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Gay sex -  
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would  
you  
reveal?

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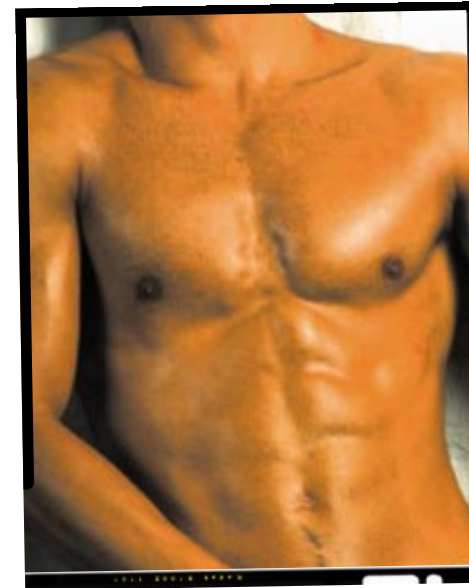
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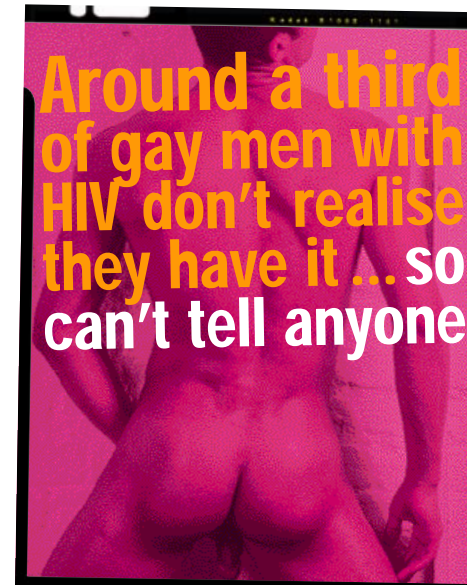


What do you talk about when you meet a man you fancy?  
Ever talk about whether either of you has HIV?  
Not very often, right?  
But lots of men still expect a guy with HIV to tell them this before sex

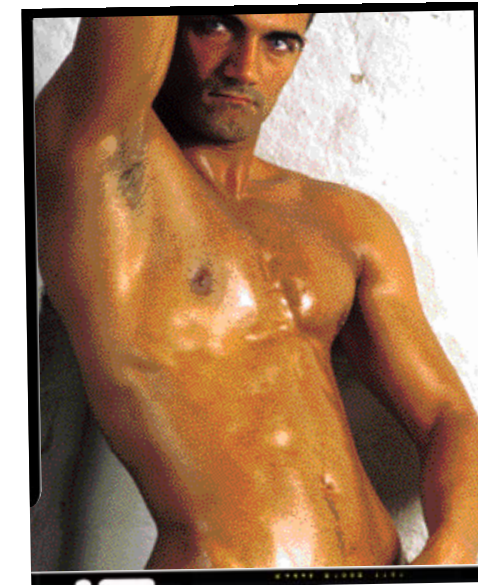
Now welcome to the **real world**



About one in ten gay men in UK cities has HIV  
In London it's one in six



Around a third of gay men with HIV don't realise they have it... so can't tell anyone



Lots more do know but don't always tell... even before fucking without condoms



Around 1,500 UK gay men test HIV positive each year



If I had HIV I'd always tell

He'd tell me if he had HIV, especially before fucking without a condom

If he was HIV negative, he'd tell me before we fuck without a condom

If he's happy fucking without a rubber I assume he's HIV positive like I am

If he's OK not using a condom he must be uninfected like me

I've got HIV and don't always tell

HIV positive men should protect me and make sure condoms are used

If you could read my mind

I'll leave condoms up to him

HIV negative men should look after themselves

How could anyone with HIV fuck without a condom?

I've reasons for not telling. If he's happy doing it without condoms, so am I

I'll wait for him to bring up condoms



# Why I'm **not** baring all

Some reasons why HIV positive guys won't always say they have it

You might **tell** other people

When I tell you, you often **clear off**

I want you to know me as a person first

I might talk about HIV later

I don't want you **'counselling'** me about HIV, my health and all that!

**Why should I tell?**

Shouldn't HIV negative men use condoms to be on the safe side?

If I tell you might turn **nasty** on me

I'm after a shag. Talking about HIV is a real **passion killer**



There are plenty of reasons why a man might choose not to tell...you might react badly...you might tell others...and anyway, if you're going to have safer sex, why do you need to know? **Are you still expecting to be told?**

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# What do you hear...when nothing is said?

Rob and Adam are HIV positive and share the same world with Tim who is HIV negative. But Tim might as well live on a different planet.

Friday night and Tim meets Rob, who's HIV positive ...

Tasty!  
I'll give him one alright

Cor!  
He's cute!

The boys get it on ...

I'll not say I'm HIV positive. I don't know how he'll react

He's well fit!

Back at Tim's...

If he doesn't bring HIV up then I won't

Horny body!  
I want him to fuck me

Jeans off...

Should I tell him now ...and risk losing him?

Glad he's not said he's got HIV. I'd not be going through with this if he had

Later ...

If I tell him, will he tell the whole town?

I can enjoy this knowing he's not got HIV

Later still ...

No condom?  
Must be OK. He'd not do this if he had HIV

He must have HIV like me ... or else he'd never want to fuck without a condom

Getting down to it...

It'll be OK. I've done this before and been fine

He can't be negative. Who on earth fucks without a condom with someone they hardly know?

All shagged out ...

