

# EMERGE 2021

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## **The EMERGE study (Effect of COVID-19 and government restriction on the sexual health and well-being of gay and bisexual men in Ireland)**

### **Why is this study being done?**

The COVID-19 crisis has had a huge impact and affected almost every area of life in the countries which have been worst hit. This includes disruption to health care services, restrictions on socialising, closing parts of the economy, job losses and limits on sexual relationships.

Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men may be at greater risk of poor health and well-being outcomes related to the COVID-19 crisis and government restrictions.

Understanding the scale of these impacts, and which groups of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men are most affected is really important in designing responses which will help in recovery efforts.

### **Please take part if you are...**

- a man (cis or trans) who has sex with men (cis or trans)
- or a man (cis or trans) who is attracted to other men (cis or trans)
- or a man (cis or trans) who thinks he might have sex with men (cis or trans) in the future.
- and are aged 18 years or older
- have lived in the Republic of Ireland at some point between March 2020 and now

### **What is it about?**

This survey asks about your well-being during the COVID-19 crisis. This includes details on the sex you have been having, your alcohol and other substance use, your mental health, your use of health services and your employment situation.

### **How long will it take?**

Most people will take around 10 minutes to complete this survey. Please make sure you have enough time and battery power, because you cannot come back to complete it if you log off.

### **Why should I take part?**

Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men can face unique challenges related to their well-being. These include mental health struggles, alcohol and substance use, issues relating to employment and higher rates of HIV and STI transmission. Sharing your experiences with us will help social and sexual health services better plan recovery efforts as the COVID-19 crisis recedes.

Although there will be no direct benefit to you from the information you provide, it will help health and social services to better meet the community's needs. It could also mean that services for gay and bisexual men are better funded and that more targeted support gets to those in the community who need it.

### **Who is running it?**

The survey is being run by Sigma Research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in the UK in partnership with MPOWER at HIV Ireland. This research has been approved by the ethics committee of the LSHTM and the Irish College of General Practitioners.

It has been developed with an Irish and UK based group of researchers and health workers in public health, academia, non-governmental organisations and clinical services working in sexual health and well-being for gay and bisexual men.

The survey is funded by the MPOWER Programme at HIV Ireland.

### **What about data protection?**

We will **not** collect the TC/IP address of your device or try to install any cookies on it. We will **not** collect any information about you that would allow anybody to identify you. This means you need to complete the survey in one session and you cannot log out and return later. Participation is voluntary and you can withdraw at any time.

### **Where will the data go?**

During recruitment, the survey software used will store anonymous responses on its servers which are located in the EU. Following recruitment completion anonymous survey data will be securely downloaded and stored on servers at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the UK. Only researchers working on this project will have access to the data during the project. Anonymous data from write-in questions will be securely transferred to HIV Ireland for analysis in Dublin. This will be done through an encrypted, password protected data transfer platform. All data will be held until our analysis and dissemination is done (probably about 1 year) and then submitted to the Irish Social Science Data Archive for preservation, with access controlled by HIV Ireland. At this time it will be erased from all other servers.

The dataset will be completely anonymous, and participants will not be identifiable.

### **When can I see the results?**

Results will be available by autumn of 2021. A community report will be available on the MPOWER website (MPOWER.HIVIreland.ie). Any journal articles we write will also be linked to there.

### **What if I have questions?**

If you have questions about the survey or want to speak to the researcher team before deciding whether to take part, you can email Charles Witzel at [Charles.Witzel@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Charles.Witzel@lshtm.ac.uk). Charles is also the data controller.

### **What if I want to withdraw?**

The survey is voluntary and you can stop and withdraw at any time while you are completing the survey. None of the data you supplied will be collected if you do this. Because it is an anonymous survey, it is not possible to withdraw after you have completed it as we will not be able to identify your specific response.

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### **1. Consent to participate**

Do you provide consent to participate and for us to process the anonymous data you provide? \*

- Yes
- No

### **Exit page**

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#### **Page entry logic:**

This page will show when: #1 Question "**Consent to participate**

Do you provide consent to participate and for us to process the anonymous data you provide?" is one of the following answers ("No")

#### **Page description:**

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**Thank you for considering participating The EMERGE study.**

Your responses indicate you do not wish to participate in this research.

