Thank you for joining The Sigma Panel

You are reading this because you have joined The Sigma Panel and have been sent a link to this survey in an email from Sigma Research.

If you have not joined The Sigma Panel and/or have not been personally invited to complete this survey, please close this page now.

Do you want to remind yourself what the Sigma Panel is all about?

☐ No
☐ Yes

What do you want to know?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DO YOU WANT TO REMIND YOURSELF WHAT THE SIGMA PANEL IS ALL ABOUT? IS 'YES')

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What is the Panel and who funds it?
The Sigma Panel is a community based research project for gay men, bisexual men and other men who are attracted to men. It consists of 13 short surveys linked across time and is happening across England.
The Panel is funded by the Department of Health for England through the CHAPS national HIV prevention programme, co-ordinated by Terrence Higgins Trust. The information you provide will be used to help plan and evaluate national and local HIV prevention campaigns.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? ' IS 'WHAT IS THE PANEL AND WHO FUNDS IT?')

Who is the research for?
We are inviting you to take part in the research if you:

- live in England;
- are aged 16 or over;
- are sexually attracted to and/or have sex with other men;
- are able to supply an email address that we contact you on;
- and are willing to complete 13 short surveys over the next 13 months.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? ' IS 'WHO IS THE RESEARCH FOR?')

What's it about?
It asks about relationships, sex life, risks and precautions, and use of health services. One of the goals is to describe what influences the choices men make during sex.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? ' IS 'WHAT'S IT ABOUT?')

What does taking part consist of?
The research consists of this introductory survey, then (if you qualify for the research and want to take part), another 13 short surveys at monthly intervals, starting on 1st February 2011. We aim for each survey to take less than 25 minutes to complete. After the first monthly survey, all participants are randomly allocated to one of two groups. The first group will answer monthly surveys about what happens in their sex life and about the health services they use. The second group will answer monthly surveys about their views and opinions on a variety of topics related to sex and health. Everyone will be asked to take part in the same final survey in month 13.
We will ask a variety of personal questions but NOT for access to your medical records or for samples of body fluids. You may be also asked to take part in a more detailed one-to-one web based or telephone interview.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? ' IS 'WHAT DOES TAKING PART CONSIST OF?')

When will I see the results?
You will get some of the results of the surveys within a month of their completion. A report of the entire project will be published in Summer 2012. All findings will be available on the Sigma Research website.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? ' IS 'WHEN WILL I SEE THE RESULTS?')

What about data protection?
We guarantee your anonymity. We will NOT collect the IP-address of your computer or try to install any cookies on it. We will ask only for an email address we can use to invite you to take part in this research. Your email address will be used for no other purpose and we will delete them from our records at the end of the study. Your answers in future surveys will be kept separate from your email address and will be linked only through a unique code number which will be kept secure. The codes will also be deleted at the end of the study.
All survey data will be reported about groups of men. No one will be identifiable from any report.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? ' IS 'WHAT ABOUT DATA PROTECTION?')

Who is carrying out the research?
The project is a collaboration between Sigma Research and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). For the past 17 years Sigma have carried out a large number of community-based social and behavioural research projects about the impact of HIV on a variety of communities. We work closely with public
How do I find out more?
If you have any questions about the project please contact Dr Ford Hickson by emailing ford.hickson@sigmaresearch.org.uk You can learn more about Sigma Research and view our confidentiality policy at www.sigmaresearch.org.uk/privacy

Over 3,000 men have joined The Sigma Panel from all walks of life.

Do you want to read about what men said at enrolment?
- No
- Yes

All of you have told us that you are men aged 16 years or over, that you live in England, and that you are sexually attracted to at least some men. You are living in almost all areas of the country, in cities, towns and rural areas. You share a variety of households: 40% of you live alone, and 27% live with a male partner, while others are living with friends, parents, female partners, children and a range of other people (and pets). You represent a range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds in roughly the same proportions as the general population; 17% of you were not born in the UK and 14% grew up entirely outside the UK. You also represent a range of educational backgrounds and current occupations, including sizable groups of men who are students, unemployed, on long-term sick leave or retired. You represent a wide range of incomes. All of you are attracted to at least some men, and 41% are currently in a steady relationship with a man, about a quarter of which are in a Civil Partnership (or 11% of all Panel Members). 29% of you are also sexually attracted to at least some women, of which a quarter are in a steady relationship with a woman, most of whom are married (about 5% of all Panel members are married to women).

Sexuality plays a variety of roles in your lives, from being centrally important to being somewhat irrelevant to how you think about yourselves. Many of you think sexuality is important but it’s not ‘the be all and end all’. Other things that are important to how we think about ourselves include: being partners or husbands, family members and friends; being at particular stages of life, and in particular physical or mental health; our class background, education or occupation; our personalities and how we relate to other people. Together you’re expecting to be asked a wide range of questions as a member of the Panel, including your engagement in and opinions about personal relationships, well being and what makes for a good life.

