

## **Information Sheet**

### **What's this all about?**

We want to look at how you use Internet and mobile phone sites like Facebook, Gaydar and Recon to network with your friends and meet guys for sex. So we're conducting a survey.

### **Who should take part?**

Men who have sex with men (or want to), are over 18 years old, live in Scotland and use any social networking websites (e.g. Facebook, Gaydar, Recon etc.) or social networking phone apps (e.g. Grindr, etc.).

### **Who is conducting this survey and who funds it?**

Researchers at [Glasgow Caledonian University](#) are working together with three sexual health organisations ( [Gay Men's Health](#), the [Terrence Higgins Trust](#) and [Waverley Care](#) ). These institutions are funding this study.

### **Why carry out this survey?**

We want to provide appropriate online health advice and future services for men in Scotland who have sex with men. In order to do this, we need to find out which sites and 'apps' you use, how you use them and what you use them for. To plan the content of those services and to understand how socio-sexual networking contributes to health, we need to explore your sexual and sexual health behaviours.

### **What is involved?**

The survey will only take about 15 minutes. You should complete it only once. It is entirely voluntary, anonymous and completely confidential. We do not store, or even know, your email or IP address. We're using SurveyMonkey to collect the data. We've set it up so there is no way the completed questionnaire can be traced back to you. You are free to leave out any questions you do not want to answer, or which you think are not relevant, although we hope you will answer all that you can. Ethical approval for this study has been granted by Glasgow Caledonian University. You do not need to take part in the survey if you do not wish to.

### **Is it secure?**

SurveyMonkey are a well respected online survey company. It's illegal for them to use the information you provide or pass it on to 3rd parties. All data are transferred using encrypted Internet protocols and kept in a secure location. As an online participant in this research, there is always the risk of intrusion by outside agents (i.e. hacking). However, SurveyMonkey take security really seriously and do as much as possible to ensure this won't happen.

### **What will be done with my survey answers?**

Your responses will be added to the answers of everyone else and entered onto a computer for statistical analysis. We keep these data securely according to the Data Protection Act and will delete them when we've finished our work. We aim to use the information you give us to devise new strategies to improve the sexual health of men who have sex with men in Scotland and to publish academic papers in journals to share our knowledge with others interested in the sexual health of men. However, it is important that you understand that taking part in this study may have no direct benefit to you.

**If you've already filled in this survey online in the last few weeks, thanks so much for your help, but please don't do it again – once is enough.**

**Many thanks for your time and help.**

If you have any questions or comments about this survey, please email Jamie Frankis at Glasgow Caledonian University at [j.frankis@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:j.frankis@gcu.ac.uk)

If you'd like any information on sexual health and safer sex including where to get a named HIV test before you complete the survey, please [Click Here](#).

**INFORMED CONSENT:** Please select your choice below.

Clicking on the "next" button below indicates that:

- you have read the above information
- you voluntarily agree to participate
- you are at least 18 years of age

If you do not wish to participate in the research study now or at any point during the survey, please decline participation by clicking on the 'withrdaw from survey' button in the top right hand corner.

**About You**

**1. What age are you?**

**2. What is the first part of your postcode? (e.g. G42)**

**3. Please tell us what your highest educational qualification is?  
(e.g. Standard Grades, Highers, A Levels, Degree)**

**4. Sexual Orientation (please choose one)**

- Gay
- Bisexual
- Straight

Other (please specify)

**5. Are you currently...?**

- Employed
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Student

Other (please specify)

**6. Ethnicity (please choose one)**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> White Scottish             | <input type="radio"/> Indian                              | <input type="radio"/> Caribbean, Black Scottish or any other Black background |
| <input type="radio"/> White British              | <input type="radio"/> Bangladeshi or any other East Asian | <input type="radio"/> Any Mixed background                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> White Irish                | <input type="radio"/> Chinese                             | <input type="radio"/> Any other background                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Any other white background | <input type="radio"/> Other South Asian                   |   |
| <input type="radio"/> Pakistani                  | <input type="radio"/> African                             |   |