Should you feel you need support around HIV or sexual health, please [visit this link](#) for more information.

## Eligibility questions

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### Page description:

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This survey asks about health behaviours and experiences during the COVID-19 crisis in Ireland. By the COVID-19 crisis we mean from the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the day the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic, and the day before schools, colleges and childcare facilities were first closed in response to COVID.

ID 4

2. What is your age? \*

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3. What is your gender identity? \*

- Male (including trans male)
- Female (including trans female)
- Non-binary
- In another way

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4. Is this the same as the sex you were assigned at birth? \*

- Yes
- No

LOGIC Show/hide trigger exists.

ID 7

5. How do you describe your sexual orientation? \*

- Gay or homosexual
- Bisexual
- In another way
- Straight

LOGIC Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #5 Question "How do you describe your sexual orientation?" is one of the following answers ("In another way", "Straight")

ID 8

6. Are you sexually attracted to men (cis or trans)? \*

- Yes
- No

LOGIC Hidden unless: #6 Question "Are you sexually attracted to men (cis or trans)?" is one of the following answers ("No")

ID 16

7. Have you ever had sex with another man (cis or trans)? \*

- Yes
- No

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8. Have you lived in the Republic of Ireland during the COVID-19 crisis? \*

- Yes
- No

## Exit page

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### Page entry logic:

This page will show when: ((#2 Question "What is your age?" is one of the following answers ("under 16", "16", "17") OR #3 Question "What is your gender identity?" is one of the following answers ("Female (including trans female)", "Non-binary", "In another way")) OR ((#5 Question "How do you describe your sexual orientation?" is one of the following answers ("In another way", "Straight") AND #6 Question "Are you sexually attracted to men (cis or trans)?" is one of the following answers ("No")) AND #7 Question "Have you ever had sex with another man (cis or trans)?" is one of the following answers ("No"))))

### Page description:

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**Thank you for your interest in The EMERGE study.**

**The answers that you have provided with indicate that you do not meet our inclusion criteria.**

This study recruits men (cis and trans) who report attraction to other men (cis and trans), who are 18 years or older and who have lived in the Republic of Ireland at some time between March 2020 and now.

If you have any questions please email Charles Witzel at [Charles.Witzel@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Charles.Witzel@lshtm.ac.uk).

Should you feel you need support around HIV or sexual health, please [visit this link](#) for more information.

## Questions about you

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**Page description:**

ID 11

9. How do you describe your ethnicity?

**White**

- Irish
- Irish traveller
- Any other white background

**Asian**

- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

**Black**

- Black African
- Any other Black background

**Other**

- Other (including mixed background)
- Latin American
- Arab

10. Where in the Republic of Ireland do you usually live?

- Carlow
- Cavan
- Clare
- Cork
- Donegal
- Dublin
- Galway
- Kerry
- Kildare
- Kilkenny
- Laois
- Leitrim
- Limerick
- Longford
- Louth
- Mayo
- Meath
- Monaghan
- Offaly
- Roscommon
- Sligo
- Tipperary
- Waterford
- Westmeath
- Wexford
- Wicklow

LOGIC Show/hide trigger exists.

ID 12

11. Were you born in Ireland?

- Yes
- No

LOGIC Hidden unless: #11 Question "Were you born in Ireland?" is one of the following answers ("No")