You’d like an opportunity to both tell us what you do but also how you think and feel about the choices available to you. Some men are hoping to gain some personal insight through taking part in the Panel.

Instructions for Month 1

This is the first of 13 monthly surveys sent out on the 1st of every month.
This month we briefly ask you about a number of different actions or activities, if and how often you do them and broadly what you think about them.

We might ask about the same thing in more than one way, this is so we can be sure we have captured the variety of experience we know there is in the Panel members. Please bear with us if we seem to ask the same question twice.

Please try to answer all the questions if you can. However, there is only one compulsory question (‘When did you last have sex with a man?’). If you do not want to answer any other question, please leave it blank and move on to the next question.

Some questions ask when you last did something. Please say when the most recent occasion was, even if this was not typical for you.

We know sex lives can be complicated (not to say messy!). Many questions provide a box if you wish to describe your answer in more detail, and there is a box at the end of the survey to tell us what you thought.

Firstly...

Are you currently happy with your sex life?
- No
- Yes
- I’m not sure

Please tell us briefly why you say that?

What do you think your current HIV status is (whether or not you’ve ever tested for HIV)?
- Definitely negative (I don’t have HIV)
- Probably negative
- Not sure / I don’t know
- Probably positive
- Definitely positive (I do have HIV)

Have you ever received an HIV test result?
- No, I’ve never received an HIV test result
- Yes, I’ve tested positive (I have HIV infection)
- Yes, my last test was negative (I did not have HIV infection at the time of the test)
From your perspective, what are the potential **benefits** of taking an HIV test?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘No, I’ve never received an HIV test result’)

[Type your answer here]

And what are the potential **costs** of taking an HIV test?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘No, I’ve never received an HIV test result’)

[Type your answer here]

When did you **last** receive the result of an HIV test?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘No, I’ve never received an HIV test result’ or ‘Yes, my last test was negative (I did not have HIV infection at the time of the test)’)

[Please select an answer]
- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago

From your perspective, what are the potential **benefits** of taking another HIV test?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘Yes, my last test was negative (I did not have HIV infection at the time of the test)’)

[Type your answer here]

From your perspective, what are the potential **costs** of taking another HIV test?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘Yes, my last test was negative (I did not have HIV infection at the time of the test)’)

[Type your answer here]

When it comes to going for an HIV test or not, whose opinion do you pay attention to?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘No, I’ve never received an HIV test result’ or ‘Yes, my last test was negative (I did not have HIV infection at the time of the test)’)

[Type your answer here]

Do you personally know someone who is HIV positive?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘No, I’ve never received an HIV test result’ or ‘Yes, my last test was negative (I did not have HIV infection at the time of the test)’)

[ ] No
[ ] Yes

**About having HIV**

Page shown when answer to question ‘Have you ever received an HIV test result?’ is ‘Yes, I’ve tested positive (I have HIV infection)’

**In which year were you first diagnosed HIV positive?**

[Please select an answer]
- 1984
- 1985
- 1986
- 1987
- 1988
- 1989
- 1990
- 1991
- 1992
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- 1996
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- 2000
- 2001
- 2002
- 2003
- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011

When did you last see a health professional for monitoring your HIV infection?

Please say when you last did this, even if this was not typical for you.
Have you ever taken antiretroviral treatment (sometimes know as ART or HAART) for your HIV infection?

- No
- Yes

Are you currently taking antiretroviral treatment?

(Question shown when answer to question 'Have you ever taken antiretroviral treatment (sometimes know as ART or HAART) for your HIV infection?' is 'Yes')

- No
- Yes

What was the result of your viral load test the last time you had your HIV infection monitored?

(Question shown when answer to question 'When did you last see a health professional for monitoring your HIV infection? Please say when you last did this, even if this was not typical for you.' is 'Within the last 24 hours' or 'Within the last 7 days' or 'Within the last 4 weeks' or 'Within the last 6 months' or 'Within the last 12 months' or 'Within the last 5 years' or 'More than 5 years ago')

- Undetectable
- Detectable
- I was told but I don't remember the result
- It was measured but I was not told the result
- It was not measured
- I don't remember

When it comes to taking HIV treatments or not, whose opinion do you pay attention to?

[Type your answer here]

About screening for sexually transmitted infections

Have you ever had a test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) other than HIV?

- No
- Yes
- I don't know

When did you last have a test for STIs other than HIV?

(Question shown when answer to question 'Have you ever had a test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) other than HIV?' is 'Yes')

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago

Did you have any symptoms on that occasion?

(Question shown when answer to question 'Have you ever had a test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) other than HIV?' is 'Yes')

- No
- Yes
- I don't remember

About sex with men

In this survey, we use "sex" to mean physical contact to orgasm (or close to orgasm) for one or both partners. 'Sex' includes but is not limited to anal intercourse.

