



137,000 Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) completed EMIS-2017 in 50 countries and 33 languages. Much appreciation and thanks to those of you who responded to EMIS-2017 Ireland in 25 languages.

Key findings from the Ireland community reports as well as the full survey results can be found at www.gayhealthnetwork.ie/research and www.emis2017.eu

YOUR AGE

23%
17-24

47%
25-39

23%
40-54

8%
55+

WHERE YOU LIVE

57%

DUBLIN

9%

CORK

5%

GALWAY

4%

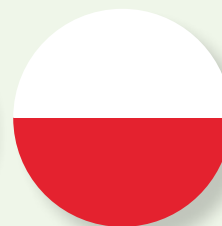
LIMERICK

26%

OTHER
22 COUNTIES

WHERE YOU WERE BORN

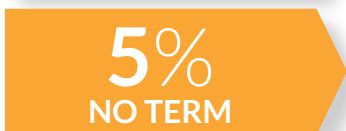
75% IRELAND 25% 65 OTHER COUNTRIES



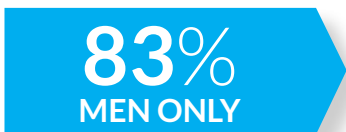
(THE MOST COMMON; UK, BRAZIL, POLAND AND GERMANY)



YOUR SEXUAL IDENTITY



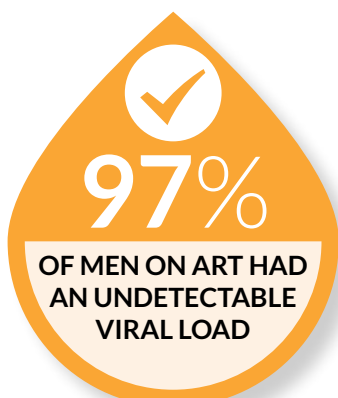
YOUR SEXUAL ATTRACTION



YOUR RELATIONSHIPS



YOUR HIV STATUS



YOUR OUTNESS



69%
WERE OUT TO MORE THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE YOU KNEW

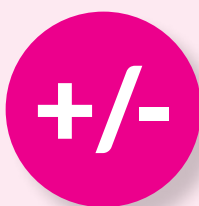
HEPATITIS B VACCINE



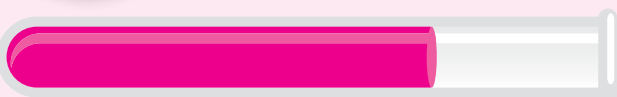
53% of you have completed the full course of the Hepatitis B Vaccine



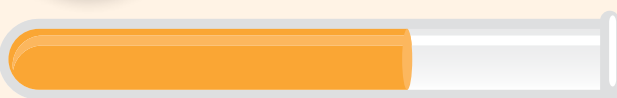
TESTING



77% of you have ever tested for HIV



76% of you have ever tested for STIs





STI DIAGNOSIS IN PREVIOUS YEAR

Of the 1,115 men who HAD tested for STIs



WAYS YOU CONNECT FOR SEX



SMARTPHONE APPS & INTERNET



SAUNAS / CLUB / DISCOS



CRUISING, BARS/CAFÉ, BACKROOMS, SEX PARTIES, PORN CINEMAS

SEX WITH MEN IN PREVIOUS YEAR



of the men who had sex with a steady male partner had condomless anal intercourse



of the men who had sex with a non-steady male partner had condomless anal intercourse

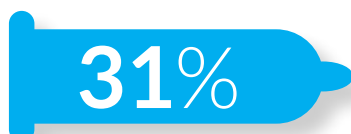


of you had condomless anal intercourse because you DID NOT have a condom

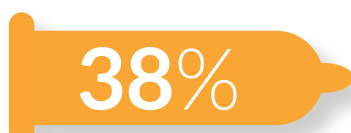
SEX WITH WOMEN IN PREVIOUS YEAR



always used condoms

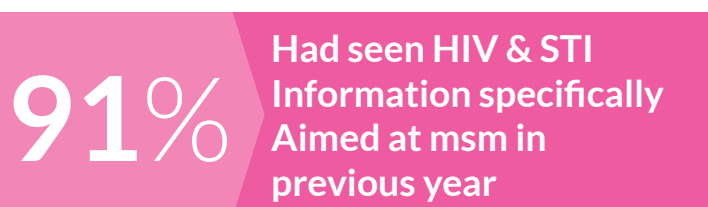
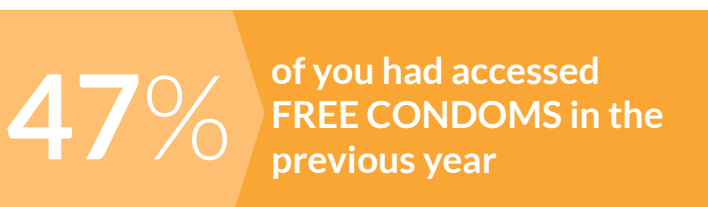
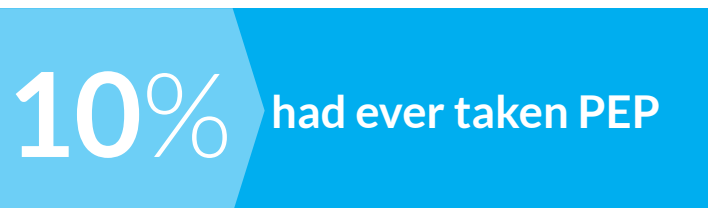
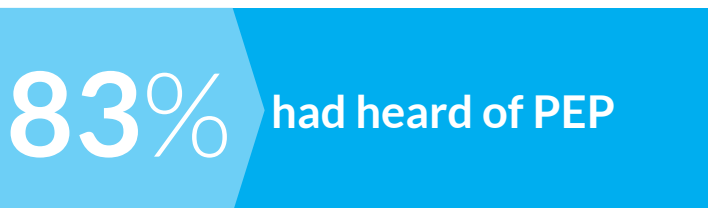


never used condoms



inconsistent condom use

YOUR PREVENTION STRATEGIES





MANY OF YOU DID NOT KNOW THESE FACTS

PREP KNOWLEDGE

29%

did not know that PrEP involves someone who does not have HIV taking pills before as well as after sex to prevent them getting HIV

40%

did not know that PrEP can be taken as a single daily pill if someone does not know in advance when they will have sex

81%

did not know that if someone knows in advance when they will have sex, PrEP needs to be taken as a double dose approx. 24 hours before sex then at both 24 and 48 hours after the double dose

PEP KNOWLEDGE

33%

did not know that PEP should be started as soon as possible after exposure, preferably within hours

26%

did not know that PEP attempts to stop HIV infection taking place after a person is exposed to the virus

54%

did not know that PEP is a one-month course of anti-HIV drugs

U=U AND STI KNOWLEDGE

! 24%

did not know that most STIs can be passed on more easily than HIV

U=U 41%

did not know that a person with HIV who is on effective treatment (called 'UNDETECTABLE viral load') cannot pass their virus to someone else during sex (= UNTRANSMITTABLE).

HEPATITIS KNOWLEDGE

40%

did not know that Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver

34%

did not know that most Hepatitis is caused by viruses

37%

did not know that Doctors recommend men who have sex with men are vaccinated against both Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B viruses