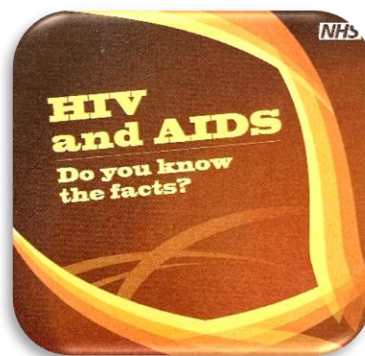
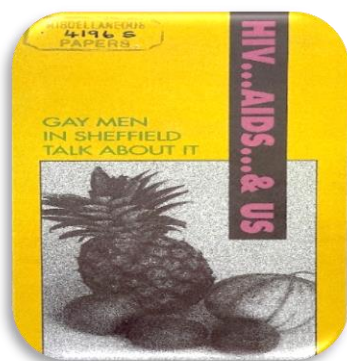


Sources for researching the history of HIV/AIDS in Sheffield



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HIV and AIDS - Do You Know the Facts? NHS leaflet (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 7)

'Aids Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP), Sheffield. Action = Life; Silence = Death', [early 1990s] (Sheffield City Archives: X608/2/2)

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Introduction

This booklet provides a list of sources available at Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of HIV/AIDS in Sheffield.

The 1980s bore witness to the emergence of one of the most devastating health crises in modern history. Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), quickly emerged as a global concern, triggering panic, challenging medical understanding, social norms and public policy.

AIDS was first recognised in the early 1980s when a cluster of cases of a rare lung infection emerged in the United States of America. It was identified as a mysterious and deadly disease affecting gay men and other marginalised communities, such as drug users. Stigmatisation and discrimination against those affected by HIV was very prominent, often fuelled by fear and lack of knowledge. Gay men, in particular, bore the brunt of this prejudice, with the disease being mislabelled as the 'gay plague'. The lack of treatment and medical involvement only exacerbated both the social and emotional toll on patients and their loved ones.

The initial response to the pandemic was characterised by a lack of urgency. Governments across the globe were slow to provide resources for research, prevention and treatment, fuelled in part by homophobia. Community-based organisations, often led by LGBTQ+ groups, played a critical role in shaping public perceptions, fighting stigma, providing resources and demanding government action. As the scale of the endemic grew and cases were identified beyond the initially affected groups, governments and international health organizations were forced into taking decisive action. In the UK, the National Health Service (NHS) took significant steps in providing access to testing, treatment and care through specialised clinics and public education efforts. Policy changes also played a crucial role in the UK's response to the crisis. The government showed its commitment by passing the *AIDS (Control) Act* in 1987, which prohibited discrimination against individuals with HIV. The crisis did not have a definitive end, instead, it evolved over time after several medical advances, public awareness campaigns and policy changes.

In 2021, Channel 4 screened Russell T. Davies' *'It's A Sin'*, a five-part drama from about five friends living in the shadow of AIDS. The show provided a fresh perspective on the events and societal attitudes surrounding the crisis and contributed to increasing awareness, empathy, and a better understanding of the challenges faced by those affected.