How many different men have you had sex with since you first had sex with men, that is, in your lifetime?

If you are not sure of the exact number, please give your best guess.

Please type a number in the space below. If you have never had sex with a man please put '0'.

[Type your answer here]
How many different men have you had sex with since your last test for sexually transmitted infections?
If you are not sure of the exact number, please give your best guess.

(Type your answer here)

When did you last have any kind of sex with a man (please include any sexual contact, not just anal intercourse)?
Please say when you last did this, even if this was not typical for you.

(Please select an answer)

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- I've never had sex with a man

Regular and casual sex partners

We divide all sex partners into ‘regular sex partners’ and ‘casual sex partners’.

‘Regular sex partners’ are people you keep having sex with (ex-regular partners are those you kept having sex with but no longer do so).

‘Casual sex partners’ are any other partners you had sex with.

We appreciate life is more complex than this, but we would like you to decide whether each of the men you have sex with are regular or casual partners. Please count each man as either a regular or a casual partner.

When did you last have any kind of sex with a regular male sex partner?

(Please select an answer)

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- I've never had a regular male sex partner

When did you last have any kind of sex with a casual male sex partner?

(Please select an answer)

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- I've never had a casual male sex partner

About January 2011

The next set of questions are just about January 2011, from 1st January to 31st January. Please take a moment now to think back to what happened that month.

Did you have sex with a man in January 2011?

(Please bear with us if we seem to be asking the same thing twice - this won't happen often.)

- No, I did not have sex with a man in January
- Yes, I had sex with a regular partner or partners only
- Yes, I had sex with both regular and casual partners
- Yes, I had sex with a casual partner or partners only

From your perspective, what were the benefits or advantages of not having had sex (with a man) in January?

(Please bear with us if we seem to be asking the same thing twice - this won't happen often.)

>Type your answer here

In this survey, we divide all sex partners into ‘regular sex partners’ and ‘casual sex partners’.

‘Regular sex partners’ are people you keep having sex with (ex-regular partners are those you kept having sex with but no longer do so).

‘Casual sex partners’ are any other partners you had sex with.
From your perspective, what were the costs or drawbacks of not having had sex (with a man) in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE SEX WITH A MAN IN JANUARY 2011? (PLEASE BEAR WITH US IF WE SEEM TO BE ASKING THE SAME THING TWICE - THIS WON'T HAPPEN OFTEN.)' IS 'NO, I DID NOT HAVE SEX WITH A MAN IN JANUARY')

[Type your answer here]

About regular male sex partners in January

PAGE SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE SEX WITH A MAN IN JANUARY 2011? (PLEASE BEAR WITH US IF WE SEEM TO BE ASKING THE SAME THING TWICE - THIS WON'T HAPPEN OFTEN.)' IS 'YES, I HAD SEX WITH A REGULAR PARTNER OR PARTNERS ONLY' OR 'YES, I HAD SEX WITH BOTH REGULAR AND CASUAL PARTNERS'

How many different regular sex partners did you have sex with in January 2011?
Do you and this regular sex partner have the same HIV status?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW MANY DIFFERENT REGULAR SEX PARTNERS DID YOU HAVE SEX WITH IN JANUARY 2011?' IS '1')

- No, one of us is HIV positive and one of us is negative
- Yes, we both have the same HIV status (either both positive or both negative)
- I don't know if we have the same HIV status or not
- Other answer

Please describe your other answer in more detail.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DO YOU AND THIS REGULAR SEX PARTNER HAVE THE SAME HIV STATUS?' IS 'OTHER ANSWER')

[Type your answer here]

Did you have any anal intercourse with this partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW MANY DIFFERENT REGULAR SEX PARTNERS DID YOU HAVE SEX WITH IN JANUARY 2011?' IS '1')

- No
- Yes

From your perspective, what were the benefits or advantages of not having had anal sex with your regular partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE ANY ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'NO')

[Type your answer here]

From your perspective, what were the costs or drawbacks of not having had anal sex with your regular partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE ANY ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'NO')

[Type your answer here]

Were you 'active' in anal intercourse at all with this partner in January (did you fuck him in January)?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE ANY ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'YES')

- No
- Yes

How often did you use a condom when you were active in anal intercourse with this partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WERE YOU 'ACTIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE AT ALL WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY (DID YOU FUCK HIM IN JANUARY)? IS 'YES')

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

How many different times did you have active anal intercourse without a condom with this partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE ACTIVE IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')
Did you have active anal intercourse with this partner that ended with **you ejaculating into his rectum** (arse), in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE ACTIVE IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')

- No
- Yes, once only
- Yes, more than once
- I don't remember

Were you **passive** in anal intercourse at all with this partner in January (did he fuck you in January)?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE ANY ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'YES')

- No
- Yes

How often did you use a condom when you were **passive** in anal intercourse with this partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WERE YOU **PASSIVE** IN ANAL INTERCOURSE AT ALL WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY (DID HE FUCK YOU IN JANUARY)? IS 'YES')

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

How many different **times** did you have passive anal intercourse **without a condom** with this partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE PASSIVE IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')
Did you have passive anal intercourse with this partner that ended with him ejaculating into your rectum (arse), in January?

