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Keeping Confidence: HIV and the criminal law from service provider perspectives

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The [Monument Trust](#) generously funded Sigma Research at [London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#) and [Birkbeck College](#) to undertake a qualitative study on perceptions of criminal prosecutions for HIV transmission among HIV service providers.

Five short reports outlining the key findings of the study focus on the main themes arising from our analysis of the focus group discussions. The findings and associated policy and practice recommendations will be of interest to: those who provide HIV health and social care and their professional bodies (for instance NHIVNA, CHIVA, BHIVA, BASHH, SSHA, BPS), police and others who play a role in criminal investigations and trials, and people with diagnosed HIV.

1. Executive summary

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Keeping Confidence fieldwork was undertaken in the latter half of 2012. It involved 7 focus groups with a total of 75 providers of HIV health and social care services in England and Wales. The groups discussed service providers' thoughts on criminal prosecutions for the transmission of HIV, and whether they felt the criminal law had any influence over their daily practices and interactions with people with diagnosed HIV. All information was shared in confidence. Following each group, we discussed some factual and legal points about the development of case law in this area, and participants were offered a [briefing sheet of further resources](#).

Below are VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS of the one day conference where the report was launched.

[VIDEO 1 of 4: Introductory remarks and overview of project findings](#)

[VIDEO 2 of 4: Response panel comprising service providers and service users](#)

[VIDEO 3 of 4: Overview of updated BHIVA/BASHH document on HIV and the criminal law for clinical teams](#)

[VIDEO 4 of 4: Feedback from afternoon workshops](#)

Resources: The following links offer information on criminal prosecutions for HIV transmission relevant within the UK context.

[HIV Justice Network](#)

[aidsmap: transmission and the law](#)

[Evaluation](#)

[Gay Men's Sex Survey](#)

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Resource sheet distributed to study participants

How the law works (THT)

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