ID 13

12. What country were you born in?

- Colombia
- East Timor (see Timor-Leste)
- Ecuador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Iceland
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Andorra
- Angola
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
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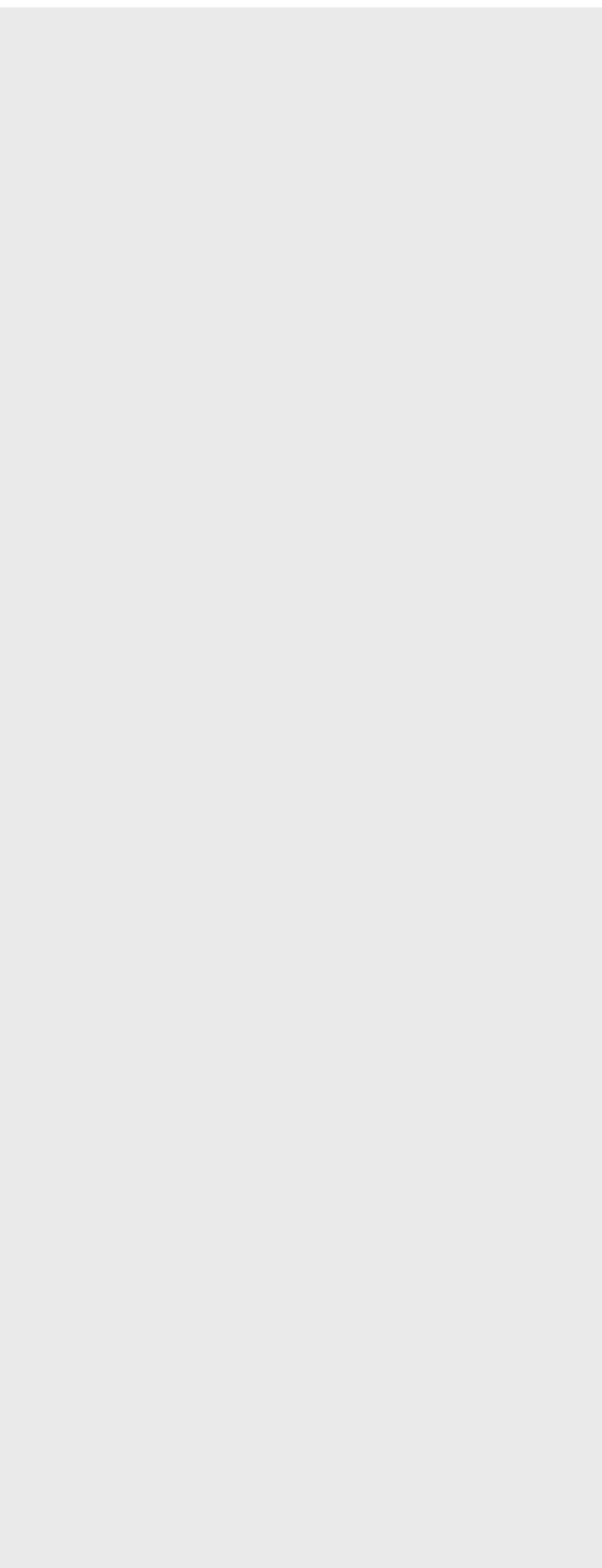
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Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Uruguay  
Uzbekistan  
Vanuatu  
Venezuela  
Vietnam  
Yemen  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe





ID 14

13. What is your highest educational qualification?

- I have no educational qualifications
- Intermediate/Junior/Group Certificate or equivalent
- Leaving Certificate or equivalent (including applied leaving certificate)
- Higher education below degree level
- Degree or higher

ID 15

14. Which of the following best describes your relationship situation?

- Single
- In a complicated relationship
- In an open relationship
- In a monogamous relationship
- In a polyamorous relationship

ID 18

15. Which of the following best describes your employment situation?

- Employed full time
- Employed part time
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Student
- Retired
- Long-term sick leave / medically retired
- Other

ID 21

16. What is your usual annual income?

- €0 - 9,999
- €10,000 - 19,999
- €20,000 - 39,999
- €40,000 - 59,999
- €60,000 - 99,999
- €100,000+

ID 100

17. Do you have a disability as defined under the Disability Act 2005?

- Yes
- No

ID 93

18. Who have you lived with for the majority of the COVID-19 crisis? (tick all that apply)

- No-one / on my own
- Parents / other family
- Romantic partner(s)
- Regular house/flat mates
- Children
- Others in an institutional co-living situation (e.g. direct provision, rehabilitation facility, hostel)
- Other - Write In