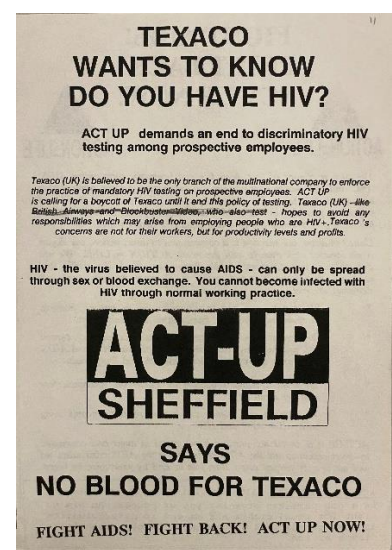
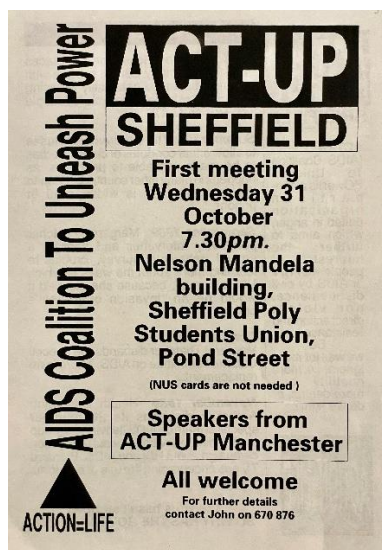
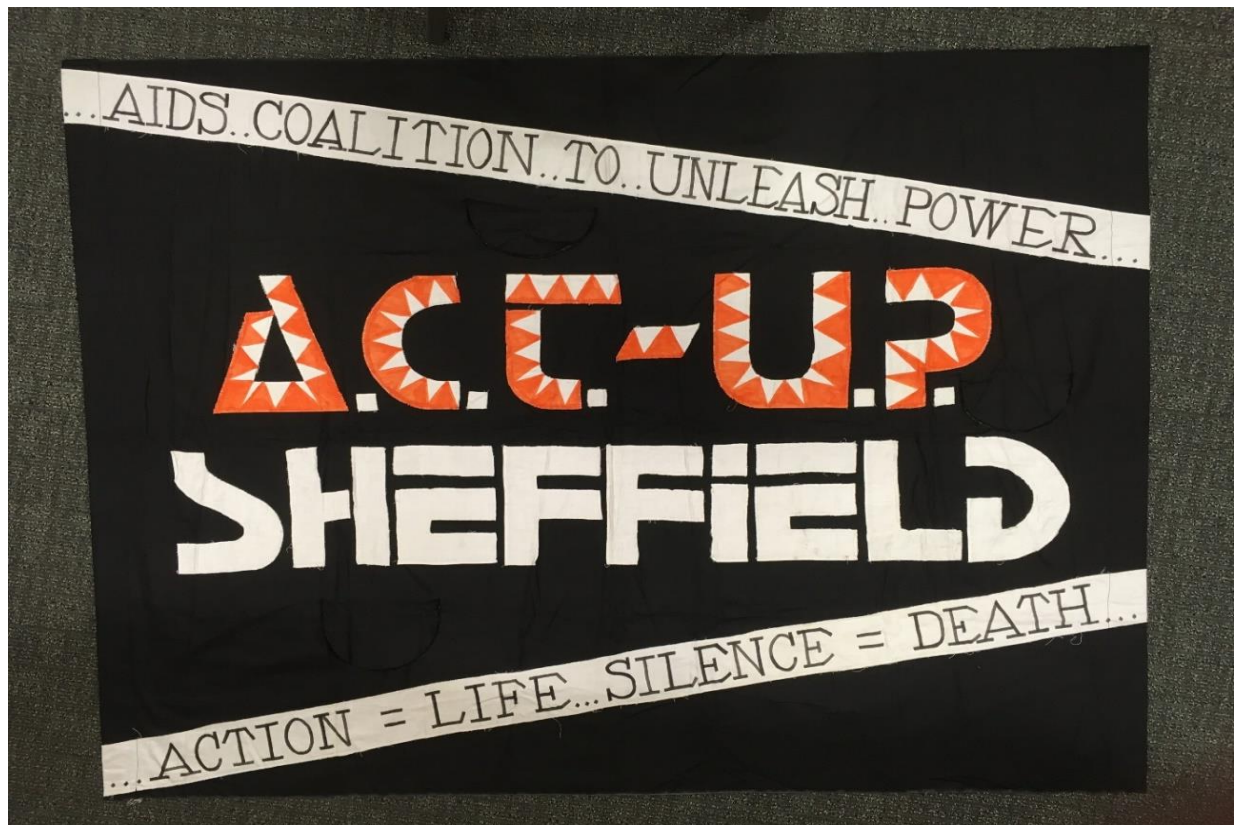


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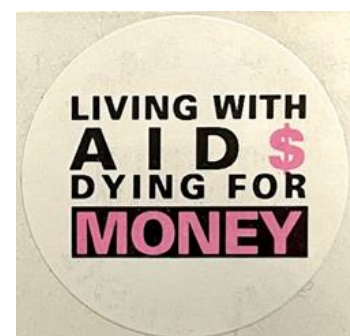
1981	First reported cases of HIV in the United States.
1981	First reported case and death of a patient (John Eadie) with HIV in the United Kingdom.
1982	Terry Higgins died of an AIDS-related illness at St Thomas's Hospital, London, leading to the establishment of the <i>Terrence Higgins Trust</i> a year later.
1982	The U.S. Centre for Disease Control (CDC) renamed the disease 'AIDS'.
1983	The Gay Medical Association, Switchboard organised and hosted the first Open Conference on AIDS.
1983	The British government set up a working group on AIDS to study the disease.
1983	Scottish AIDS Monitor was set up to raise awareness.
1984	The UK recorded 108 cases of AIDS.
1984	The first case of a UK resident infected with HIV through heterosexual contact was reported.
1984	The Sheffield AIDS Action Group (SAAG) was established.
1985	58 AIDS-related deaths were recorded in Britain.
1985	The Department of Health published its first advice on AIDS for the medical field.
1985	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first HIV blood test for screening donated blood.
1985	The UK's first voluntary testing centre for HIV opened in London.
1985	In 1984, Actor, Rock Hudson was diagnosed with AIDS. The following year, he became one of the first celebrities to disclose his AIDS diagnosis. Hudson was the first major celebrity to die from an AIDS-related illness on 2 Oct 1985 at age 59
1986	A global programme on AIDS was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1986.
1987	Diana, Princess of Wales, made headlines after shaking the hand of an AIDS patients without wearing gloves and setting up a dedicated ward at Middlesex Hospital for the treatment of HIV patients.
1987	In 1987, the UK Government launched the hard-hitting ' <i>AIDS: Don't Die of Ignorance</i> ' public health campaign (begun in 1986). This included the 'Monolith' advert, showing the creation of a gigantic tombstone. The government believed that millions of people could become infected, and a leaflet was sent to every home in the UK.
1987	Gay activist Cleve Jones began making the first panel of the AIDS memorial quilt.
1988	SHIELD, the South Yorkshire HIV support group was set up.
1988	The Sheffield AIDS Memorial Quilt project was initiated by SAAG.
1988	The World Health Organisation launched the World AIDS Day to raise awareness about the epidemic.
1990	The Sheffield Branch of ACT-UP was set up to campaign to improve education and treatment of AIDS patients.

