

## Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Quiz

1. In what year was the age of consent equalised for gay men?

1971  1981  1991  2001

2. What percentage of Lesbian and Gay school pupils have suffered homophobic bullying in the UK (2008)?

33%  46%  65%

3. In what year did the World Health Organisation de-classify homosexuality as a mental health condition?

1952  1972  1992  2002

4. How many more times are young gay men (under 25 years) more likely to commit suicide than the general population?

3x  5x  7x

5. What is estimated to be the current prevalence of gender dysphoria in the general population (people per 100,000).

5  20  50

6. One in five lesbian and bisexual women have deliberately harmed themselves in the last year (2008).

True  False

7. What percentage of lesbian and bisexual women are not out to their GP?

10%  33%  50%

8. Nearly twice as many lesbian and bisexual women aged between 50 and 79 are likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer than women generally.

True  False

9. Transsexual people under the age of 18 are unable to access gender reassignment in the UK.

True  False

10. Government actuaries estimate what percentage of the population is lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB)?

6%  8%  10%  12%

11. What percentage of bisexual people have a mental or physical health impairments that interfere with day-to-day life?

11%  18%  27%  36%

12. One third of trans adults in the UK have attempted suicide at least once.

True  False

13. The second largest overall Employment Tribunal award in 2007 was for homophobic harassment.

True  False

14. Which group of people are least likely to have relevant sexual health literature available for them?

Lesbians  Gay men  Bisexuals  Heterosexuals

15. Lesbian couples who have children through fertility treatment can both be named on birth certificates.

True  False

16. University of Bristol carried out research with a group of LGB people with learning difficulties; half of them said they didn't know another lesbian, gay or bisexual person.

True  False

17. The Health Protection Agency estimates how many gay men in Britain have HIV without knowing? (thousands)

4  10  20

18. It has been unlawful to discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual employees in the UK since

1975  1989  1998  2003

## Answers

**1. In what year was the age of consent equalised for gay men?**

**A. 2001**

**2. What percentage of Lesbian and Gay school pupils have suffered homophobic bullying in the UK (2008)?**

**A. 65%** *of those 92 per cent have experienced verbal homophobic bullying, 41 per cent physical bullying and 17 per cent death threats. 97 per cent of gay pupils hear derogatory phrases such as 'dyke', 'queer' and 'rug-muncher' used in school. Half of teachers fail to respond to homophobic language when they hear it. Thirty per cent of lesbian and gay pupils say that adults - teachers or support staff - are responsible for homophobic incidents in their school. Source: Stonewall 2008*

**3. In what year did the World Health Organisation de-classify homosexuality as a mental health condition?**

**A. 1992** *In 1951 - Last lobotomy to "cure" homosexuality was carried out 1975 - BMJ discusses treatments to "mobilise the heterosexual elements" 1987 - Virginia Bottomley advocates ECT (electroconvulsive therapy) to "cure" homosexuality. 1993 - UK Government strikes homosexuality off its list of psychiatric disorders*

**4. How many more times are young gay men (under 25 years) more likely to commit suicide than the general population?**

**A. 7x** *Source: LGBT Health Summit Bristol 2008*

**5. What is estimated to be the current prevalence of gender dysphoria in the general population (per 100,000)**

**A. 20** *Recent (UK) research by indicates that this figure has and still will rise by about 15% per annum. Approximately 6,000 have undergone transition, 80% male to female, although this is expected to balance up over time. Source: Gires (Gender Identity and Research Education Society) June 2009*

**6. One in five lesbian and bisexual women have deliberately harmed themselves in the last year (2008)**

**A. True** *..and five per cent have attempted to take their life in the last year*  
Source: Prescription for Change [www.stonewall.org.uk/lesbianhealth](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/lesbianhealth)