ID 23

19. Have you or someone you live with been cocooning during the COVID-19 crisis at any time?

- Yes
- No

ID 24

20. Have you had COVID-19?

- Yes, this was confirmed by a test
- I suspect so but did not access testing
- I suspect so but could not access testing
- No

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 25

21. Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19

- No
- Yes, partially (one dose of a vaccine that requires two doses)
- Yes, fully (two doses, or a vaccine that only requires one dose)

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #21 Question "Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19" is one of the following answers ("No")

**ID** 84

22. Will you take a COVID-19 vaccine when offered?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

## Sexual health questions

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**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 26

23. Have you ever had an HIV test?

- Yes, and I was diagnosed HIV positive
- Yes, and my most recent test result was negative
- No, I have not tested for HIV

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and I was diagnosed HIV positive")

**ID** 91

24. Are you currently on HIV treatment?

- Yes, and my viral load is undetectable
- Yes, and my viral load is detectable
- No.

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and I was diagnosed HIV positive")

**ID** 27

25. In what year were you initially diagnosed HIV positive?

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**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and my most recent test result was negative")

**ID** 28

26. When did you **last** have an HIV test?

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 3 months
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and my most recent test result was negative")

**ID** 29

27. Where did you go for your **last** HIV test?

- General practitioner / family doctor
- Doctor in private practice
- At a hospital as an in-patient
- At a hospital as an out-patient
- At a community health service or drop-in (not in a hospital or clinic)
- At a blood bank, while donating blood
- I used a self-sampling kit (I took my own sample then sent it away to be analysed)
- I used a self-testing kit (I found out the result on the spot)
- In a bar/pub, club or sauna
- Mobile testing unit
- Elsewhere

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 30

28. Have you ever had a test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)?

- Yes
- No



**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #28 Question "Have you ever had a test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 31

29. When was your **last** test for STIs?

- Within the last 24 hours
- Within the last 7 days
- Within the last 4 weeks
- Within the last 3 months
- Within the last 6 months
- Within the last 12 months
- Within the last 5 years
- More than 5 years ago

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #28 Question "Have you ever had a test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 32

30. Where did you go for your **last** STI test?

- General Practitioner / family doctor
- A doctor in private practice
- At a hospital or clinic as an out-patient
- At a hospital as an in-patient
- At a community health service or drop-in (not in a hospital or clinic)
- At a blood bank, while donating blood
- I used a self-sampling kit (I took my own sample then sent it away to be analysed)
- I used a self-testing kit (I found out the result on the spot)
- In a bar / pub, club or sauna
- Mobile testing unit
- Elsewhere

## Questions about sex

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**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 40

31. Have you had sex with new or casual partners during the COVID-19 crisis?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #31 Question "Have you had sex with new or casual partners during the COVID-19 crisis?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 37

32. Where did you meet any new partners during the COVID-19 crisis? (tick all that apply)

- Online
- In public places or cruising grounds
- Sex parties in a private residence
- No new partners during the COVID-19 crisis
- Other - write In

**ID** 38

33. Thinking of all types of sex involving physical contact, have you had more or less sexual partners during the COVID-19 crisis than in the year before that?

- A lot more
- A few more
- About the same
- A few less
- A lot less
- I have not had any partners during the COVID-19 crisis.

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #31 Question "Have you had sex with new or casual partners during the COVID-19 crisis?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 43

34. How often have you felt anxious or concerned about contracting COVID-19 through sex with new or casual partners?

- Never
- Some of the time
- Less than half of the time
- More than half of the time
- Most of the time
- All of the time

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #31 Question "Have you had sex with new or casual partners during the COVID-19 crisis?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 42

35. What, if any, COVID prevention measures have you taken during sex with new or casual partners? (tick all that apply)

- I've not changed my sexual practices
- Hygiene techniques such as hand-washing or showering before and/or after sex
- I've had sex without mouth to mouth contact such as kissing
- I've had sex that involved physical distance
- I've had sex using a physical barrier (e.g. a glory hole)
- I've worn masks during sex
- I've avoided sex that might expose me or my partners to faeces (poo)
- I've changed the type of sex I've had in hook-ups
- Other - Write In