1990	A red ribbon became the international sign for AIDS awareness.
1991	On 24 Nov 1991, Freddie Mercury, singer with Queen, died of AIDS-related complications at the age of 45. In Apr 1992, the remaining members of Queen founded <i>The Mercury Phoenix Trust</i> and organised <i>The Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert for AIDS Awareness</i> , to celebrate the life and legacy of Mercury and raise money for AIDS research, which took place on 20 April 1992.
1991	The UK's National Audit Office found that millions of pounds allocated to dealing with the AIDS crisis had been spent on other programmes. The health authorities would later be found to have 'misspent' the funds.
1993	The UK Coalition of People living with HIV and AIDS was launched in London.
1995	The FDA approved the first combination antiretroviral drug which helped improved treatment of the disease.
1995	By 1995 there were 25,000 people living with AIDS in the UK.
1996	The introduction of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) marked a turning point in treatment.
1999	The Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS was established.
2003	The National AIDS Trust launched a campaign challenging HIV stigma.
2010	The Equality Act 2010 qualified anyone with HIV as disabled giving people further protection against discrimination.
2012	First National HIV Testing Week.
2021	40 years since the first five cases of what later became known as AIDS were officially reported.

Selection of archive images



Aids Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP), Sheffield. 'Action = Life; Silence = Death', [early 1990s]. A non-partisan group which used non-violent direct action to campaign for medical research, education and treatment for AIDS. Banner, stickers, flyers etc. (Sheffield City Archives: X608/2/1-2)



AIDS deaths still rising

AIDS deaths in the Trent Regional Health Authority area are set to double.

Another three victims are expected to die before Christmas to bring the regional tally to six to date.

Around a dozen of the 46 people in the region who have the disease are doomed to die health authority members heard at their Monday meeting.

They agreed an urgent programme of action to combat the AIDS scourge in the region, which takes in South Lincolnshire.

Local health chiefs are being ordered to submit details of AIDS victims in their areas to the regional health HQ at Sheffield for a full assessment of the scale of the problem and how to tackle it.

A regional advisory group is also to be formed, with experts from within the region whose job will be to advise the regional health authority and districts of the

implications of the AIDS problem and how to deal with it.

District health authority managers are being invited to a seminar on the AIDS menace, together with senior health workers, to identify future action.

Professor James Scott, the Regional Medical Officer based at Sheffield, told Monday's meeting that three people had died of AIDS in the region so far. He expected another three to die by Christmas.

Some 46 people had the disease in the region — compared to 1,100 nationally and 384 in the North West Thames region.

Prof Scott said: "It's a big problem for us. We can't be lulled into a false sense of security. We need to concentrate now on education and information.

"We can't just sit back and do nothing." He said 25 to 30 per cent of people who developed the disease would die.

AIDS was not a notifiable disease and there was pressure to release figures of victims by district health authority and county areas.

The regional health authority agreed that the format of its planned public education campaign should not be decided until after the January distribution of leaflets about AIDS to Britain's 23 million homes.

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announce their main distributors of

OIL AND GREASE AT HIGHLY COMPETITIVE PRICES

Students get free condoms in AIDS campaign

FULL-TIME students at Sheffield's Richmond college will each receive a free condom from their union.

A contraceptive will be a part of an AIDS information pack handed out to about 1,000 teenagers at the college.

They will also get leaflets using "explicit language" aimed at promoting safe sex among students.

The cost is likely to come out of the student union budget after appeals for free contraceptives to the local authority, family planning clinics and manufacturers failed, said union president Darryl Howe.

Unaware Only full-timers aged between 16 and 18 will get the AIDS pack.

The move is a development from National Union of Students AIDS policy which gives health information, but not free condoms.

We want people to get something like this then used to seeing them, and it's up to them.

by ANDY WAPLE Education Correspondent

Hopefully they will use them," said Mr Howe.

He said most full time students were at the age when they were just beginning to explore sex, and the union was anxious to promote safety from AIDS.

NUS regional president John Dee, was unaware of other colleges offering free condoms, but thought Granville college was considering the idea.

A spokesman for Sheffield education department said: "If the students' union feels it can educate its members about the risk of AIDS by doing something like this then we will support them."



'Students Get Free Condoms in AIDS Campaign', *Sheffield Star*, April 1987 (Sheffield Local Studies Library)

'AIDS deaths still rising', *Spalding Guardian*, 12 December 1986 (British Newspaper Archive online)

Evening Telegraph, Wednesday, February 15, 1989 17

Rise in Aids deaths tipped

AS MANY as 200,000 people could die of Aids in England and Wales by the year 2025, according to government projections.

The death rate is based on predictions by government actuaries and published by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys in its latest projections.

