

# Vital Statistics 2007 The UK Gay Men's Sex Survey

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

### East of England Strategic Health Authority (n=454)

**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](http://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](http://www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/files/VS2007booklet.pdf)

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## SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

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

	Frequency	Percent
Norfolk	61	13.4
Cambridgeshire	56	12.3
West or Mid or N.E. or S.W. or SE. Essex (PCT Unknown)	46	10.1
North East Essex	37	8.1
South West Essex	34	7.5
Mid Essex	30	6.6
South East Essex	29	6.4
Bedfordshire	28	6.2
Suffolk	25	5.5
East & North Hertfordshire	24	5.3
Luton Teaching	21	4.6
West Hertfordshire	17	3.7
West Essex	17	3.7
Peterborough	14	3.1
West Hertfordshire or East & North Hertfordshire ( PCT Unknown)	9	2.0
Great Yarmouth and Waveney Teaching	6	1.3
Total	454	100.0

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

Count

	Distribution method		Total
	Web	Booklet	
Norfolk	30	31	61
Cambridgeshire	38	18	56
Suffolk	12	13	25
Bedfordshire	20	8	28
Luton Teaching	14	7	21
East & North Hertfordshire	20	4	24
Mid Essex	5	25	30
North East Essex	10	27	37
South West Essex	16	18	34
South East Essex	10	19	29
All other East of England SHA men	50	59	109
Total	225	229	454

## 2. Age groups.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Age in 10s					Total
	<20	20s	30s	40s	50+	
Norfolk	8.2%	26.2%	31.1%	9.8%	24.6%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	10.7%	44.6%	19.6%	14.3%	10.7%	100.0%
Suffolk	8.0%	28.0%	28.0%	8.0%	28.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	7.1%	35.7%	32.1%	25.0%		100.0%
Luton Teaching	19.0%	28.6%	19.0%	23.8%	9.5%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	8.3%	45.8%	16.7%	16.7%	12.5%	100.0%
Mid Essex	10.0%	56.7%	20.0%	13.3%		100.0%
North East Essex	8.1%	32.4%	27.0%	16.2%	16.2%	100.0%
South West Essex	23.5%	29.4%	20.6%	8.8%	17.6%	100.0%
South East Essex	13.8%	34.5%	34.5%	13.8%	3.4%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	11.0%	35.8%	23.9%	19.3%	10.1%	100.0%
Total	11.2%	35.9%	24.9%	15.4%	12.6%	100.0%

## 3. Age averages.

Age

Demog - PCT area of residence	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Norfolk	33.00	15	78	37.00	14.849
Cambridgeshire	28.50	17	70	32.59	13.309
Suffolk	32.00	17	72	37.16	15.104
Bedfordshire	35.00	19	49	33.29	8.480
Luton Teaching	30.00	17	57	33.05	12.249
East & North Hertfordshire	27.50	18	55	32.00	11.478
Mid Essex	26.50	18	49	28.63	8.194
North East Essex	31.00	18	69	34.81	13.364
South West Essex	28.00	16	64	31.71	13.796
South East Essex	30.00	16	61	31.38	10.359
All other East of England SHA men	30.00	16	85	33.22	13.505
Total	30.00	15	85	33.39	12.951