Other (please specify)

**7. What is your current partnership status? (please tick all that apply)**

- Single
- Boyfriend / Regular male partner
- Civil Partnership / Married to a man
- Girlfriend / Regular female partner / Married to a woman

Other (please specify)

## 8. What is your current living situation? (please tick all that apply)

- alone
- with my partner
- in a shared flat
- with my parents
- in student accommodation
- in a retirement / care facility

Other (please specify)

## 9. Where did you hear about this survey? (please choose one)

- Condoms by post scheme email
- Facebook
- Gaydar
- Twitter
- Gay Pride leaflet
- A friend emailed it to me

Other (please specify)

## About your use of FACEBOOK

Now we'd like to find out about your use of Facebook...

### 10. How often do you use Facebook?

- I used to use it but have stopped
- I never use it
- Every few months or longer
- About once a month
- About once a week
- Every few days
- At least once a day
- Several times a day
- All the time

## More about your use of FACEBOOK

**11. What do you use Facebook for? (please tick all that apply)**

- Social networking
- To look for a boyfriend
- To update my status
- Meet guys for dates
- Chat to friends / family
- Cyber sex (swap horny messages)
- To check friends' / family's status updates
- Swap naked pics
- To post/view photos with friends / family
- Webcam sex
- Make new friends
- Meet guys for sex
- To reconnect with old friends
- To arrange sex parties
- Arranging social events / meet my friends
- To look for bareback sex
- Arrange other group activities (e.g. sports, drama, group meetings etc.)
- To arrange sex when I am travelling/away from home
- To access support
- Access sexual health information
- To connect to the gay community
- To kill time

Other (please specify)

**12. Do you use Facebook on? (please tick all that apply)**

- Your mobile phone
- Your tablet device
- On your PC

Other (please specify)

**13. How long have you been using Facebook for?**

- Less than six months
- Between six months and a year
- One to two years
- Two to five years
- More than five years

**Why do you no longer use FACEBOOK**

**14. If you no longer use Facebook, why did you stop? (please tick all that apply)**

- Nobody uses it any more
- It's not cool
- I grew out of it
- Community grew out of it
- I was bullied on it
- I don't have time any more
- I got bored with it
- I've moved on to another social network
- It's a waste of time
- You can't meet guys on it any more
- I use mobile phone apps instead

Other (please specify)

**About your use of Gay Social Networking Websites**

Now we'd like to find out about your use of gay social networking WEBSITES, like Gaydar, Fitlads, Recon, Squirt etc.  
(we'll ask you about social networking apps later).

**15. How often do you use Gay Social Networking WEBSITES (like Gaydar, Fitlads, Recon, Squirt etc.)?**

- I used to use them but have stopped
- I never use them
- Every few months or longer
- About once a month
- About once a week
- Every few days
- At least once a day
- Several times a day
- All the time

**More about your use of Gay Social Networking Websites**

**16. Which websites do you use for social networking? Please tick all that you use. (not all websites have their own app - we'll ask you about apps that don't have a website later).**

	Website	App
Fitlads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gaydar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manhunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MyHIV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Out Everywhere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PlanetRomeo (was GayRomeo)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Squirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoosk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other WEBSITES (please specify)

**17. What do you use gay social networking websites for? (please tick all that apply)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social networking  | <input type="checkbox"/> To look for a boyfriend                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To update my status  | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet guys for dates                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chat to friends / family   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cyber sex (swap horny messages)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To check friends' / family's status updates                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Swap naked pics                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To post/view photos with friends / family                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Webcam sex   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make new friends   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet guys for sex                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To reconnect with old friends  | <input type="checkbox"/> To arrange sex parties                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arranging social events / meet my friends                                | <input type="checkbox"/> To look for bareback sex                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange other group activities (e.g. sports, drama, group meetings etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> To arrange sex when I am travelling/away from home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To access support  | <input type="checkbox"/> Access sexual health information                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To connect to the gay community  | <input type="checkbox"/> To kill time                                       |