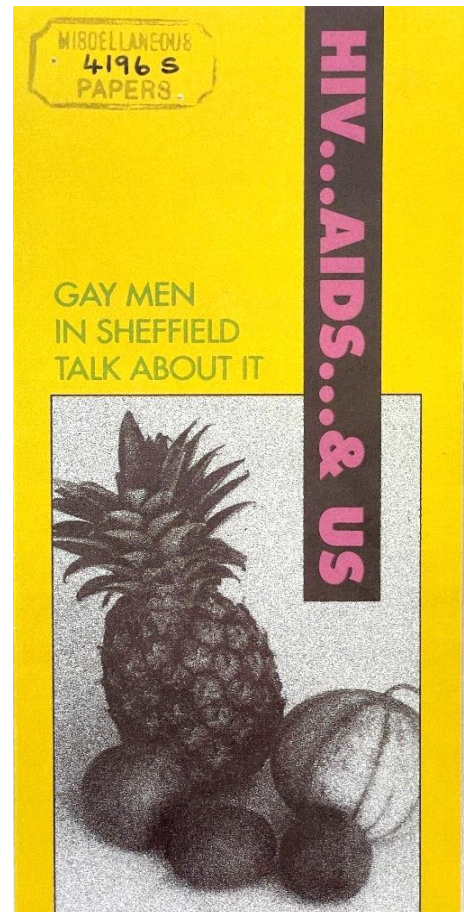
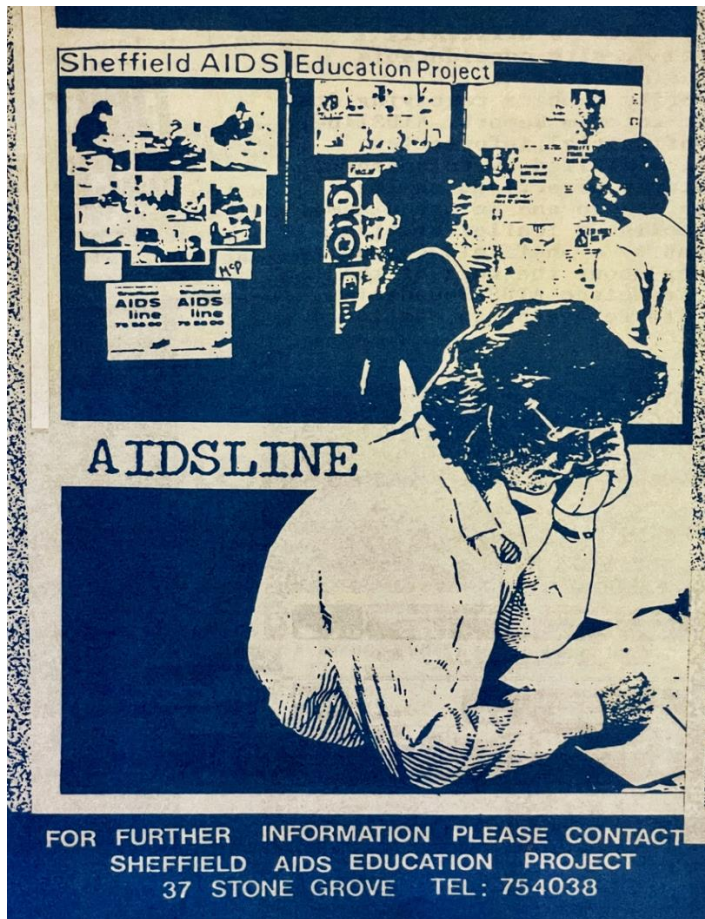
The forecast is based on the actuaries' most optimistic assumptions about the number of people who are likely to contract the HIV virus and eventually full-blown Aids.

The OPCS forecasts 13,000 deaths a year from Aids in England and Wales by the late 1990s, 100,000 deaths in total by the turn of the century and 200,000 by 2025.

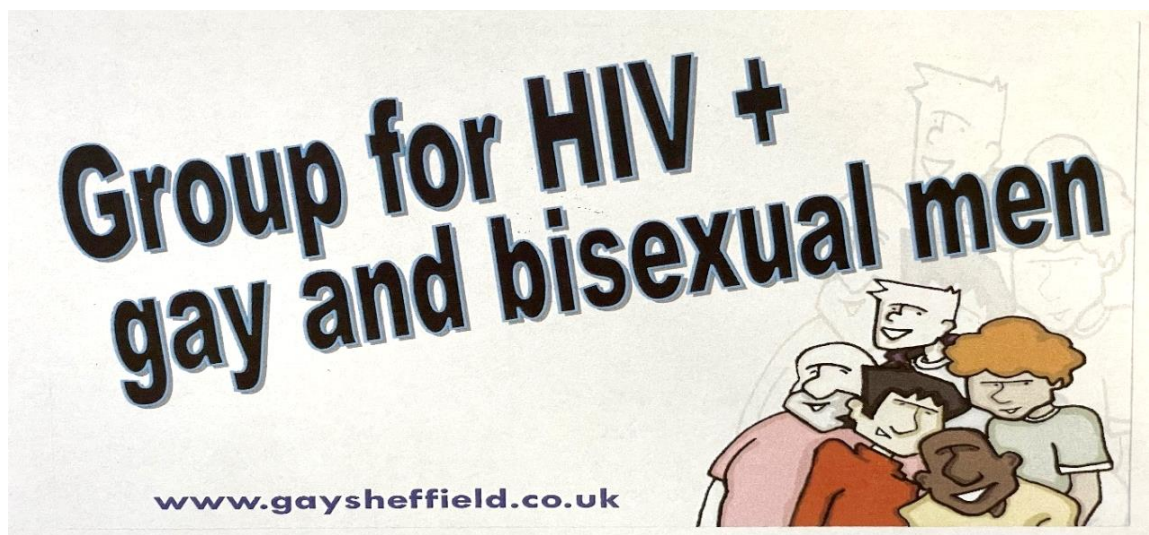
Latest official Aids figures, published earlier this month, show the total number of deaths from the disease has reached 1,089.

