
- Women only → NOW GO TO QUESTION 31
- Men only
- Both men and women

**23 In total, how many MEN have you had sex with in the last year?**

(tick one)

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

**24 Have you PAID money for sex with a man in the last year?**

- No → NOW GO TO QUESTION 27
- Yes

**25 How many TIMES have you PAID money for sex with a man in the last year?** (tick one)

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



**26 Where or how did you find the men you PAID money for sex in the last year?** (tick as many as apply)

- Gay press adverts / classifieds
- Local newspaper / magazine classifieds
- Phone boxes / graffiti / shop windows
- Gay web-sites (personals / profiles / chat)
- Escort / masseur web-sites
- Escort agencies / brothels
- Telephone chat lines
- Public spaces (eg. street / cruising ground / arcades etc)
- Gay bars and clubs
- Saunas
- Personal recommendations
- Other – **say where or how:** \_\_\_\_\_

**27 Have you BEEN PAID money for sex with a man in the last year?**

- No → NOW GO TO QUESTION 30
- Yes

**28 How many TIMES have you BEEN PAID money for sex with a man in the last year?** (tick one)

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

**29 Where or how did you find the men who PAID YOU money for sex in the last year?** (tick as many as apply)

- Gay press adverts / classifieds
- Local newspaper / magazine classifieds
- Phone boxes / graffiti / shop windows
- Gay web-sites (personals / profiles / chat)
- Escort / masseur web-sites
- Escort agencies / brothels
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- Public spaces (eg. street / cruising ground / arcades etc)
- Gay bars and clubs
- Saunas
- Personal recommendations
- Other – **say where or how:** \_\_\_\_\_



## ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS

**30** Tick a box to show whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

- *The sex I have is always as safe as I want it to be.*

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *I find it easy to say 'no' to sex I don't want.*

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *I sometimes feel lonely.*

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *I sometimes worry about how much I drink.*

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *I sometimes worry about my recreational drug use.*

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree

- *I'm happy with what I know about HIV.*

- strongly agree
- agree
- not sure
- disagree
- strongly disagree



**31 WHEN was the last time you had a check-up for sexually transmitted infections (other than HIV)? (tick one)**

- I've never had a check-up → NOW GO TO QUESTION 33
- In the last year
- In the last five years
- More than five years ago

**32 WHERE was your last check-up for sexually transmitted infections? (tick one)**

- GP surgery / local doctor
- GUM, STD or sexual health clinic
- Private health care clinic
- HIV clinic
- Other – **say where:** \_\_\_\_\_



## ABOUT LEARNING MORE

### 33 Would you like to know more about sexual health and HIV?

- No → NOW GO TO QUESTION 36  
 Yes

### 34 How would you PERSONALLY like to learn more...?

(tick as many as apply)

- Reading adverts in the gay and HIV press  
 Reading articles in the gay and HIV press  
 Reading posters in gay venues  
 Reading booklets, leaflets and postcards  
 Reading newsletters  
 From web sites  
 Talking to a health worker at a health promotion service or AIDS charity  
 Talking to a health worker at a GUM / STD or HIV clinic  
 Talking to a health worker at a GP surgery / local doctor  
 Talking to health worker on the gay scene or at a sauna or cruising ground  
 Talking to a health worker on a telephone helpline  
 Talking to health worker in an internet chat room  
 Taking part in a group or workshop  
 Other – say how: \_\_\_\_\_

### 35 For you, what is the most important characteristic or quality of someone giving you information or advice about HIV?

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## AND FINALLY...

**36 Would this survey have been easier for you in another language?**

No → NOW GO TO QUESTION 38

Yes

**37 Which language would you have preferred?**

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**38 Have you filled in this survey already this summer?**

(Either online or in written form)

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?**