Other (please specify)

**18. Which days do you use gay social networking websites? (please tick all that apply)**

- Mondays
  Tuesdays
  Wednesdays
  Thursdays
  Fridays
  Saturdays
  Sundays
  Everyday

### 19. How long have you been using gay social networking websites for?

- Less than six months
- Between six months and a year
- One to two years
- Two to five years
- Five to ten years
- More than ten years

## Why you no longer use Gay Social Networking Websites

### 20. If you no longer use gay social networking websites, why did you stop? (please tick all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody uses them any more  | <input type="checkbox"/> I've moved on to other social network(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> They're not cool           | <input type="checkbox"/> They're a waste of time                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I grew out of it           | <input type="checkbox"/> You can't meet guys on them any more     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community grew out of it   | <input type="checkbox"/> They're too sleazy now                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was bullied on them      | <input type="checkbox"/> I use mobile phone apps instead          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have time any more | <input type="checkbox"/> Too many people want bareback sex        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I got bored with them      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody wants the kind of sex I'm into    |

Other (please specify)

## About your use of Gay Social Networking Mobile Phone Apps

Now we'd like to find out about your use of gay social networking MOBILE PHONE APPS, like Grindr, Scruff, Growlr etc.

### 21. How often do you use Gay Social Networking Apps on your MOBILE PHONE (like Grindr, Scruff, Growlr etc.)?

- I used to use them but have stopped
- I never use them
- Every few months or longer
- About once a month
- About once a week
- Every few days
- At least once a day
- Several times a day
- All the time

## More about your use of Gay Social Networking Mobile Phone Apps.



## 22. Which mobile phone apps do you use for social networking?

(please tick all that you use).

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bender          | <input type="checkbox"/> Growlr                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blendr          | <input type="checkbox"/> Manhunt App                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fabswingers     | <input type="checkbox"/> PlanetRomeo (was GayRomeo) App |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaydar App      | <input type="checkbox"/> Recon App                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GayNetwork (GN) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scruff                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grindr          | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirt App                     |

Other Mobile Phone Apps (please specify)

## 23. What do you use gay social networking mobile phone apps for? (please tick all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social networking  | <input type="checkbox"/> To look for a boyfriend                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To update my status  | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet guys for dates                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chat to friends / family   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cyber sex (swap horny messages)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To check friends' / family's status updates                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Swap naked pics                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To post/view photos with friends / family                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Webcam sex   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make new friends   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet guys for sex                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To reconnect with old friends  | <input type="checkbox"/> To arrange sex parties                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arranging social events / meet my friends                                | <input type="checkbox"/> To look for bareback sex                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange other group activities (e.g. sports, drama, group meetings etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> To arrange sex when I am travelling/away from home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To access support  | <input type="checkbox"/> Access sexual health information                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To connect to the gay community  | <input type="checkbox"/> To kill time                                       |

Other (please specify)

## 24. Which days do you use gay social networking mobile phone apps? (please tick all that apply)

- Mondays    Tuesdays    Wednesdays    Thursdays    Fridays    Saturdays    Sundays    Everyday

## 25. How long have you been using gay social networking mobile phone apps for?

- Less than six months
- Between six months and a year
- One to two years
- Two to five years
- More than five years

## Why you no longer use Gay Social Networking Mobile Phone Apps

### 26. If you no longer use gay social networking mobile phone apps, why did you stop? (please tick all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody uses them any more  | <input type="checkbox"/> I've moved on to other social network(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> They're not cool           | <input type="checkbox"/> They're a waste of time                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I grew out of it           | <input type="checkbox"/> You can't meet guys on them any more     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community grew out of it   | <input type="checkbox"/> They're too sleazy now                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was bullied on them      | <input type="checkbox"/> I use mobile phone apps instead          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have time any more | <input type="checkbox"/> Too many people want bareback sex        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I got bored with them      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody wants the kind of sex I'm into    |

Other (please specify)

## About your use of Barebacking Websites or Mobile Phone Apps

Some people who have anal sex without a condom call this 'barebacking'.