The Department of Health said 2,049 people had contracted the disease by the end of January, 67 more than the month before.

'Rise in AIDS deaths tipped', *Coventry Telegraph*, 15 February 1989 (British Newspaper Archive online)



Pictured (above): AIDS LINE information poster created by Sheffield AIDS Project. AIDS LINE was originally set up in Manchester (1985) before establishing branches across England (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1509 L*); *HIV, AIDS & Us - Gay Men in Sheffield Talk About It*, Sheffield AIDS Education Project, 1992 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4196 S*).



Advertisement for a HIV positive gay and bisexual men’s group in Sheffield, [1990s] (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 7*).

CARING DI MEETS THE AIDS VICTIMS

City sex attack

POLICE are this afternoon hunting a sex attacker who indecently assaulted a 23-year-old woman in Sheffield city centre.

The woman was walking on the pedestrian gallery outside Presto supermarket in Pond Street when she was grabbed from behind. The offender placed his hands around her face and pulled her back. He put his hands up her dress and carried out the assault.

Police said that but for the women's screaming and straggling the incident could have been a lot worse. Her screams were heard by a group of people nearby who called to her aid.

PRINCESS DIANA today exploded the myth that the disease AIDS can be caught by social contact with nine firm handshakes.

She met nine patients — seven of them confirmed as AIDS sufferers and two recently-admitted unconfirmed sufferers — when she opened Britain's first purpose-designed AIDS ward at the Middlesex Hospital in central London.

Her programme went 15 minutes over schedule as she spent more than an hour at the hospital.

The Princess, in a royal blue dress cut on the knee, sat on the edge of patients' beds and appeared interested, concerned and relaxed.

She first met the nine patients, all of them men, in private side rooms.

Reporters watched from a distance as she was photographed and filmed chatting to two of them in the main ward.

There was a lot of laughter on Broderip Ward as the Princess moved from patient to patient, exchanging jokes and chat.

The Princess, who accepted the invitation of Bloomsbury Health Authority to visit the ward in January, was obviously anxious to see and learn about AIDS.

The Princess, who was not wearing gloves when she shook hands with the patients, progressed about the lineup and spent the longest time with 28-year-old Shane Spate, a state-enrolled nurse from Lancashire who carries the AIDS virus and volunteered to work on the ward.



Princess Di shakes hands with a 32-year-old AIDS patient in his private room at London's Middlesex Hospital

Ferry chief blames error

AS THE harrowing search for bodies in the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise resumed today, Sheffield-based Townsend-Thorsen chairman Peter Ford admitted human error was involved in the disaster.

And he revealed that crews responsible for closing the bow loading doors on the firm's ferries had now been ordered to report to the captain after each manoeuvre.

In the past, they would only report to their immediate superior except in cases of emergency.

Mr Ford said: "There is a human error factor in everything and that is what happened in this case."

It is thought the sea rushing in through open



reach 210 today when divers resume their grim search for bodies.

Bringing the boat back to the dockside in Zeebrugge could take more than two weeks. Only then, when the dangerous water-filled lower areas can be searched, will the real scale of the disaster be known.

Divers yesterday battled through a chaos of black patrol mud, oil and debris in their heartbreaking hunt for the ferry's victims.

P and O parent company of the ferry's owners has announced that survivors and dependants of victims will receive at least £80,000 compensation.

Sport chief in cash plea

We'll help to make your dream home a reality by offering you top quality furnishings at easily affordable prices with services that can't be beaten

The beautiful 'Dramone' by Honsel is a luxuriously comfortable, traditionally styled, quality dralon 3-piece suite, with reversible cushions. It is available in seven subtle shades. Special purchase price for one week only from today. **£850**

