

MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit
Gay and Bisexual Men's Sexual Health Survey 2014

INFORMATION SHEET

WHY CARRY OUT THIS SURVEY?

Since 1996 we have collected information every 3 years on the sexual behaviour and health of gay and bisexual men in Scotland in order to improve sexual health services.

We would like to ask you to

- Complete the survey questionnaire
- Provide an anonymous saliva sample that will be tested for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C antibodies

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The survey will only take 5 minutes. It is entirely voluntary, anonymous and completely confidential. If you prefer, you can complete the questionnaire and not provide a saliva sample, but we do hope you will do both.

Do not put your name on the questionnaire. There is no way the completed questionnaire or test results can be traced back to you. You will not be able to get the results of the tests. You are free to leave any question you do not want to answer or which is not relevant, although we hope you will answer all that are applicable.

You do not have to take part in this study if you do not wish to. You can also withdraw from the study at any time, without giving us a reason for doing so.

WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE SURVEY?

Your responses will be added to the responses of everyone else and entered onto a computer for statistical analysis. The saliva sample will be tested for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C antibodies. The test results will be linked to the answers on the questionnaire by means of an ID code applied to each. The saliva sample will be destroyed after being tested and the questionnaires will be retained at the University of Glasgow for 20 years. Once the project is completed, the electronic data will be kept safely by the University of Glasgow. It may be used by other researchers with the university's approval, under the strict rules governing the confidentiality of your information. Again, there is no way for these data to be traced back to you.

We aim to use the information you give us to devise new strategies to improve the sexual health of gay and bisexual men in Scotland.

WHO FUNDS THE SURVEY?

The survey is funded by the Medical Research Council and Health Protection Scotland.

If you have any questions or comments on the survey, please contact Dr Lisa McDaid on **0141 353 7500** during office hours or by email at the following address: lisa.mcdaid@glasgow.ac.uk

If you have any concerns about the conduct of this research project, please contact Dr Muir Houston, College of Social Sciences Ethics Officer, muir.houston@glasgow.ac.uk

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND HELP

**IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A FREE AND
CONFIDENTIAL HIV TEST OR A SEXUAL
HEALTH CHECK PLEASE CONTACT:**

Sandyford (Central)

0141 211 8130

2-6 Sandyford Place
Sauchiehall Street
Glasgow G3 7NB

Drop-in clinics: Sandyford Central

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 8.30 am – 2.00 pm
Tuesdays 8.30 am – 10.30 am

There are also a number of Sandyford hub and satellite clinics across Glasgow and West of Scotland. For further information, please check:

www.sandyford.org

Steve Retson Project

0141 211 8628

Appointment clinics

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

www.sandyford.org/
(select) **sexual orientation**
(select) **men who have sex with men**
(select) **steve retson project**

OTHER CONTACTS

HIV Scotland

0131 558 3713

www.hivscotland.com

Sexual Health Scotland

0800 22 44 88

(8 am – 10 pm)

www.sexualhealthscotland.co.uk

Gay Men's Health

0141 552 0112

4th Floor
30 Bell Street
Glasgow G1 1LG

www.gmh.org.uk

HIV Counselling Clinic

0141 552 1074/1075

Brownlee
Gartnaval Hospital
Glasgow G12 0YN

Terence Higgins Trust (Scotland)

0141 332 3838

134 Douglas Street
Glasgow
G2 4HF

www.tht.org.uk

THT Direct 0808 802 12 21

LGBT Helpline Scotland

0300 123 2523

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 12.00 – 9.00 pm

www.lgbt-helpline-scotland.org.uk