- No
- Yes, once only
- Yes, more than once
- I don’t remember

Do you have the same HIV status as all of your regular sex partners you had sex with in January?

- Yes, I have the same HIV status as all of my regular partners (either all positive or all negative)
- No, I have at least one regular sex partner who has a different HIV status to myself
- I don’t know whether or not I have the same HIV status as all of my regular partners
- Other answer

How many of your regular sex partners do you know to have a different HIV status to yourself?

- Other answer
Please describe your other answer in more detail.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DO YOU HAVE THE SAME HIV STATUS AS ALL OF YOUR REGULAR SEX PARTNERS YOU HAD SEX WITH IN JANUARY?' IS 'OTHER ANSWER')

[Type your answer here]

Did you have any anal intercourse with any regular partner in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW MANY DIFFERENT REGULAR SEX PARTNERS DID YOU HAVE SEX WITH IN JANUARY 2011?' IS '2' OR '3' OR '4' OR '5' OR '6' OR '7' OR '8' OR '9' OR '10' OR '11' OR '12' OR '13' OR '14' OR '15' OR '16' OR '17' OR '18' OR '19' OR '20' OR '21' OR '22' OR '23' OR '24' OR '25' OR '26' OR '27' OR '28' OR '29' OR '30' OR '31' OR '32' OR '33' OR '34' OR '35' OR '36' OR '37' OR '38' OR '39' OR '40' OR '41' OR '42' OR '43' OR '44' OR '45' OR '46' OR '47' OR '48' OR '49' OR '50' OR '51' OR '52' OR '53' OR '54' OR '55' OR '56' OR '57' OR '58' OR '59' OR '60' OR '61' OR '62' OR '63' OR '64' OR '65' OR '66' OR '67' OR '68' OR '69' OR '70' OR '71' OR '72' OR '73' OR '74' OR '75' OR '76' OR '77' OR '78' OR '79' OR '80' OR '81' OR '82' OR '83' OR '84' OR '85' OR '86' OR '87' OR '88' OR '89' OR '90' OR '91' OR '92' OR '93' OR '94' OR '95' OR '96' OR '97' OR '98' OR '99')

No

Yes

About 'active' anal intercourse with your regular partners in January

PAGE SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE ANY ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH ANY REGULAR PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'YES'

Were you 'active' in anal intercourse with any of your regular partners in January (did you fuck any of them in January)?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE ANY ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH ANY REGULAR PARTNER IN JANUARY?' IS 'YES')

No

Yes

How often did you use a condom when you were 'active' in anal intercourse with regular partners in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WERE YOU 'ACTIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH ANY OF YOUR REGULAR PARTNERS IN JANUARY (DID YOU FUCK ANY OF THEM IN JANUARY)?' IS 'YES')

Always

Sometimes

Never

How many different regular partners did you have 'active' anal intercourse with without a condom in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE 'ACTIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH REGULAR PARTNERS IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')
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Did you have active anal intercourse without a condom with a regular partner who has a different HIV status to yourself?

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

Did you have active anal intercourse without a condom with a regular partner whose HIV status you do not know?

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

In total and with all partners, how many different times (or occasions) did you have active anal intercourse without a condom with regular partners in January?

- No
- Yes
- Don't know
Did you have active anal intercourse with any regular partner that ended with you ejaculating into his rectum (arse), in January?

Options: No, Yes, once, Yes, more than once, I don’t remember.

About ‘passive’ anal intercourse with your regular partners in January

Page shown when answer to question ‘Did you have any anal intercourse with any regular partner in January?’ is ‘Yes’.

Were you ‘passive’ in anal intercourse with any of your regular partners in January (did any of them fuck you in January)?

Options: No, Yes.

How often did you use a condom when you were ‘passive’ in anal intercourse with regular partners in January?

Options: Always, Sometimes, Never.

How many regular partners did you have ‘passive’ anal intercourse with without a condom in January?

Options: Always, Sometimes, Never.
Did you have 'passive' anal intercourse without a condom with a regular partner who has a different HIV status to yourself?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE 'PASSIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH REGULAR PARTNERS IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

Did you have 'passive' anal intercourse without a condom with a regular partner whose HIV status you do not know?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE 'PASSIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH REGULAR PARTNERS IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

In total and with all partners, how many different times (or occasions) did you have 'passive' anal intercourse without a condom with regular partners in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE 'PASSIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH REGULAR PARTNERS IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')
Did you have 'passive' anal intercourse with any regular partner that ended with them ejaculating into your rectum (arse), in January?

[QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE 'PASSIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH REGULAR PARTNERS IN JANUARY?' IS 'SOMETIMES' OR 'NEVER')

- No
- Yes, once
- Yes, more than once
- I don't remember

About your casual male sex partners in January

[PAGE SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE SEX WITH A MAN IN JANUARY 2011? (PLEASE BEAR WITH US IF WE SEEM TO BE ASKING THE SAME THING TWICE - THIS WON'T HAPPEN OFTEN.)' IS 'YES, I HAD SEX WITH BOTH REGULAR AND CASUAL PARTNERS' OR 'YES, I HAD SEX WITH A CASUAL PARTNER OR PARTNERS ONLY']

How many different casual male sex partners did you have sex with in January 2011?
Where did you meet casual sex partners in January? (Tick as many as apply)

- A gay community centre, gay organisation or gay social group
- A gay café, pub or bar
- A gay dance club
- A backroom of a bar, gay sex club, a public gay sex party
- A gay sex party in a private home
- A gay sauna
- A porn cinema
- A cruising location (street, roadside service area, park, beach, baths, lavatory)
- A website for gay or bisexual men
- Grindr (or similar GPS device)
- Elsewhere

Please say where else you met casual sex partners in January.
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHERE DID YOU MEET CASUAL SEX PARTNERS IN JANUARY? (TICK AS MANY AS APPLY) IS ELSEWHERE)

[Type your answer here]

Did you have any anal intercourse with any of your casual sex partners in January?

- No
- Yes

In January 2011, how often did you ask casual sex partners about their HIV status?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

In January 2011, how often did you tell casual sex partners about your HIV status?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

About 'active' anal intercourse with casual partners in January

PAGE SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'DID YOU HAVE ANY ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH ANY OF YOUR CASUAL SEX PARTNERS IN JANUARY? IS 'YES'

Were you 'active' in anal intercourse any of your casual partners in January (did you fuck any casual partners in January)?

- No
- Yes

How many casual partners did you have 'active' anal intercourse with in January (with or without a condom)?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WERE YOU 'ACTIVE' IN ANAL INTERCOURSE ANY OF YOUR CASUAL PARTNERS IN JANUARY (DID YOU FUCK ANY CASUAL PARTNERS IN JANUARY)? ' IS 'YES')
How often did you use a condom when you were ‘active’ with casual partners in January?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘Were you ‘active’ in anal intercourse any of your casual partners in January (did you fuck any casual partners in January)? ’ is ‘Yes’)

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

How many casual partners did you have ‘active’ anal intercourse with without a condom in January?
(Question shown when answer to question ‘How often did you use a condom when you were ‘active’ with casual partners in January?’ is ‘Sometimes’ or ‘Never’)
Did you have 'active' anal intercourse without a condom with any casual sex partners that ended with you ejaculating into their rectum (arse), in January?

(Question shown when answer to question 'How often did you use a condom when you were 'active' with casual partners in January?' is 'sometimes' or 'never')

- No
- Yes, once
- Yes, more than once
- I don’t remember

About 'passive' anal intercourse with casual partners in January

Page shown when answer to question 'Did you have any anal intercourse with any of your casual sex partners in January?' is 'yes'

Were you 'passive' in anal intercourse with any of your casual partners in January (did you get fucked by any casual partners in January)?

- No
- Yes

How many casual partners did you have 'passive' anal intercourse with in January (with or without a condom)?

(Question shown when answer to question 'Were you 'passive' in anal intercourse with any of your casual partners in January (did you get fucking by any casual partners in January)?' is 'yes')
How often did you use a condom when you were ‘passive’ with casual partners in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WERE YOU ‘PASSIVE’ IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH ANY OF YOUR CASUAL PARTNERS IN JANUARY (DID YOU GET FUCKED BY ANY CASUAL PARTNERS IN JANUARY)? ‘IS ‘YES’)

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

How many casual partners did you have ‘passive’ anal intercourse with without a condom in January?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE A CONDOM WHEN YOU WERE PASSIVE IN ANAL INTERCOURSE WITH THIS PARTNER IN JANUARY?’ IS ‘SOMETIMES’ OR ‘NEVER’)
Did you have 'passive' anal intercourse without a condom with any casual sex partners that ended with them ejaculating into your rectum (arse), in January? (Question shown when answer to question 'How often did you use a condom when you were 'passive' with casual partners in January?' is 'Sometimes' or 'Never')

- No
- Yes, once
- Yes, more than once
- I don't remember

The next set of questions are about the last time you had sex with a new male sex partner

Page shown when answer to question 'When did you last have any kind of sex with a man (please include any sexual contact, not just anal intercourse)? Please say when you last did this, even if this was not typical for you.' is 'Within the last 24 hours' or 'Within the last 7 days' or 'Within the last 4 weeks' or 'Within the last 6 months' or 'Within the last 12 months' or 'Within the last 5 years' or 'More than 5 years ago'

Please think about the most recent occasion when you were having sex with a man for the first time, a man you had not had sex with before.