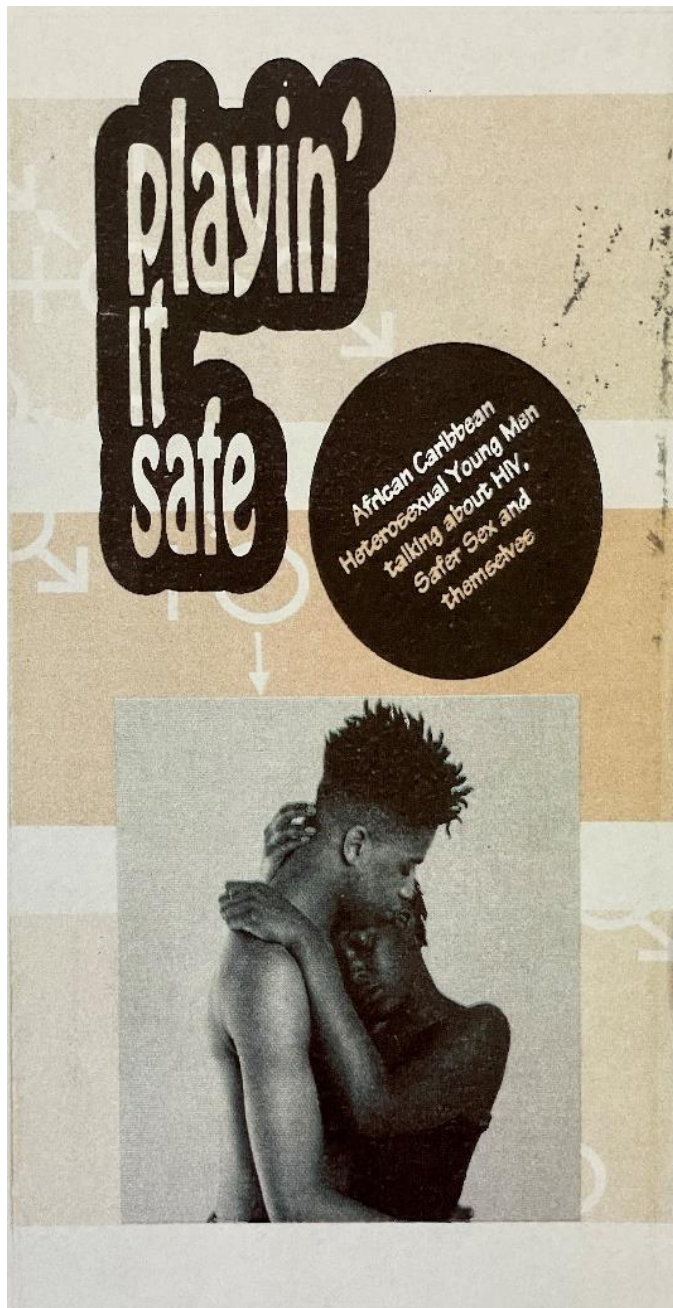
cinette 2 Offer must apply over 2000.00 and Saturday

The space-saving 'ARCOOT' range, 42" diameter circular drop flap table (1500) plus 4 (2500) chairs with galles. Usually £237.00 complete. **£199.95**

FARMHOUSE-STYLE DRESSER (D103) compact size (70" x 30") with glass display cupboard, drawers and solid front cupboards.

Front page news article, *The Star*, Sheffield - 'Caring Di Meets the Aids Victims', April 1987 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*). At the height of the AIDS epidemic when the stigma was so severe, Princess Diana opened the UK's first specialist HIV/AIDS unit at London's Middlesex Hospital. During her visit, she famously shook hands with patients without gloves stating:

'HIV does not make people dangerous to know. You can shake their hands and give them a hug. Heaven knows they need it. What's more, you can share their homes, their workplaces, and their playgrounds and toys.'



Playin' it Safe: African Caribbean Heterosexual Young Men talking about HIV, Safer Sex and themselves, Information Leaflet about HIV and AIDS. (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 8)

Advertisement for a HIV+ gay and bisexual men group.
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 7).

