

WOMEN AND HIV: INEQUALITIES AT A GLANCE

PREVALENCE

33%

of all people seen for HIV care in England in 2023 were women¹

PREVENTION

46%

of all new HIV diagnoses in 2023 in England were among women¹

YET ONLY

3%

of those using PrEP in 2023 in England were women²

TESTING

Uptake of HIV testing in sexual health services is:

ONLY

65%

among women

COMPARED TO

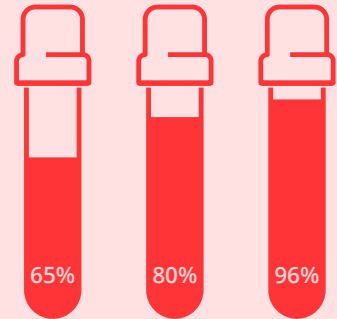
>80%

among heterosexual men

and

96%

among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM)³



LATE DIAGNOSIS*

The proportion of women diagnosed late is

42%⁴



TRANSMISSION

Of the 15,800 people living with transmissible levels of HIV

4,400

were women compared to 2,900 that were heterosexual men⁴



STIGMA

Women are more likely to keep their HIV status private compared to men:

14% vs 9%⁵



WIDER INEQUALITIES

10%

of people living with HIV are unemployed. Unemployment was highest among people who identified as trans, non-binary or in another way (18.8%), women (14.3%), people of Black African ethnicity (13.5%), and other minority ethnicities (12.7%)⁵



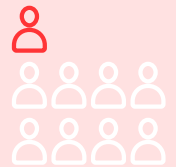
U=U

Overall, awareness of the concept of U=U was very high with 9 in 10 (92.3%) people living with HIV aware. Across demographic groups, awareness was highest among young people (98% in 18 to 34 year olds) and lowest among women at 88%⁵



1 IN 9

(11.8%) people were afraid to attend healthcare services in the last year due to concern that someone may learn their HIV status⁵



*A late HIV diagnosis is defined as having a CD4 count below 350 cells per mm³ of blood within 91 days of diagnosis and no evidence of a recent infection.⁴

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