



sex, drugs and  
rock'n'roll



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## Big Day Out 2006 Results

We conducted a second survey of young people at the Big Day Out in 2006, asking them about their sexual history, drug use, knowledge of sexually transmitted infections, and their music tastes. 964 people between 16-29 years participated. People who took part in this survey were also recruited to a trial of SMS and email messages to improve sexual health.

### SEX AND SEXUAL HEALTH

- 86% had experienced oral sex.
- 81% had experienced vaginal sex.
- 23% had kissed someone of the same sex.
- More than half first had anal or vaginal sex at 16 or younger.
- 17% had had more than 10 sexual partners in their lifetime.
- 34% had more than one partner in the last year
- 41% had a new partner in the last 3 months
- 84% had been to a GP in the last year
- 16% had symptoms they thought were an STI in the last year
- 49% 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
- 5.4% had been diagnosed with an STI in the past
- 12% had ever been pregnant or got a partner pregnant

### KNOWLEDGE AND PERCEPTIONS

- 59% knew that Chlamydia could make you infertile
- 39% knew Chlamydia could be diagnosed with a urine test
- 45% knew Chlamydia could be treated with antibiotics
- 13% of people thought they could be at risk of an STI

### DRUGS

- 70% had ever used an illicit drug
  - 17% cocaine
  - 4% heroin
  - 22% acid
  - 9% inhalants
  - 65% marijuana
  - 33% ecstasy
  - 29% speed
- 10% used drugs at least once a week
- 48% had used illicit drugs in the past month
- 40% had drunk unsafe levels of alcohol at least once a week

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