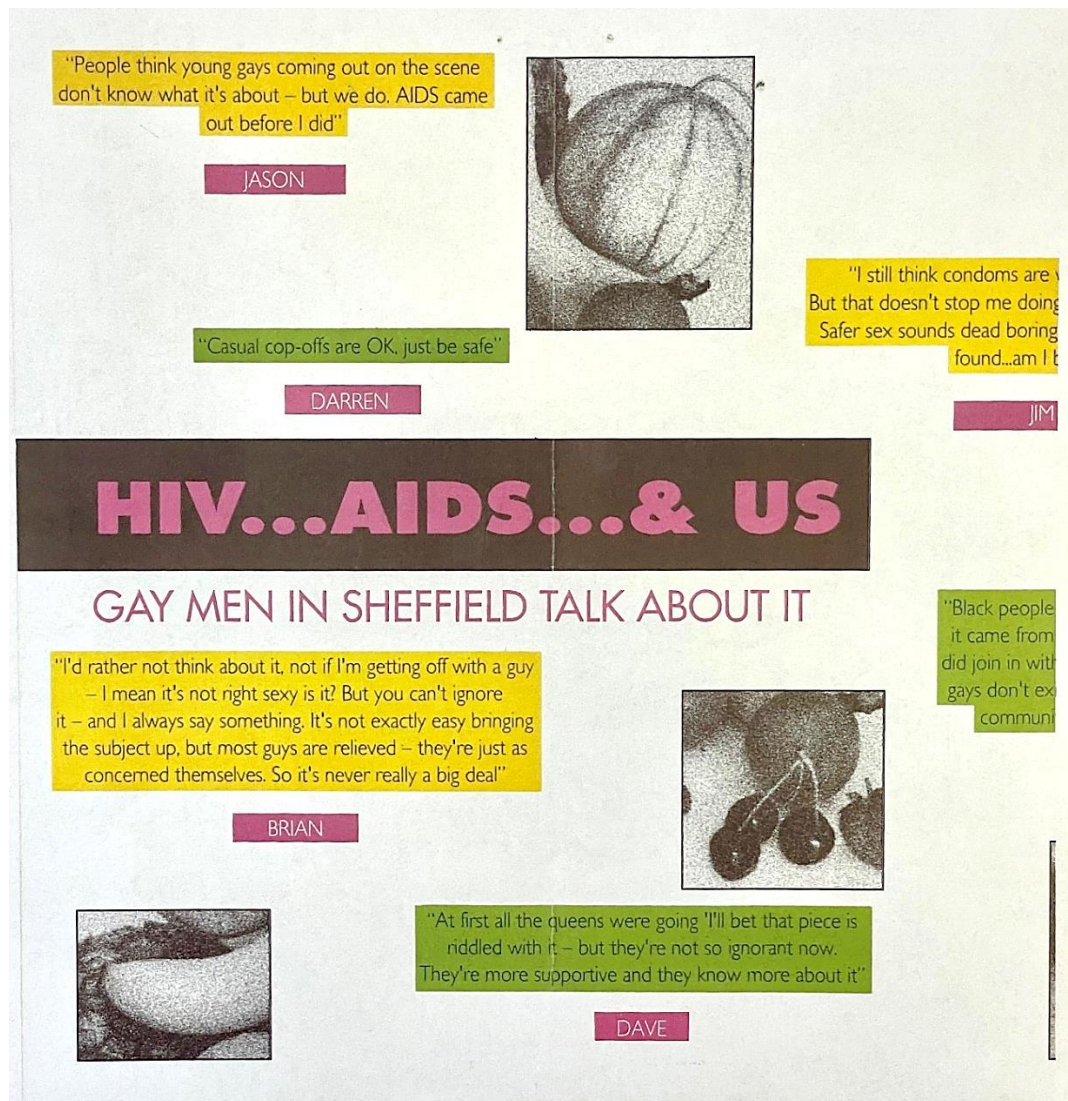


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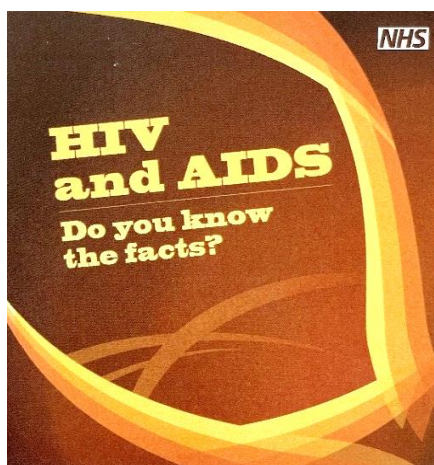
- **Brothers**
Sheffield-based support group for Black men who have sex with men. Access to Northern support network for Black men who have sex with men. Tel (0114) 267 8806 9.00 am -5.30 pm weekdays
- **GUM Clinic**
HIV advice and testing. Check-ups for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and free treatment. Free vaccination against Hepatitis B. Tel (0114) 276 6928
- **Forge Centre**
Social Work help for people affected by HIV. Tel (0114) 268 7847
- **Gayphone**
Information, counselling, befriending service. Tel (0114) 258 8199 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Phoneline services (local and national) for people affected by HIV/AIDS - from *Brothers: A Booklet for Black Men who have sex with men, 1995.* (Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 847 S)

- **Lesbian & Gay Youth Group**
For under 25s, Write to P O Box 425, Sheffield S1 3UX, or call Gayphone
- **Shout**
Community group for gay and bisexual men and allies. Write to c/o 22 Collegiate Crescent, Sheffield S10 2BA
- **Blackliners**
Counselling, care and support service for people affected by HIV/AIDS who are of African, Caribbean or Asian descent. Tel (0171) 738 5274 - week days 9.30 am - 6.00 pm.
- **The Naz Project**
HIV/AIDS service for the South Asian, Turkish, Iranian and Arabian communities. Tel (0181) 741 1879 - weekdays 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
- **South Yorkshire HIV/AIDS Liaison Group**
Incorporates Body Positive, AIDS line, Memorial Quilt Workshop Project and Direct Helpers Service. Tel (0114) 275 5500
- **SHIELD**
Sheffield AIDS Support Group Tel (0114) 278 7916
- **Survivors**
Counselling and information for men who have been raped or sexually abused. Tel (0114) 279 6333 - Mondays 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
- **National AIDS Helpline**
Advice about HIV/AIDS Tel 0800 567123 - 24 hours - Freephone



HIV...AIDS...& US - gay men in Sheffield talk about it. Information leaflet, 1992 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 41965)



HIV and AIDS - Do You Know the Facts? NHS pamphlet (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 7); HIV - Gay Men, Sheffield, pamphlet produced by the Centre for HIV and Sexual Health [1990s] (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 7)


NATIONAL HIV TESTING WEEK

22-29 NOVEMBER 2013


- 96000 people are living with HIV in the UK
- 24% of these people are undiagnosed and do not know about their infection
- Nearly half of the people diagnosed with HIV in 2011 were diagnosed late, after they should have already started treatment

Advancements in HIV treatments mean that more and more people with HIV are living longer and healthier lives, provided they are able to access timely diagnosis and treatment. Earlier diagnosis and treatment can also help prevent the onward transmission of HIV.

National HIV Testing Week is an opportunity to find out more about HIV and where to access sexual health services in Sheffield.



Where does AIDS come from ?