Now we'd like to find out about your use of BAREBACKING websites / mobile phone apps.

### 27. How often do you use BAREBACKING websites OR mobile phone apps?

- I used to use them but have stopped
- I never use them
- Every few months or longer
- About once a month
- About once a week
- Every few days
- At least once a day
- Several times a day
- All the time

## More about your use of Barebacking Websites or Mobile Phone Apps

**28. Which of the following bareback websites / apps do you use? (please tick all that you use).**

	Website	App
Bareback.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barebackhookup.co.uk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BarebackRT.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barebackcity.co.uk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Bareback Website / Mobile Phone App (please specify)		
<input type="text"/>		

**29. What do you use bareback websites / apps for? (please tick all that apply)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social networking  | <input type="checkbox"/> To look for a boyfriend                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To update my status  | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet guys for dates                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chat to friends / family   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cyber sex (swap horny messages)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To check friends' / family's status updates                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Swap naked pics                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To post/view photos with friends / family                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Webcam sex   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make new friends   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet guys for sex                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To reconnect with old friends  | <input type="checkbox"/> To arrange sex parties                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arranging social events / meet my friends                                | <input type="checkbox"/> To look for bareback sex                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange other group activities (e.g. sports, drama, group meetings etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> To arrange sex when I am travelling/away from home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To access support  | <input type="checkbox"/> Access sexual health information                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To connect to the gay community  | <input type="checkbox"/> To kill time                                       |

Other (please specify)

**30. Which days do you use bareback websites / apps? (please tick all that apply)**

- Mondays    Tuesdays    Wednesdays    Thursdays    Fridays    Saturdays    Sundays    Everyday

**31. How long have you been using bareback websites / apps for?**

- Less than six months
- Between six months and a year
- One to two years
- Two to five years
- Five to ten years
- More than ten years

**Why you no longer use bareback websites / apps**

**32. If you no longer use bareback websites / apps, why did you stop? (please tick all that apply)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody uses them any more  | <input type="checkbox"/> I've moved on to other social network(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> They're not cool           | <input type="checkbox"/> They're a waste of time                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I grew out of it           | <input type="checkbox"/> You can't meet guys on them any more     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community grew out of it   | <input type="checkbox"/> They're too sleazy now                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was bullied on them      | <input type="checkbox"/> I use mobile phone apps instead          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have time any more | <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody wants bareback sex                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I got bored with them      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody wants the kind of sex I'm into    |

Other (please specify)

## Sexual Health Information on Social Networking Websites and Mobile Phone Ap...

We're thinking about providing sexual health information and advice to men online using social networks.

How acceptable would you find the following ideas

### Websites

**33. Being contacted by a sexual health advisor on a gay social networking website to chat about my health.**

Acceptable

Unacceptable

    

**34. Sexual health advisors having profiles on a gay social networking website so I can chat to them about my health when I want to.**

Acceptable

Unacceptable

    

### Mobile Phones

**35. Being contacted by a sexual health worker on a gay social networking mobile phone app to chat about my health.**

Acceptable

Unacceptable

    

**36. Sexual health advisors having profiles on a gay social networking mobile phone app so I can chat to them about my health when I want to.**

Acceptable

Unacceptable

**37. Would you use a mobile phone app which just gave you sexual health information?**

Very Likely

Very Unlikely

**38. Would you use a mobile phone app which let you chat 1-to-1 with a sexual health adviser?**

Very Likely

Very Unlikely

**39. Would you use a service which sends you a message on your phone reminding you that it is time for you to go for your routine sexual health check up (i.e. every six months)?**

Very Likely

Very Unlikely

## About your sexual behaviours

We'd now like to find out about your sexual behaviours in the last year.

