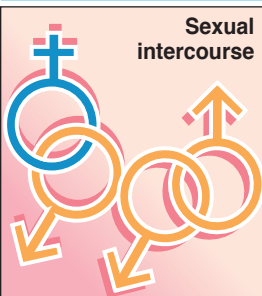


AIDS – UK death toll reaches 4,726

There were 138 new cases of AIDS in the United Kingdom during May bringing the total since the first reported case in January 1982 to 7,597. Over the last two years there has been a 17% increase among men and a 24% increase among women – a quarter of which are heterosexual men or women. There are three main routes to catch the HIV virus which causes AIDS...



Anyone can contract HIV from 'unsafe sex' in which no precautions are taken against contact with the sexual fluids of a partner. Using a condom during sex prevents contact with blood and semen

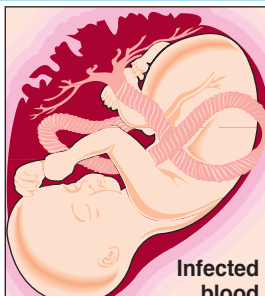
Sex between men

Cases	5,697
Deaths	3,616

Between men and women

Cases: male	443
Deaths	230
Cases: female	323
Deaths	136

Total cases	6,463
Total deaths	3,982



One in four children becomes infected via the blood of an HIV-positive mother during pregnancy. Other blood routes include blood factor treatment, such as for haemophilia, and blood transfusions

Mother to child

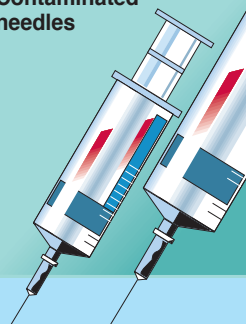
Cases: children	85
Deaths	41

Transfusions / other

Cases: male	485
Deaths	364
Cases: female	70
Deaths	42

Total cases	640
Total deaths	447

Contaminated needles



HIV is transmitted by drug users sharing hypodermic needles and syringes which have been contaminated by HIV-infected blood

Injecting drug use (IDU)

Cases: male	257
Deaths	154
Cases: female	112
Deaths	65

IDU plus homosexual sex

Cases: male	125
Deaths	78
Total cases	494
Total deaths	297