#### 4. Ethnicity in 6 groups.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Ethnicity						Total
	White other	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White British	
Norfolk	6.7%			5.0%		88.3%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	14.5%		3.6%	1.8%	1.8%	78.2%	100.0%
Suffolk	8.0%			4.0%	4.0%	84.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	3.6%		3.6%			92.9%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	23.8%	4.8%		4.8%	4.8%	61.9%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	8.3%					91.7%	100.0%
Mid Essex	3.3%					96.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	8.1%				2.7%	89.2%	100.0%
South West Essex	2.9%	5.9%				91.2%	100.0%
South East Essex	6.9%					93.1%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	6.5%	.9%	2.8%	3.7%	1.9%	84.3%	100.0%
Total	8.0%	.9%	1.3%	2.2%	1.3%	86.3%	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	
Norfolk	78.7%	16.4%	3.3%	1.6%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	87.5%	8.9%	1.8%	1.8%	100.0%
Suffolk	80.0%	8.0%	12.0%		100.0%
Bedfordshire	92.9%		7.1%		100.0%
Luton Teaching	81.0%	9.5%	4.8%	4.8%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	91.7%		8.3%		100.0%
Mid Essex	76.7%	23.3%			100.0%
North East Essex	70.3%	21.6%	8.1%		100.0%
South West Essex	82.4%	14.7%	2.9%		100.0%
South East Essex	82.8%	10.3%	3.4%	3.4%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	78.0%	16.5%	2.8%	2.8%	100.0%
Total	81.1%	13.2%	4.2%	1.5%	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	
Norfolk	13.1%		13.1%	73.8%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	8.9%	1.8%		89.3%	100.0%
Suffolk	12.0%	4.0%	12.0%	72.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	7.1%			92.9%	100.0%
Luton Teaching			4.8%	95.2%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	4.2%		4.2%	91.7%	100.0%
Mid Essex		6.7%	6.7%	86.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	2.7%	2.7%	21.6%	73.0%	100.0%
South West Essex	8.8%		8.8%	82.4%	100.0%
South East Essex	10.3%		3.4%	86.2%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	11.9%	1.8%	8.3%	78.0%	100.0%
Total	8.6%	1.5%	7.9%	81.9%	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	
Norfolk	5.0%	10.0%	85.0%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	14.5%		85.5%	100.0%
Suffolk		4.0%	96.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	10.7%		89.3%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	14.3%	4.8%	81.0%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire		4.2%	95.8%	100.0%
Mid Essex		3.3%	96.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	2.7%	10.8%	86.5%	100.0%
South West Essex		2.9%	97.1%	100.0%
South East Essex	6.9%		93.1%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	3.7%	5.6%	90.7%	100.0%
Total	5.3%	4.7%	90.0%	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	
Norfolk	91.8%	1.6%	6.6%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	83.9%	8.9%	7.1%	100.0%
Suffolk	92.0%		8.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	96.4%	3.6%		100.0%
Luton Teaching	95.2%		4.8%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	87.5%	4.2%	8.3%	100.0%
Mid Essex	83.3%	3.3%	13.3%	100.0%
North East Essex	86.5%	5.4%	8.1%	100.0%
South West Essex	88.2%		11.8%	100.0%
South East Essex	79.3%	13.8%	6.9%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	87.2%	5.5%	7.3%	100.0%
Total	87.9%	4.6%	7.5%	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	
Norfolk	41.0%	54.1%	4.9%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	30.4%	66.1%	3.6%	100.0%
Suffolk	32.0%	60.0%	8.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	46.4%	46.4%	7.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	28.6%	66.7%	4.8%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	37.5%	54.2%	8.3%	100.0%
Mid Essex	36.7%	56.7%	6.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	40.5%	56.8%	2.7%	100.0%
South West Essex	50.0%	44.1%	5.9%	100.0%
South East Essex	24.1%	65.5%	10.3%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	40.7%	51.9%	7.4%	100.0%
Total	38.0%	55.8%	6.2%	100.0%

### 10. Hepatitis B susceptibility.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Hepatitis B susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
Norfolk	55.7%	44.3%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	57.1%	42.9%	100.0%
Suffolk	44.0%	56.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	39.3%	60.7%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	28.6%	71.4%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	45.8%	54.2%	100.0%
Mid Essex	60.0%	40.0%	100.0%
North East Essex	54.1%	45.9%	100.0%
South West Essex	67.6%	32.4%	100.0%
South East Essex	41.4%	58.6%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	55.0%	45.0%	100.0%
Total	52.4%	47.6%	100.0%



## 11. Hepatitis A susceptibility.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Hepatitis A susceptibility		Total
	Susceptible	Not Susceptible	
Norfolk	82.0%	18.0%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	76.8%	23.2%	100.0%
Suffolk	64.0%	36.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	67.9%	32.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	81.0%	19.0%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	70.8%	29.2%	100.0%
Mid Essex	73.3%	26.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	67.6%	32.4%	100.0%
South West Essex	67.6%	32.4%	100.0%
South East Essex	62.1%	37.9%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	68.8%	31.2%	100.0%
Total	71.6%	28.4%	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	
Norfolk	13.1%	19.7%	29.5%	26.2%	6.6%	4.9%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	10.7%	26.8%	26.8%	21.4%	10.7%	3.6%	100.0%
Suffolk	16.0%	16.0%	28.0%	32.0%	4.0%	4.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	7.1%	25.0%	32.1%	28.6%		7.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching		23.8%	23.8%	19.0%	9.5%	23.8%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	4.2%	16.7%	50.0%	16.7%	8.3%	4.2%	100.0%
Mid Essex	6.9%	13.8%	44.8%	20.7%	6.9%	6.9%	100.0%
North East Essex	5.4%	13.5%	16.2%	29.7%	21.6%	13.5%	100.0%
South West Essex	8.8%	17.6%	26.5%	23.5%	11.8%	11.8%	100.0%
South East Essex	10.3%	20.7%	20.7%	27.6%	17.2%	3.4%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	13.8%	22.0%	32.1%	15.6%	11.0%	5.5%	100.0%
Total	10.2%	20.3%	29.8%	22.5%	10.2%	7.1%	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	
Norfolk	20.8%	79.2%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	18.4%	81.6%	100.0%
Suffolk	19.0%	81.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	19.2%	80.8%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	28.6%	71.4%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	13.0%	87.0%	100.0%
Mid Essex	14.3%	85.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	14.3%	85.7%	100.0%
South West Essex	6.5%	93.5%	100.0%
South East Essex	19.2%	80.8%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	19.1%	80.9%	100.0%
Total	17.7%	82.3%	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	
Norfolk	84.5%	1.7%	8.6%	5.2%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	85.5%	5.5%	1.8%	7.3%	100.0%
Suffolk	84.0%	8.0%		8.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	88.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	70.0%	5.0%	10.0%	15.0%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	91.7%	4.2%	4.2%		100.0%
Mid Essex	83.3%	6.7%	6.7%	3.3%	100.0%
North East Essex	78.4%	8.1%	5.4%	8.1%	100.0%
South West Essex	72.7%	12.1%	3.0%	12.1%	100.0%
South East Essex	69.0%	6.9%	13.8%	10.3%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	74.8%	6.5%	8.4%	10.3%	100.0%
Total	79.8%	6.1%	6.3%	7.9%	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	
Norfolk	83.6%	16.4%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	71.4%	28.6%	100.0%
Suffolk	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	71.4%	28.6%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	61.9%	38.1%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	79.2%	20.8%	100.0%
Mid Essex	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	78.4%	21.6%	100.0%
South West Essex	79.4%	20.6%	100.0%
South East Essex	86.2%	13.8%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	73.4%	26.6%	100.0%
Total	76.9%	23.1%	100.0%