If you had sex with this man again, please think about the first time you had sex together.

When was it?

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Was the sex between you and one other man, or with more than one other man?

- With one man
- It was a threesome
- It was in a larger group

About that most recent sex with a new partner

Page shown when answer to question 'Was the sex between you and one other man, or with more than one other man?' is 'With one man'

How did you first meet this sex partner?

(Question shown when answer to question 'Was the sex between you and one other man, or with more than one other man?' is 'With one man')

- A gay community centre, gay organisation or gay social group
- A gay café, pub or bar
- A gay dance club
- A backroom of a bar, gay sex club, a public gay sex party
- A gay sex party in a private home
- A gay sauna
- A porn cinema
- A cruising location (street, roadside service area, park, beach, baths, lavatory)
- A website for gay or bisexual men
- Grindr (or similar GPS device)
- Elsewhere

Please say where you met. (Question shown when answer to question 'How did you first meet this sex partner?' is 'Elsewhere')
Where did the sex take place?
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE
OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?' IS 'WITH ONE MAN')
- My (or our) place
- His (or their) place
- A friend's place
- A backroom of a bar, gay sex club, a public gay sex party
- A gay sex party in a private home
- A gay sauna
- A porn cinema
- A cruising location (street, roadside service area, park, beach, baths,
lavatory)
- Elsewhere

Please say where the sex occurred.
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHERE DID THE SEX TAKE PLACE?' IS
ELSEWHERE)

What period of time had elapsed between you meeting (or chatting on-line) and you
having sex?
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE
OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?' IS 'WITH ONE MAN')
- We had sex almost immediately on meeting
- Less than 3 hours
- Less than 7 days
- Less than 4 weeks
- Less than 6 months
- Less than 12 months
- Less than 5 years
- More than 5 years

What did you tell him (verbally or on-line) about your HIV status before or during
sex?
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE
OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?' IS 'WITH ONE MAN')
- I told him I was HIV negative
- I told him I was HIV positive
- I told him I didn't know my HIV status
- I said nothing about my HIV status
- I don't remember
- Other answer

Please describe your other answer in more detail.
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM (VERBALLY OR
ON-LINE) ABOUT YOUR HIV STATUS BEFORE OR DURING SEX?' IS 'OTHER ANSWER')

What did you know or think about his HIV status before having sex?
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE
OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?' IS 'WITH ONE MAN')
- I knew or thought he was HIV negative
- I knew or thought he was HIV positive
- I thought about his HIV status but had no idea what it was
- I didn't have any thoughts about his HIV status
- I don't remember
- Other answer

Please describe your other answer in more detail.
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DID YOU KNOW OR THINK ABOUT HIS
HIV STATUS BEFORE HAVING SEX?' IS 'OTHER ANSWER')

Why did you think this? Please read the list below and tick the answer that best
applies.
(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DID YOU KNOW OR THINK ABOUT HIS
HIV STATUS BEFORE HAVING SEX? IS ‘I KNEW OR THOUGHT HE WAS HIV NEGATIVE’ OR ‘I KNEW OR THOUGHT HE WAS HIV POSITIVE’

(ANSWER ROTATION)

☐ He told me some time ago / I had known for some time
☐ He told me (online or in person) before or during sex
☐ I knew it from his profile on the Internet
☐ He made it clear without actually telling me
☐ Someone else told me
☐ We were at an event where everyone was HIV positive
☐ We were at an event where everyone was HIV negative
☐ I guessed
☐ Other reason

Please describe your other reason in more detail.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WHAT DID YOU KNOW OR THINK ABOUT HIS HIV STATUS BEFORE HAVING SEX?’ IS ‘OTHER ANSWER’)

[Type your answer here]

Did you have a regular sexual partner at the time you had sex with this new partner?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?’ IS ‘WITH ONE MAN’)

☐ No, I did not have a regular sexual partner at the time
☐ Yes, I had a regular partner at the time (or more than one regular partner)
☐ Some other situation

About that most recent sex with a new partner or partners

PAGE SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?’ IS ‘IT WAS A THREESOME’ OR ‘IT WAS IN A LARGER GROUP’

Was the threesome between...

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?’ IS ‘IT WAS A THREESOME’)

☐ You, your regular sex partner and a third person
☐ You and a couple who were regular partners with each other
☐ You and two casual partners
☐ Some other set of relationships

Please describe the relationships in more detail.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WAS THE THREESOME BETWEEN...’ IS ‘SOME OTHER SET OF RELATIONSHIPS’)

[Type your answer here]

How many different men were you having sex with?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?’ IS ‘IT WAS IN A LARGER GROUP’)

[Type your answer here]
And how many of those men had you **not** had sex with before?

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN?' IS 'IT WAS IN A LARGER GROUP')
(Please select an answer)
How did you first meet the new sex partner or partners?