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #31 Question "Have you had sex with new or casual partners during the COVID-19 crisis?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 41

36. How much of the time have you followed government COVID-19 guidance on having sex with new or casual partners?

- Never
- Some of the time
- Less than half of the time
- More than half of the time
- Most of the time
- All of the time
- I was not aware of this guidance

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 33

37. Have you had sex with any male (cis or trans) partners in the last **12 months**?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #37 Question "Have you had sex with any male (cis or trans) partners in the last **12 months**?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 34

38. What types of sex have you had in the last **12 months**?

- Mutual masturbation
- Oral sex
- Anal sex
- Other penetrative sex
- Group sex
- Chemsex (sex facilitated by crystal meth, GHB/GBL or another stimulant drug)
- Other - Write In (Required)

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**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #38 Question "What types of sex have you had in the last **12 months**?" is one of the following answers ("Anal sex","Other penetrative sex")

**ID** 35

39. How many partners did you have anal or other penetrative sex with in the last **12 months**?

- 0
- 1
- 2-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10-12
- 13-14
- 15+

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #38 Question "What types of sex have you had in the last **12 months**?" is one of the following answers ("Anal sex", "Other penetrative sex")

**ID** 36

40. With how many of these partners did you have penetrative sex **without** a condom?

- 0
- 1
- 2-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10-12
- 13-14
- 15+

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #38 Question "What types of sex have you had in the last **12 months**?" is one of the following answers ("Chemsex (sex facilitated by crystal meth, GHB/GBL or another stimulant drug)")

**ID** 39

41. Have you had more or less chemsex in the last **12 months** than you would have usually?

- A lot more
- A little more
- About the same
- A little less
- A lot less

LOGIC Show/hide trigger exists.

ID 45

42. Have you had sex with any male (cis or trans) partners in the last **3 months**?

- Yes
- No

LOGIC Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #42 Question "Have you had sex with any male (cis or trans) partners in the last **3 months**?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

ID 92

43. What types of sex have you had in the last **3 months**?

- Mutual masturbation
- Oral sex
- Anal sex
- Other penetrative sex
- Group sex
- Chemsex (sex facilitated by crystal meth, GHB/GBL or another stimulant drug)
- Other - Write In



**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #43 Question "What types of sex have you had in the last **3 months**?" is one of the following answers ("Anal sex", "Other penetrative sex")

**ID** 47

44. How many partners did you have anal or other penetrative sex with in the last **3 months**?

- 0
- 1
- 2-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10+

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #43 Question "What types of sex have you had in the last **3 months**?" is one of the following answers ("Anal sex", "Other penetrative sex")

**ID** 48

45. With how many of these partners did you have penetrative sex **without** a condom?

- 0
- 1
- 2-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10+

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 64

46. Have you sold sex since January 2020?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #46 Question "Have you sold sex since January 2020?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 65

47. How has this changed during the COVID-19 crisis?

- No change
- I stopped having clients all together
- My income has fallen / I have had fewer clients
- My income has increased / I have had more clients
- I changed the way I work (e.g. moved services online)
- I started selling sex because of financial pressures related to the COVID-19 crisis
- In another way - write In

**ID** 44

48. How has your sex life changed during the COVID-19 crisis?

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**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and I was diagnosed HIV positive")

**ID** 49

49. Has the COVID-19 crisis affected your ability to access HIV care?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #49 Question "Has the COVID-19 crisis affected your ability to access HIV care?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 94

50. What element of your HIV care was impacted? (tick all that apply)

- HIV treatment or accessing medications
- Blood work
- Ongoing investigations
- Mental health support
- Other - write In

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and my most recent test result was negative", "No, I have not tested for HIV")

**ID** 51

51. Have you taken PrEP since January 2020?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #51 Question "Have you taken PrEP since January 2020? " is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 52

52. How did / do you take your PrEP? (tick all that apply)

- Every day
- When I need it (event-based dosing)
- In another way - Write In

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #51 Question "Have you taken PrEP since January 2020? " is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 53