These questions are completely confidential and anonymous.

Remember you can miss out any questions you don't want to answer.

**40. With how many men have you had any sexual contact in the last 12 months?**

**41. With how many men have you had anal sex in the last 12 months?**

**42. Have you had anal sex WITHOUT a condom with a man in the last 12 months?**

Yes

No

## Anal sex without a condom in the last 12 months

We'd like to ask you more about the men you had anal sex WITHOUT a condom with in the last 12 months.

**43. With how many men have you had anal sex WITHOUT a condom in the last 12 months?**

**Thinking about the times you had anal sex WITHOUT a condom in the last 12 months...**

**44. How often was this with a casual partner? (please tick one)**

Always

Sometimes

Never

**45. How often did you talk about HIV with your partners? (please tick one)**

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

**46. How often did you know your partners' HIV status? (please tick one)**

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

**47. Were any of these partners HIV positive? (please tick one)**

- Yes, all
- Yes, some
- No
- Don't know

**48. In the last 12 months, did you only have anal sex without a condom with your regular partner, whose HIV status is the same as yours? (please tick one)**

- Yes, and we've agreed not to have sex with other partners
- Yes, and we've agreed not to have anal sex with other partners
- Yes, and we've agreed to always use condoms with other partners
- No

## HIV testing

We'd now like to ask you about you HIV status and testing behaviours.

Remember these questions are confidential and anonymous.

You can also miss out any questions you do not want to answer.

**49. What do you believe your current HIV status is?**

- HIV positive
- HIV negative
- Don't know

**50. When was your most recent HIV test?**

- In the last 6 months
- Between 6 months and 1 year ago
- Between 1 and 5 years ago
- Over 5 years ago
- Never had an HIV test

## About your HIV testing

### 51. What was the result of your last HIV test?

- HIV positive
- HIV negative
- Don't know

### 52. Why did you have your last HIV Test? (Please tick all that apply)

- It's just part of my regular sexual health check
- I was offered one at a clinic when I went for an STI test
- I'd had risky sex that I was worried about
- I had a condom accident / break
- I regularly have bareback sex
- A partner told me he was HIV positive
- My regular partner is HIV positive
- I'd just not had a test for a long time
- One of my friends / family tested positive so that made me think about my status
- A magazine article / TV programme got me thinking about my status
- Sexual health information from the Internet got me thinking about my status
- Written sexual health information got me thinking about my status

Other (please specify)

### 53. How frequently do you take an HIV test? (please tick all that apply)

- Every 3 months
- Every 6 months
- Every year
- Every few years
- After risky sex
- I've only had one test
- I only have a test when I need one
- I don't think there's a pattern to my HIV testing
- I am HIV+ so no longer need to test.

Other (please specify)

**54. Have you had a sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the last 12 months?**

- Yes
- No

**55. When was your most recent STI test?**

- In the last 6 months
- Between 6 months and 12 months ago
- Over 12 months ago
- Never had an STI test

**About your STI testing (< 12 months)**

**56. Do you go for regular STI tests?**

- Yes, about every 3 months
- Yes, about every 6 months
- Yes, about once a year
- Yes, every few years
- No

**57. Where have you been tested for STIs in the last 12 months?  
(please tick all that apply)**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> At the Steve Retson Project                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAM Outreach Clinic      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a sexual health / GUM clinic                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Cafe                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a hospital (not GUM or sexual health clinic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrence Higgins Trust    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At the Brownlee                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> At a GP                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunodeficiency Service                        | <input type="checkbox"/> In a gay bar/sauna        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay Men's Health                                | <input type="checkbox"/> I used a home testing kit |

Other (please specify)

**About your STI testing (> 12 months ago)**

**58. Do you go for regular STI tests?**

- Yes, about every 3 months
- Yes, about every 6 months
- Yes, about once a year
- Yes, every few years
- No



