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Big Day Out 2007 Results

We conducted a third survey of young people at the Big Day Out in 2007, asking them about their sexual history, drug use, knowledge of sexually transmitted infections. 992 people between 16-29 years participated.

SEX AND SEXUAL HEALTH

- 82% had experienced oral sex
- 80% had experienced vaginal sex
- 26% had kissed someone of the same sex
- More than half first had anal or vaginal sex at 16 or younger
- 16% had had more than 10 sexual partners in their lifetime
- 35% had more than one partner in the last year
- 40% had a new partner in the last 3 months
- 86% had been to a GP in the last year
- 16% had symptoms they thought were an STI in the last year
- 44% of women had had a pap smear in the past 2 years
- 45% of people had ever had an STI test, 22% had ever had a HIV test
- 4.5% had been diagnosed with an STI in the past
- 10% had ever been pregnant or got a partner pregnant

KNOWLEDGE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs)

- 57% knew that Chlamydia could make you infertile
- 41% knew Chlamydia could be diagnosed with a urine test
- 51% knew Chlamydia could be treated with antibiotics
- 14% of people thought they could be at risk of an STI

<u>DRUGS</u>

- 66% had ever used an illicit drug
- o 17% cocaine
- o 2% heroin
- 17% acid
- o 6% inhalants
- o 62% marijuana
- o 32% ecstasy
- o 26% speed
- 10% used drugs at least once a week
- 37% had used illicit drugs in the past month
- 32% had drunk unsafe levels of alcohol at least once a week

We would like to thank participants for their help with this study.

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