53. Has this changed during the COVID-19 crisis?

- No change
- Changed dosing regimen
- Interrupted and re-started
- Interrupted and have not restarted but plan to
- Stopped all together

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and my most recent test result was negative", "No, I have not tested for HIV")

**ID** 54

54. Have you felt you needed Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) during the COVID-19 crisis?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #54 Question "Have you felt you needed Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) during the COVID-19 crisis?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 55

55. Were you able to access PEP? (tick all that apply)

- Yes
- I attempted to access but wasn't able to get to a clinic or emergency department
- I didn't access PEP because the emergency department charge put me off
- I didn't access PEP because I wanted to avoid clinics and hospitals during the COVID-19 crisis
- I was told I was not eligible for PEP

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #55 Question "Were you able to access PEP? (tick all that apply)" is one of the following answers ("Yes","I was told I was not eligible for PEP")

**ID** 56

56. Where did you go to get your PEP from? (tick all that apply)

- Sexual health clinic
- Accident and emergency
- Somewhere else - please specify

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and my most recent test result was negative", "No, I have not tested for HIV")

**ID** 57

57. During the COVID-19 crisis have you been able to access sexual health services (including access to PrEP, HIV/STI testing, PEP, condoms and lube and advice / information / support)?

- Yes, I have accessed sexual health services with no difficulty
- Yes, I have accessed sexual health services but not as easily as usual
- Yes, I have accessed sexual health services, but not the one I wanted
- No, I have tried and wasn't able to access sexual health services
- No, I have not tried to access sexual health services.

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #57 Question "

During the COVID-19 crisis have you been able to access sexual health services (including access to PrEP, HIV/STI testing, PEP, condoms and lube and advice / information / support)?

" is one of the following answers ("Yes, I have accessed sexual health services but not as easily as usual", "Yes, I have accessed sexual health services, but not the one I wanted", "No, I have tried and wasn't able to access sexual health services")

**ID** 98

58. Which services were you attempting to access? (tick all that apply)

- HIV testing
- STI testing
- PrEP
- PEP
- Condoms and lube
- Chemsex support
- Advice / information / support
- Vaccinations
- Other - write In

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #23 Question "Have you ever had an HIV test?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, and I was diagnosed HIV positive")

**ID** 59

59. During the COVID-19 crisis have you been able to access sexual health services (including STI testing, condoms and lube and advice / information / support)?

- Yes, I have accessed sexual health services with no difficulty
- Yes, I have accessed sexual health services but not as easily as usual
- Yes, I have accessed sexual health services, but not the one I wanted
- No, I have tried and wasn't able to access sexual health services
- No, I have not tried to access sexual health services.

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #59 Question "During the COVID-19 crisis have you been able to access sexual health services (including STI testing, condoms and lube and advice / information / support)?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, I have accessed sexual health services but not as easily as usual", "Yes, I have accessed sexual health services, but not the one I wanted", "No, I have tried and wasn't able to access sexual health services")

**ID** 97

60. Which services were you attempting to access? (tick all that apply)

- STI testing
- Condoms and lube
- Chemsex support
- Advice / information / support
- Vaccinations
- Other - write In



ID 61

61. Have you experienced symptoms of an STI during the COVID-19 crisis?

- Yes
- No

ID 62

62. Have you been diagnosed with an STI and had it treated by a clinician during the COVID-19 crisis?

- Yes
- No

ID 63

63. During the COVID-19 crisis have you self-medicated or self-treated an STI you suspected you had?

- Yes
- No

## **Alcohol, drugs and mental health**

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**Page description:**

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 66

64. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, has your alcohol consumption changed?