## Condoms and Sexual Health Advice

### 59. In the last 12 months, what have been your main source(s) of condoms/lube? (please tick all that apply)

- Gay bars
- Post (Get Rubbered etc.)
- Sexual health clinic
- Sexual health provider office (e.g. THT, Gay Men's Health, Waverley Care etc.)
- Bought them from a shop
- Bought them online
- Gay Saunas
- I don't use condoms for anal sex

Other (please specify)

### 60. In the last 12 months, where did you get sexual health advice and information from? (please tick all that apply)

- Online
- GP
- Sexual health clinic
- Sexual health service (e.g. THT, Waverley Care, Gay Men's Health)
- Television / Radio
- Flyers Gay Scene / Sauna
- Community events (e.g. Pride)
- Friends
- Regular partner
- Sex partners
- Family
- I haven't needed any

Other (please specify)

## Gay Scene Use and Being 'Out'

**61. In the last month, how often did you go out on the gay scene?**

- 4-5 times a week
- 1-2 times a week
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a month or less
- Never

**62. Being 'out' means that you have told people about your sexual orientation and don't try to hide it.**

**Using the scale below, how 'out' would you say you are?**

Not out to anyone Out to everyone

**63. Is your nearest gay venue within easy reach?**

Nearby Too far Don't know

**64. How long does it take you to reach your local gay scene for a night out? (please tick one)**

- Half an hour or less
- Between 30 mins and one hour
- Between 1-2 hours
- More than two hours
- Don't know

**65. Can you afford to reach your local gay scene using public transport / taxi for a night out?**

Very Affordable Too Expensive Don't know

**Thank-you**

Thank-you for taking the time to complete this survey so far.

**66. We are also interested in finding out about your attitudes towards HIV testing, barebacking and safer sex.**

**These questions would take about 10 minutes to complete. This will help us improve sexual health promotion and services in Scotland still further.**

**Would you have time to complete these additional questions as part of this survey?**

- Yes, I'll take the survey now .

No thanks.

## Attitudes towards HIV Testing, Unprotected Sex and Condom Use

**67. We're interested in finding out about your attitudes to HIV testing. Below are some things people say about HIV testing.**

**Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would rather get ill than find out I was HIV positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I wanted an HIV test I would have to travel a long way to the clinic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nobody would want to have sex with me if they found out I was HIV positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's much better to live with an uncertain HIV status than waking up every morning actually knowing you are positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not want to test because of the psychological consequences of a positive result	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The way staff treat people when they get tested puts them off having a test	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most of my gay friends have had an HIV test	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If more people had an HIV test, there would be fewer new HIV infections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gay men avoid HIV testing because they can't bear waiting for the results	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Attitudes towards HIV testing continued

**68. Here are some more things people say about HIV testing. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would rather not know my HIV status than risk being told I am HIV positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having an HIV test can help you plan your life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wouldn't have anal sex with anyone I knew was HIV positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clinics don't open at the right times for gay men to get tested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wouldn't tell anyone if I was going for an HIV test	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wouldn't have oral sex with anyone I knew was HIV positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wouldn't go for an HIV test if I had to wait more than a day for the results	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fear of a positive result puts me off testing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having an HIV test puts your mind at rest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Attitudes towards Unprotected Sex

**69. Next, we'd like to ask you about your views and opinions around anal intercourse without a condom, that some people call 'barebacking'.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I think of myself as a barebacker	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barebacking is now part of the gay culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know people who would describe themselves as barebackers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A lot of gay men have stopped using condoms all the time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I only need to use condoms with casual partners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I only need to use condoms with partners who have a different HIV status from me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can't be bothered with using condoms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barebacking porn tempts me to have anal sex without a condom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I enjoy the thrill of not using condoms with guys whose status I don't know	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The more you love someone the more difficult it is to use condoms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Attitudes towards Condom Use

Lastly, we'd like to find out what your views on using condoms during sex are.

