



sex, drugs and
rock'n'roll



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Big Day Out 2008 Results

We conducted a fourth survey of young people at the Big Day Out in 2008, asking them about their sexual history, knowledge of sexually transmitted infections, and their alcohol and drug use. 2377 people between 16-29 years participated.

SEXUAL HEALTH

- * 89% had ever had sex
- * 17% had had more than 10 sexual partners in their lifetime.
- * 42% had more than one sexual partner in the last year
- * 36% had a new sexual partner in the last 3 months
- * 63% of those with casual sexual partner/s in the past year always used a condom with these partners
- * 78% had been to a GP in the last year; 49% of those who had seen a GP had discussed sexual health or contraception with their GP
- * 54% of people had ever had an STI test (among those who had ever had sex)

KNOWLEDGE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs)

- * 78% knew that people with STIs often don't have any symptoms and won't know they are infected
- * 65% knew that chlamydia could make you infertile
- * 45% knew chlamydia could be diagnosed with a urine test
- * 54% knew chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhoea could be treated with antibiotics

ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

- * 54% drink at risky levels (5+ drinks for females, 7+ drinks for males) at least weekly
- * 62% had ever used illicit drugs
- * Most common drugs used in past month were marijuana (37%), ecstasy (22%) and speed (15%)

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