## HEALTH NEEDS

### 16. Ever heard of PEP.

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Heard of PEP		Total
	No	Yes	
Norfolk	47.5%	52.5%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	44.6%	55.4%	100.0%
Suffolk	60.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	60.7%	39.3%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	47.6%	52.4%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%
Mid Essex	56.7%	43.3%	100.0%
North East Essex	51.4%	48.6%	100.0%
South West Essex	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%
South East Essex	51.7%	48.3%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	45.0%	55.0%	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	
Norfolk	89.8%	10.2%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	91.1%	8.9%	100.0%
Suffolk	96.0%	4.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	90.5%	9.5%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%
Mid Essex	96.7%	3.3%	100.0%
North East Essex	94.6%	5.4%	100.0%
South West Essex	94.1%	5.9%	100.0%
South East Essex	89.7%	10.3%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%
Total	92.4%	7.6%	100.0%

**18. Any concern about your drug use.**

% within Demog - PCT area of residence

	Any concern about drug use		Total
	No	Yes	
Norfolk	98.3%	1.7%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	98.2%	1.8%	100.0%
Suffolk	100.0%		100.0%
Bedfordshire	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	81.0%	19.0%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	95.8%	4.2%	100.0%
Mid Essex	93.3%	6.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	91.9%	8.1%	100.0%
South West Essex	97.1%	2.9%	100.0%
South East Essex	96.6%	3.4%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	90.6%	9.4%	100.0%
Total	94.0%	6.0%	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	
Norfolk	1.6%	6.6%		16.4%	75.4%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	1.8%	5.4%	12.5%	21.4%	58.9%	100.0%
Suffolk	8.0%	8.0%	4.0%	8.0%	72.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	7.1%		10.7%	7.1%	75.0%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	4.8%	19.0%	14.3%	19.0%	42.9%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	4.2%	8.3%	4.2%	16.7%	66.7%	100.0%
Mid Essex	13.3%			16.7%	70.0%	100.0%
North East Essex		2.7%		18.9%	78.4%	100.0%
South West Essex	5.9%	5.9%		11.8%	76.5%	100.0%
South East Essex		3.4%	10.3%	20.7%	65.5%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	7.3%	13.8%	4.6%	15.6%	58.7%	100.0%
Total	4.8%	7.5%	5.1%	16.1%	66.5%	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	
Norfolk	49.2%	32.8%	11.5%	3.3%	3.3%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	37.5%	32.1%	17.9%	7.1%	5.4%	100.0%
Suffolk	36.0%	56.0%		8.0%		100.0%
Bedfordshire	28.6%	42.9%	17.9%	3.6%	7.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	33.3%	38.1%	9.5%	14.3%	4.8%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	50.0%	37.5%	8.3%	4.2%		100.0%
Mid Essex	46.7%	30.0%	10.0%	10.0%	3.3%	100.0%
North East Essex	40.5%	37.8%	5.4%	13.5%	2.7%	100.0%
South West Essex	47.1%	32.4%	11.8%	5.9%	2.9%	100.0%
South East Essex	44.8%	44.8%	3.4%	6.9%		100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	45.9%	30.3%	10.1%	8.3%	5.5%	100.0%
Total	43.0%	35.5%	10.4%	7.5%	3.7%	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	
Norfolk	42.6%	34.4%	6.6%	9.8%	6.6%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	28.6%	46.4%	10.7%	10.7%	3.6%	100.0%
Suffolk	32.0%	56.0%	8.0%		4.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	32.1%	28.6%	17.9%	7.1%	14.3%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	23.8%	47.6%	9.5%	14.3%	4.8%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	45.8%	20.8%	20.8%	12.5%		100.0%