- A gay community centre, gay organisation or gay social group
- A gay café, pub or bar
- A gay dance club
- A backroom of a bar, gay sex club, a public gay sex party
- A gay sex party in a private home
- A gay sauna
- A porn cinema
- A cruising location (street, roadside service area, park, beach, baths, lavatory)
- A website for gay or bisexual men
- Grindr (or similar GPS device)
- Elsewhere

Please say where you met.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘HOW DID YOU FIRST MEET THE NEW SEX PARTNER OR PARTNERS?’ IS ‘ELSEWHERE’)

[Type your answer here]

Where did the sex take place?

- My (or our) place
- His (or their) place
- A friend’s place
- A backroom of a bar, gay sex club, a public gay sex party
- A gay sex party in a private home
- A gay sauna
- A porn cinema
- A cruising location (street, roadside service area, park, beach, baths, lavatory)
- Elsewhere

Please say where the sex occurred.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WHERE DID THE SEX TAKE PLACE?’ IS ‘ELSEWHERE’)

[Type your answer here]

What period of time had elapsed between you meeting (or chatting on-line) with new partner/s and you having sex?

- We had sex almost immediately on meeting
- Less than 3 hours
- Less than 24 hours
- Less than 7 days
- Less than 4 weeks
- Less than 6 months
- Less than 12 months
- Less than 5 years
- More than 5 years

What did you tell any new sexual partner/s (verbally or on-line) about your HIV status before or during sex?

- I told him I was HIV negative
- I told him I was HIV positive
- I told him I didn’t know my HIV status
- I said nothing about my HIV status
- I don’t remember
- Other answer

Please describe your other answer in more detail.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION ‘WHAT DID YOU TELL ANY NEW SEXUAL PARTNER/S (VERBALLY OR ON-LINE) ABOUT YOUR HIV STATUS BEFORE OR DURING SEX?’ IS ‘OTHER ANSWER’)

[Type your answer here]

What did you know or think about the HIV status of any new
sexual partner/s before having sex?

- I knew or thought they were HIV negative
- I knew or thought they were HIV positive
- I thought about their HIV status but had no idea what it was
- I didn’t have any thoughts about their HIV status
- I don’t remember
- Other answer

Please describe your other answer in more detail.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DID YOU KNOW OR THINK ABOUT THE HIV STATUS OF ANY NEW SEXUAL PARTNER/S BEFORE HAVING SEX?' IS 'OTHER ANSWER')

[Type your answer here]

Why did you think this? Please read the list below and tick the answer that best applies.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHAT DID YOU KNOW OR THINK ABOUT THE HIV STATUS OF ANY NEW SEXUAL PARTNER/S BEFORE HAVING SEX?' IS 'I KNEW OR THOUGHT THEY WERE HIV NEGATIVE' OR 'I KNEW OR THOUGHT THEY WERE HIV POSITIVE')

- They told me some time ago / I had known for some time
- They told me (online or in person) before or during sex
- I knew from their profile on the Internet
- Someone else told me
- We were at an event where everyone was HIV positive
- We were at an event where everyone was HIV negative
- I guessed
- Other reason

Please describe your other reason in more detail.

(QUESTION SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WHY DID YOU THINK THIS? PLEASE READ THE LIST BELOW AND TICK THE ANSWER THAT BEST APPLIES.' IS 'OTHER REASON')

[Type your answer here]

About the kinds of sex you had on that occasion

PAGE SHOWN WHEN ANSWER TO QUESTION 'WAS THE SEX BETWEEN YOU AND ONE OTHER MAN, OR WITH MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAN? IS 'WITH ONE MAN'

What kinds of sex did you have on that occasion? (Tick as many as apply)

- Mutual masturbation (wanking)
- You sucked his penis (gave him a blow job)
- He sucked your penis (he gave you a blow job)
- You rimmed him (you licked his anus)
- He rimmed you (he licked your anus)
- You were ‘active’ in anal intercourse (you fucked him)
- You were ‘passive’ in anal intercourse (he fucked you)
- You put your hand into his rectum (you fist-fucked him)
- He put his hand into your rectum (he fist-fucked you)
- Other sexual acts
What other kinds of sexual acts did you engage in on this occasion?

[Type your answer here]

Did he ejaculate (cum) into your mouth on that occasion?
- No
- Yes
- I don't remember / I don't know

Did you ejaculate (cum) into his mouth on that occasion?
- No
- Yes
- I don't remember / I don't know

Did you use a condom when you were 'active' in anal intercourse (when you fucked him)?
(Question shown when answer to question 'What kinds of sex did you have on that occasion? (Tick as many as apply)' is 'you were 'active' in anal intercourse (you fucked him)'
- No
- Yes, some of the time but not all the time
- Yes, all of the time I was fucking him
- I don't remember / I don't know

Did you ejaculate (cum) into his rectum (arse)?
(Question shown when answer to question 'Did you use a condom when you were 'active' in anal intercourse (when you fucked him)?' is 'no' or 'yes, some of the time but not all the time')
- No
- Yes
- I don't remember / I don't know