**70. How easy is it for you to have safer sex? (please tick one)**

- Very Easy
- Quite easy
- Quite difficult
- Very Difficult

**71. How easy is it for you to negotiate condom use with partners? (please tick one)**

- Very Easy
- Quite easy
- Quite difficult
- Very Difficult

**72. How confident are you at using condoms? (please tick one)**

- Not at all confident
- Slightly confident
- Confident
- Very confident

**Thank-you for taking the time to answer these additional questions!**

## Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Knowledge, Acceptability and Behaviour

A drug (called Truvada) has been licensed in America to reduce the risk of sexually acquiring HIV for people who are HIV negative. This is known as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP - prophylaxis just means 'prevention'). In order for

the drug to work properly, it needs to be taken once a day and never missed. It can reduce the chance of HIV infection for men who have sex with men by 73% if taken every day. It doesn't have any serious side effects but it can cause nausea in the first month for about 10% of people who take it. The drug is not yet available in the UK.

**73. Before this survey had you ever heard about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, or what we have been calling PrEP, that can be used to prevent HIV infection?**

- Yes
  No
  Don't know

**74. If you already knew about PrEP, how did you first hear about it? (please tick all that apply)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers / Magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual health clinic  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/Family         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual health prevention services (e.g. Terrence Higgins Trust, Gay Men's Health, Waverley Care etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sex partners           | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet sources       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |  |

**75. If this PrEP pill were available today, how likely would you be to use it? (choose one)**

- Extremely Unlikely  
 Very Unlikely  
 Somewhat Unlikely  
 Not Sure  
 Somewhat Likely  
 Very Likely  
 Extremely Likely

**76. Please tell us how strongly you agree with the following questions.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Taking PrEP would mean you can have sex without using condoms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having PrEP available will make safer sex less important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PrEP medication just means that men will take more sexual risks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If gay men start using PrEP there will be many more sexually transmitted infections.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Just having HIV tests and using condoms is a better approach to sexual health than PrEP.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Knowledge, Acceptability and Behaviour**

## 77. Please tell us what you think about PrEP.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would wait until other people were taking PrEP before I use it myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be one of the first people to use PrEP, if it were available.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I'd rather use condoms to prevent HIV infection than use medication as prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not knowing if there are long-term side effects of taking PrEP daily would make me very uncomfortable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think that PrEP is a huge stride for HIV prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I took PrEP I'd still carry on using condoms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Despite PrEP I would always use condoms to avoid other sexually transmitted infections (such as gonorrhoea and chlamydia etc.).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Despite PrEP I would always use condoms to avoid other blood borne viruses (such as Hepatitis C).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 78. What impact would taking PrEP would have on you?

### If I was taking PrEP...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would be more likely to have sex without using a condom.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would feel more comfortable about having sex with someone who is HIV positive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would most likely increase the number of sexual partners I have.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be more likely to have anal sex without using a condom when I was the top or insertive partner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be more likely to have anal sex without using a condom when I was the bottom or receptive partner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I wouldn't worry about becoming infected with HIV when having sex with someone who is HIV positive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 79. Have you ever heard of POST-Exposure Prophylaxis, or PEP, where HIV-negative persons take HIV medications AFTER they have had sex to prevent them from becoming infected with HIV?

- Yes
  No
  Don't know

## 80. How did you first hear about PEP? (please tick all that apply)

- Newspapers / Magazines
  Sexual health clinic
- Friends/Family
  Sexual health prevention services (Terrence Higgins Trust, Gay Men's Health, Waverley Care etc.)
- Sex partners
  Don't know
- Internet sources
- Other (please specify)

**Thank-you!**

## **Thanks for all your time and help with this project!**

The success of this project, and our ability to use it to improve sexual health services for men who have sex with men in Scotland really depends on people like **you** taking the time to help us. We really appreciate this.