- Increased a lot
- Increased a little
- No change
- Decreased a little
- Decreased a lot
- Stopped entirely
- Not applicable / I don't drink alcohol

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #64 Question "Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, has your alcohol consumption changed?" is one of the following answers ("Increased a lot", "Increased a little", "No change", "Decreased a little", "Decreased a lot", "Stopped entirely")

**ID** 95

65. Have you drunk alcohol in the last 12 months?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #65 Question "Have you drank alcohol in the last 12 months?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 69

## 66. Thinking about drinking alcohol

	Yes	No
Have you tried to cut down on your drinking?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have people annoyed you by criticising your drinking?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you felt bad or guilty about your drinking?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you taken a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 74

## 67. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis has your drug use changed?

- Increased a lot
- Increased a little
- No change
- Decreased a little
- Decreased a lot
- Stopped entirely
- Not applicable / I don't take drugs

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #67 Question "Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis has your drug use changed?" is one of the following answers ("Increased a lot", "Increased a little", "No change", "Decreased a little", "Decreased a lot")

**ID** 75

68. Which drugs have you taken in the last 12 months? (tick all that apply)

- Amphetamine (Speed)
- Cannabis (Marijuana)
- Cocaine
- Crystal Meth (T, Tina)
- MDMA (Ecstasy)
- GHB/GBL (G)
- Ketamine (K)
- LSD (Acid)
- Magic Mushrooms (Shrooms)
- Other - write In

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 76

69. Do you have concerns about your alcohol or drug use?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #69 Question "Do you have concerns about your alcohol or drug use?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 77

70. Which are you concerned about?

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Both

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #69 Question "Do you have concerns about your alcohol or drug use?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 78

71. Have you been able to access support or services for alcohol or drug use during the COVID-19 crisis?

- Yes, I have accessed alcohol or drug use support or services with no difficulty
- Yes, I have accessed alcohol or drug use support or services but not as easily as usual
- No, I have tried and not been able to access alcohol or drug use support or services
- No, I have not tried to access alcohol or drug use support or services.
- I don't know how to access alcohol or drug support or services

ID 79

72. What would you describe the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on your mental health to be?

My mental health has been

- A lot worse
- A little worse
- No change
- A little better
- A lot better

ID 80

73. Thinking about the closure of LGBT venues during the COVID-19 crisis, how has this impacted your well-being?

My well-being has been

- A lot worse
- A little worse
- No change
- A little better
- A lot better
- Not applicable / I didn't use LGBT venues

ID 81

74. Thinking about the limited opportunities to socialise with LGBT people through sport or social groups during the COVID-19 crisis, how has this impacted your well-being?

My well-being has been

- A lot worse
- A little worse
- No change
- A little better
- A lot better
- Not applicable / I didn't participate in LGBT social groups or sports

ID 82

75. Have you been able to access mental health services as needed during the COVID-19 crisis?

- Yes, I have accessed mental health services with no difficulty
- Yes, I have accessed mental health services but not as easily as usual
- No, I have tried and was not able to access mental health services
- No, I have not tried to access mental health services.
- I don't know how to access mental health services?
- I have not needed to access mental health services

ID 83

76. How much of the time have you felt anxious about COVID-19 overall?

- Never
- Some of the time
- Less than half of the time
- More than half of the time
- Most of the time
- All of the time

## Employment and education

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**Page description:**

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

ID 85

77. Has the COVID-19 crisis impacted on your employment opportunities?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable



**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #77 Question "Has the COVID-19 crisis impacted on your employment opportunities?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 86

78. Has the COVID-19 crisis impacted on your employment opportunities?  
(Tick all that apply)

- I have had a decrease in working hours
- I have had less income
- I am/was kept on using the wage subsidy scheme
- I am/was receiving the Pandemic Unemployment Payment
- I have lost my job permanently
- I have had an increased workload
- I have increased income
- Other - write In

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 87

79. Has the COVID-19 crisis impacted on your education?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #79 Question "Has the COVID-19 crisis impacted on your education?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 99

80. How has the COVID-19 crisis impacted on your education? (tick all that apply)

- Leaving Cert interrupted
- Further education plans have changed
- The way you learn (e.g. classes moved online)
- Other - Write In

**Thank You!**

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**ID** 1

Thank you for taking part! Your participation is appreciated and will help policy makers, charities and commissioners develop services for gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men as we recover from the COVID-19 crisis.

If you would like additional information or support on any of the topics in this survey [please click here](#).