**7. What per-centage of lesbian and bisexual women are not out to their GP?**

**A. 50%** *From the 'prescription for change' survey half have had negative experiences in the health sector in the last year, one in ten say that a healthcare worker ignored them when they did come out. Seven in ten lesbian and bisexual women said that healthcare workers made inappropriate comments when they came out. Source: [www.stonewall.org.uk/lesbianhealth](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/lesbianhealth)*

**8. Nearly twice as many lesbian and bisexual women are likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer than women generally.**

**A. True.** *One in twelve lesbian and bisexual women aged between 50 and 79 have been diagnosed with breast cancer, compared to one in twenty women in general. Fifteen per cent of lesbian and bisexual women over the age of 25 have never had a cervical smear test, compared to seven per cent of women in general. One in five who have not had a test have been told they are not at risk. One in fifty have been refused a test. [www.stonewall.org.uk/lesbianhealth](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/lesbianhealth)*

**9. Transsexual people under the age of 18 are unable to access gender reassignment in the UK.**

**A. True** *Although there is one clinic that has said it may consider it for 16-18 year olds. Source: NUS LGBT*

**10. Government actuaries estimate what per-centage of the population is lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB).**

**A. 6%** *Using this figure as a minimum, 138,000 employees in the health and social care sector are likely to be LGB  
Source: [www.stonewall.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/research.../2880.asp](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/what_we_do/research.../2880.asp)*

**11. What percentage of bisexual people have a mental or physical health impairments that interfere with day-to-day life?**

**A. 36%** *One in four had been diagnosed by a mental health professional with an impairment. Recent research in the area of mental health has found that bi people suffer from higher rates of mental health problems than lesbians and gay men, who in turn have higher rates than the general population; probably because of the lower levels of acceptance and social support they get  
Source: [www.bicommunitynews.co.uk/extras/biblio\\_report\\_2004.pdf](http://www.bicommunitynews.co.uk/extras/biblio_report_2004.pdf)*

**12. 33% of trans adults in the UK have attempted suicide at least once.**

**A. True.** *Also 17% of Trans adults were refused (non-trans related) healthcare treatment by a doctor or a nurse because they did not approve of gender reassignment; 29% said that being trans adversely affected the way they were treated by healthcare professionals; 21% of GPs did not appear to want to help or refused to help with treatment.*

Source: Trans-Posi+ive Nursing Pathway 2008

**13. The second largest overall Employment Tribunal award in 2007 was for homophobic harassment.**

**A. True** *The total award was £103,028.* Source: Ditton v CP Publishing Ltd (7 February 2007; case no.S/107918/05)

**14. Which group of people are least likely to have relevant sexual health literature available for them?**

**A. Bisexual** *Both bisexual men and women*

Source: University of Brighton - Kath Browne 2008 [www.countmeintoo.co.uk](http://www.countmeintoo.co.uk)

**15. Lesbian couples who have children through fertility treatment can both be named on birth certificates.**

**A. True.** *From 1st September 2009 this new right was introduced as part of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, lesbian couples who have children through fertility treatment can be named. Previously, only the birth mother could be named as a parent.*

Source: <http://womensgrid.freecharity.org.uk/?p=3431>

**16. University of Bristol carried out research with a group of LGB people with learning difficulties; half of them said they didn't know another lesbian, gay or bisexual person.**

**A. True.** *They found that in common with others they didn't tell many others they were gay, lesbian or bisexual. They were frightened of what people would say to them. They worried that they may be told to leave where they were living, or not allowed to use services if they told staff they were gay.*

Source: 'Secret Loves, Hidden Lives: Exploring issues for people with learning difficulties who are gay, lesbian or bisexual' - University of Bristol

**17. The Health Protection Agency estimates how many gay men in Britain have HIV without knowing? (thousands)**

**A. 10,000** *“Many gay men are still being diagnosed late, at the point where they should already be on treatment, which brings a much higher likelihood of serious illness and premature death”* Source: Terrence Higgins Trust, 2009

**18. It has been unlawful to discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual employees in the UK since**

**A. 2003** *Unlawful to discriminate on grounds of gender reassignment since 1999* Source: Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003

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