Did he use a condom when you were 'passive' in anal intercourse (when he fucked you)?
(Question shown when answer to question 'What kinds of sex did you have on that occasion? (Tick as many as apply)' is 'you were 'passive' in anal intercourse (he fucked you)'
- No
- Yes, some of the time but not all of the time
- Yes, all of the time he was fucking me
- I don't remember / I don't know

Did he ejaculate (cum) into your rectum (arse)?
(Question shown when answer to question 'Did he use a condom when you were 'passive' in anal intercourse (when he fucked you)?' is 'yes, some of the time but not all of the time')
- No
- Yes
- I don't remember / I don't know

About the kinds of sex you had on that occasion (with at least one new partner)

Page shown when answer to question 'Was the sex between you and one other man, or with more than one other man? Is it a threesome or 'it was in a larger group'

What kinds of sex did you have on that occasion, with at least one new sex partner? (Tick as many as apply)
- Mutual masturbation (wanking)
- You sucked their penis (gave a blow job)
- They sucked your penis (you got a blow job)
- You rimmed them (you licked their anus)
- They rimmed you (they licked your anus)
What other kinds of sexual acts did you engage in on this occasion?

Did any of them ejaculate (cum) into your mouth on that occasion?

Did you ejaculate (cum) into any of their mouths on that occasion?

Did you use a condom when you were 'active' in anal intercourse (when you fucked them)?

Did you ejaculate (cum) into any of their rectums (arses)?

Did they use a condom when you were 'passive' in anal intercourse (when they fucked you)?

Did any of them ejaculate (cum) into your rectum (arse)?
A little more about that most recent sex you had with a new partner

Including alcohol, what other drink or drugs had **you** taken before or during the sex? (Tick as many as apply)

- [ ] Alcohol
- [ ] Viagra®, Cialis®, Levitra® or other substances that help to keep an erection?
- [ ] Cannabis
- [ ] Ecstasy (E, XTC, MDMA)
- [ ] Amphetamine (speed)
- [ ] Crystal methamphetamine (crystal, meth, Tina)
- [ ] Heroin
- [ ] Mephedrone (4-MMC, meow, methylone, bubbles)
- [ ] GHB / GBL (liquid ecstasy)
- [ ] Ketamine
- [ ] LSD
- [ ] Cocaine
- [ ] Crack cocaine
- [ ] Any other drug

Please describe any other drug in more detail.

How much control would you say you had over what happened during this sexual session?

- [ ] I was in total control
- [ ] I was mostly in control
- [ ] I had some control
- [ ] I had no control over what happened

How responsible would you say you were over what happened during this sexual session?

- [ ] I was totally responsible
- [ ] I was mostly responsible
- [ ] I had some responsibility
- [ ] I had no responsibility over what happened

How much risk of HIV transmission do you think there was in the sex you had?

- [ ] No risk at all
How much risk of other sexually transmitted infections do you think there was in the sex you had?

- No risk at all
- Very little risk
- Some risk
- A lot of risk

And finally about this sexual session, on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best), how good was the sex on this occasion?

Please select an answer:

1 - The worst sex you’ve had
2
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10 - The best sex you’ve had

What was good about the sex?

(Type your answer here)

What was not good about the sex?

(Type your answer here)

Information about HIV and sexually transmitted infections

When was the last time you saw or heard any information about HIV or STIs specifically for men who have sex with men?

Please select an answer:

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- Never

When was the last time you saw any information about HIV or STIs in a magazine or newspaper?

Please select an answer:

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- Never

When was the last time you actively looked for information about HIV or STIs on the internet?
When did you last call a telephone helpline for information about HIV or STIs?

[Please select an answer]
- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- Never

And finally...

When was the last time you had a conversation using Skype (either audio and video or audio only)?

[Please select an answer]
- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago
- I've never had a conversation using Skype

And when was the last time you had a video conversation using Skype?

(Question shown when answer to question 'When was the last time you had a conversation using Skype (either audio and video or audio only)?' is 'Within the last 24 hours' or 'Within the last 7 days' or 'Within the last 4 weeks' or 'Within the last 6 months' or 'Within the last 12 months' or 'Within the last 5 years' or 'More than 5 years ago')

[Please select an answer]
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Please tell us your year of birth by typing a number in the space below (eg. 1970).

(Validated question)

[Type your answer here]

And which month were you born in?

[Please select an answer]
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Do you have any comments on this first (and longest) of the surveys?

[Type your answer here]

[Image only]
Many thanks for taking part in Month 1 of the Sigma Panel. We will next send you an email with a personal link to the second monthly survey on 1st March 2011. If you do not want to be invited to take part in the next survey, please contact david.reid@sigmaresearch.org.uk or click on “unsubscribe from the Panel” in our next invitation to you. Now please press ‘Submit’. 