Why worry?  
I've never had a man with HIV. Anyway, they would've said

He never said he was HIV negative, so I guess he must be HIV positive.

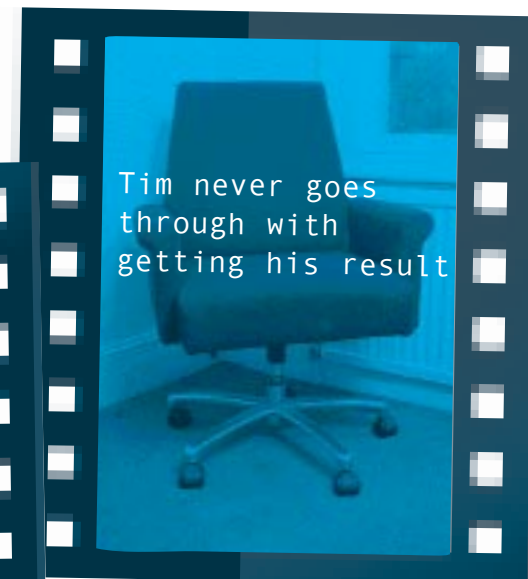
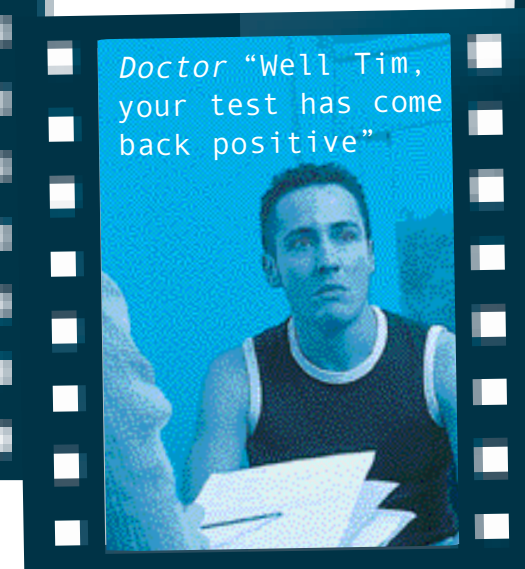
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# Weeks later down the pub ...



A few months later, Tim's had an HIV test. He's not sure anymore those 2 guys in the summer were HIV negative.

## How does Tim's story end?



## You decide

How many of your men have HIV and don't tell? Add it up for yourself

# It all adds up

Name: **Leon**

How many men? *I've had sex with 4 men*

How many said they were HIV positive? *None*

How many of your 4 had HIV? *None! I'm sure they would've told me before we did anything*

*The real world:* Of Leon's 4:

4 were HIV negative

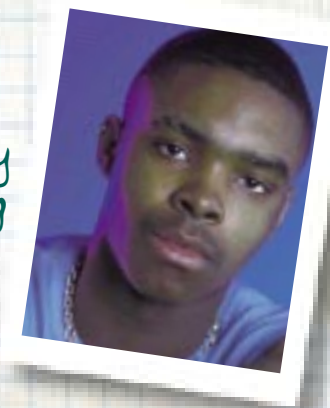
0 had HIV but didn't say

0 had HIV and said something

0 had HIV but didn't know themselves they had it

*Leon will meet man no. 5 in a few weeks.*

*He'll have HIV. But he won't tell Leon that.*



Name: **Chris**

How many men? *Hundreds. I lost count ages ago*

How many said they had HIV? *Not many... half a dozen maybe*

How many of your hundreds had HIV? *I'm guessing... that half dozen plus a few more who didn't say anything?*

*The real world:* Of Chris's hundreds:

198 were HIV negative

42 were HIV positive but didn't say

7 were HIV positive and told him

10 had HIV but had no idea they've got it



Name: **Ian**

How many men? *I've had sex with 27 men*

How many told you they had HIV? *One*

How many of the rest had HIV? *None...the others would've said, wouldn't they?*

*The real world:* Of Ian's 27:

21 were HIV negative,

4 were HIV positive but didn't say,

1 was HIV positive and said so

1 had HIV but didn't even know himself



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Many men with HIV often choose **not to tell**. So, if a guy doesn't mention HIV, **it doesn't mean** he's HIV negative

If you fuck **without a condom** many HIV positive men will think **you've** got HIV. So they **won't realise** they might be giving it to **you**



Welcome to the **real world**

To talk about sex you've had or get more information on sex and sexual health call:

THT Helpline on **020 7242 1010**  
(12 noon-10pm daily)

THT Direct on **0845 12 21 200**  
(weekdays 11am-8pm)

You can also call that number for details of face-to-face sex and relationships advice for gay men available in Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Coventry, London, Oxford or Swansea.

These organisations also offer similar help or advice about sex:

**Leicester**  
TRADE  
0116 254 1747

**London**  
Gay Men Fighting AIDS  
020 7738 6872  
Healthy Gay Living Centre  
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All correct answers will be entered in our prize draw. And if you're not one of our lucky winners, check out [www.malexpress.co.uk](http://www.malexpress.co.uk) to shop online for these and lots more hot and horny films - *also available at all good retailers!*

*Due to the raunch levels of these films, the competition is only open to guys 18 and over*

Winners' names and correct answers will appear in February on our web site [www.tht.org.uk](http://www.tht.org.uk)

## 1 If a man doesn't tell you he's HIV positive before sex it means

- he must be HIV negative  
 he could be HIV negative or HIV positive

## 2 Give one reason a guy with HIV might not tell you he has it

## 3 How many gay men with HIV can't tell people they have it because they don't know they're infected?

- one in ten  
 about a third

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