### **Study Withdrawal**

Now that you've seen all of the questions, it is important that we give you the opportunity to withdraw from the study.

If you want to withdraw from this survey, please click the button on the top right hand side. **This will automatically withdraw you from this survey and delete all of the answers you've given so far from our database instantly - you won't be asked to confirm this.** No record that you took this survey will be kept.

**If you're happy to submit your answers, please click 'next'.**

### **Friends...**

### **Invite your friends to take part!**

We'd like you to ask your friends if they would take part in this survey. If you'd be happy to do this, please email them the text below. Highlight it with your mouse, then copy and paste it into your email message.

if you don't want to invite any friends to take part, please click 'next' to go to the last page of the survey.

**Subject: Men who have Sex with Men Social & Sexual Networking Survey 2012**

**Men who have Sex with Men  
Social & Sexual Networking Survey 2012**

Hello,

**What's this all about?** We want to find out how men who have sex with men use Internet and mobile phone sites like Facebook, Gaydar and Recon to network with friends and meet guys for sex. So we're conducting a survey. We want to get as many guys to take part as possible so we can use the results to improve sexual health services in Scotland.

**Who is conducting this survey and who funds it?** Researchers at Glasgow Caledonian University are working together with the Scottish Netreach Network (Gay Men's Health, the Terrence Higgins Trust and Waverley Care). These institutions are funding this study. Ethical approval for this study has been granted by Glasgow Caledonian University.

**Why have I been contacted?** One of your friends has heard about this study and has agreed to send you this email to see if you'd be prepared to take part. Don't worry, they haven't passed your contact details on to the researchers or anyone else.

**Who should take part?** Men who are over 18 years old and living in Scotland, who have sex with men (or want to) and use any social networking websites (e.g. Facebook, Gaydar, Recon etc.) or social networking phone apps (e.g. Grindr, etc.).

**What is involved?** The survey will only take about 15 minutes. We're using SurveyMonkey to collect the data. They're a well respected online survey company and we've set it up so there is no way the completed questionnaire can be traced back to you. It's completely confidential and anonymous. You do not need to take part in the survey if you do not wish to.

If you've already filled in this survey online in the last few weeks, thank-you for doing so but please don't do it again – once is enough.

If you have any questions or comments about this survey, please email [Jamie Frankis](mailto:j.frankis@gcu.ac.uk) at Glasgow Caledonian University at [j.frankis@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:j.frankis@gcu.ac.uk)

**If you would like to take the survey please [Click Here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EGaySNS) or go to  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EGaySNS>**

If you'd like any information on sexual health and safer sex including where to get a named HIV test before you complete the survey, please [Click Here](#) or go to <http://www.hiv-wakeup.org.uk/>.

**Many thanks for your time and help..**

Jamie Frankis,  
Principle Investigator MSM Social Networking Survey,  
Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, G4 0BA.

Please click 'next' to go to the final page of the survey



## Sexual Health Advice and Support

This questionnaire has covered some really sensitive issues about your sexual behaviours and sexual health.

If you'd like to find out more information about sexual health, find out how to get tests for sexually transmitted infections (including HIV) or talk to someone about this all, completely confidentially please [CLICK HERE](#) (opens in a new window) or go to <http://www.hiv-wakeup.org.uk/>.

Alternatively you can use the [HIV Scotland Services finder](#) to locate HIV testing and other sexual health services near where you live.

Services for people living with HIV are provided by the [Terrence Higgins Trust](#) and [Waverley Care](#).

[Waverley Care](#) also provide services for people living with Hepatitis C.

General information about sexually transmitted infections for men who have sex with men is provided by [Gay Men's Health](#).

**Counselling** is also available in Scotland for [gay and bisexual men](#) and [people who are affected by HIV or Hepatitis C](#).

If you're done, click 'Done' to submit your answers and finish this survey.

**Thank-you you once again,**

**Jamie Frankis and the Social Netreach Network team**