Mid Essex	50.0%	33.3%	10.0%	6.7%		100.0%
North East Essex	43.2%	35.1%	8.1%	8.1%	5.4%	100.0%
South West Essex	41.2%	35.3%	11.8%	5.9%	5.9%	100.0%
South East Essex	62.1%	24.1%	10.3%	3.4%		100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	41.3%	33.0%	9.2%	13.8%	2.8%	100.0%
Total	40.3%	35.7%	10.4%	9.5%	4.2%	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	
Norfolk	67.2%	23.0%	8.2%	1.6%		100.0%
Cambridgeshire	48.2%	42.9%	5.4%	3.6%		100.0%
Suffolk	44.0%	48.0%	8.0%			100.0%
Bedfordshire	42.9%	39.3%	10.7%		7.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	57.1%	19.0%	9.5%	14.3%		100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	54.2%	41.7%		4.2%		100.0%
Mid Essex	53.3%	33.3%	6.7%	3.3%	3.3%	100.0%
North East Essex	51.4%	43.2%	2.7%	2.7%		100.0%
South West Essex	44.1%	41.2%	11.8%	2.9%		100.0%
South East Essex	58.6%	34.5%	3.4%	3.4%		100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	53.2%	37.6%	4.6%	3.7%	.9%	100.0%
Total	53.1%	36.6%	6.2%	3.3%	.9%	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	
Norfolk	41.0%	34.4%	19.7%	4.9%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	32.1%	37.5%	28.6%	1.8%	100.0%
Suffolk	24.0%	44.0%	20.0%	12.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	35.7%	46.4%	7.1%	10.7%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	38.1%	33.3%	19.0%	9.5%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	25.0%	58.3%	16.7%		100.0%
Mid Essex	40.0%	36.7%	16.7%	6.7%	100.0%
North East Essex	37.8%	45.9%	13.5%	2.7%	100.0%
South West Essex	26.5%	38.2%	26.5%	8.8%	100.0%
South East Essex	34.5%	44.8%	10.3%	10.3%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	36.7%	42.2%	15.6%	5.5%	100.0%
Total	34.8%	41.2%	18.1%	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	
Norfolk	54.1%	34.4%	8.2%	3.3%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	53.6%	37.5%	8.9%		100.0%
Suffolk	48.0%	44.0%	8.0%		100.0%
Bedfordshire	57.1%	39.3%		3.6%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	42.9%	38.1%	14.3%	4.8%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	50.0%	33.3%	8.3%	8.3%	100.0%
Mid Essex	56.7%	40.0%	3.3%		100.0%
North East Essex	59.5%	37.8%		2.7%	100.0%
South West Essex	50.0%	44.1%	5.9%		100.0%
South East Essex	51.7%	41.4%	3.4%	3.4%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	53.2%	27.5%	11.9%	7.3%	100.0%
Total	53.1%	35.9%	7.5%	3.5%	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	
Norfolk	39.3%	44.3%	9.8%	6.6%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	32.1%	53.6%	14.3%		100.0%
Suffolk	40.0%	52.0%	4.0%	4.0%	100.0%
Bedfordshire	46.4%	32.1%	17.9%	3.6%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	33.3%	38.1%	19.0%	9.5%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	20.8%	66.7%	12.5%		100.0%
Mid Essex	36.7%	50.0%	13.3%		100.0%
North East Essex	51.4%	43.2%	5.4%		100.0%
South West Essex	47.1%	38.2%	11.8%	2.9%	100.0%
South East Essex	31.0%	58.6%	6.9%	3.4%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	36.7%	44.0%	13.8%	5.5%	100.0%
Total	37.9%	46.7%	11.9%	3.5%	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	
Norfolk	50.8%	29.5%	14.8%	4.9%	100.0%
Cambridgeshire	44.6%	41.1%	8.9%	5.4%	100.0%
Suffolk	32.0%	48.0%	20.0%		100.0%
Bedfordshire	50.0%	42.9%		7.1%	100.0%
Luton Teaching	38.1%	33.3%	19.0%	9.5%	100.0%
East & North Hertfordshire	45.8%	33.3%	8.3%	12.5%	100.0%
Mid Essex	53.3%	40.0%	6.7%		100.0%
North East Essex	64.9%	29.7%	2.7%	2.7%	100.0%
South West Essex	50.0%	38.2%	5.9%	5.9%	100.0%
South East Essex	41.4%	37.9%	13.8%	6.9%	100.0%
All other East of England SHA men	48.6%	31.2%	14.7%	5.5%	100.0%
Total	48.2%	35.5%	11.0%	5.3%	100.0%

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