Marcus: 14 years
 HIV (Human Immune-Deficiency Virus) the virus that causes AIDS. No one knows for certain where it comes from.

Black people and the gay community have been blamed for HIV.

The fact is that no-one knows for sure where HIV came from.

Blaming people hasn't stopped the spread of HIV, it just feeds prejudices.

National HIV Testing Week 22-29 November 2013 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 7).

This Valentine's Day, show your love



Rapid HIV testing with results in 20 minutes from the Burnbank Centre

Get the facts, get angry, get involved

Testing Times

The free, fast, flexible, confidential and convenient way for you to get an HIV test in Leeds, and coming soon to Bradford, Wakefield and North Yorkshire.


Contact your local office for details.

To arrange an HIV test or for more information call:

Leeds 0113 2444209
 Bradford 01274 355815
 Wakefield 01924 211215
 York 01904 620600

YORKSHIRE MESMAC
 national network

>more gay men than ever before are living with HIV




Get the facts, get angry, get involved

Yorkshire MESMAC 0113 2444209
 www.mesmac.co.uk

Yorkshire's lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender paper Issue 116 November 2009

SHOUT!

World AIDS Day



Sweet charity

Local, based by friends, a group of people who are... (text continues)

YORKSHIRE MESMAC

YORKSHIRE MESMAC is a national network of local organisations that provide HIV testing and support services.

Advertisements and articles from Shout! - Yorkshire's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Paper, 2005 - 2009. (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 306.7665Q)



WORLD AIDS DAY

CANDLELIT VIGIL

1st December 2013
4.00pm-5.00pm
Winter Gardens
Sheffield

An open event to remember those who have been lost to HIV and AIDS both in the UK and globally, and to show our support for those living with and affected by HIV.

There will be a collection at the event with all proceeds going to HIV support charities in the city.

To find out more about World AIDS Day visit the website:
www.sexualhealthsheffield.nhs.uk

Flyer for World AIDS Day candlelit vigil, Winter Garden, Sheffield, 2013 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP Folder 7*).

List of documents, books, photographs and other items available at Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies Library

Records relating to the Sheffield AIDS Education Project (later the Centre for HIV & Sexual Health):

Sheffield AIDS Education Project - a local source book by J. P. Manning and K. J. Tannam, 1987
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 616.9523 SSTQ*)

Sheffield AIDS Education Project (later the Centre for HIV+ Sexual Health): Interim reports No. 1 (May/Oct 1987) to No. 3 (Apr/Dec 1988)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 616.95235 SQ*)

Sheffield AIDS Education Project: update 1987 - 1988
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1509 L*)

Articles on AIDS Education Project in Action for Health issue no.1 (May 1990) and issue no.5 (Summer 1991)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 614.094274 SQ*)

Information and publicity leaflets relating to sexual health - by Centre for HIV and Sexual Health, 2000
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4199 S*)

Sheffield Centre for HIV & Sexual Health: Boys talk - safer sex, looking after yourself, getting information, 1995
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4193 S*)

Sheffield Centre for HIV & Sexual Health: training 2000-2001
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3634 S*)

HIV, AIDS, and us: gay men in Sheffield talk about it - a leaflet by Sheffield AIDS Education Project, 1993
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4196 S*)

Sheffield Centre for HIV & Sexual Health: sexual health services directories, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 616.95235 SQ*)

Brothers: a booklet for black men who have sex with men by the Centre for HIV and Sexual Health, 1995
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 847 S*)

Sheffield AIDS Education Project, *Evaluation of the July 1990 Sheffield Aids advertising campaign: interim report to Sheffield Health Authority, 3rd December 1990, 1990* (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 616.9523 SQ*)

Records relating to the Sheena Amos Youth Trust (SAYiT) - a registered charity that provides support and social opportunities for young people (aged 12-25) who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or affected by HIV.

Fruitbowl - a zine produced by members of the Fruitbowl, the LGBTQ+ support group for young people aged 11-18 years run by SAYiT, 2017
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 1436 S*)

SAYiT - leaflets, 2019
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP5468 M*)

SAYiT's 20th Anniversary - Brochure, 2019
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 497/2 SQ*)

Sheena Amos Youth Trust (SAYiT) (<https://www.sayit.org.uk>) (Sheffield City Archives websites collection), accessed May 2021
(*Sheffield City Archives: WX/13*)

Sheffield City Council - Minutes and Associated Papers:

Sheffield City Council: Policy Committee Minutes - Matters discussed includes AIDS policies, April 1987
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-POL/25*)

Sheffield City Council: Housing Committee (later Housing Programme Committee and later Housing Service Development Committee) Minutes and Associated Papers - Matters discussed includes departmental policies relating to AIDS, July 1984 - March 1985
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-HOU/2/26*)

Sheffield City Council: Housing Committee (later Housing Programme Committee and later Housing Service Development Committee) Minutes and Associated Papers - Matters discussed includes departmental policies relating to AIDS, February 1987 - June 1987
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-HOU/2/31*)

BBC Radio Sheffield programmes (audio recordings):

Discussion relating to conference on AIDS held in Sheffield, December 1985
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/8512/2*)

AIDS Investigation reel-to-reel tape - Special enquiry looking at the medical and social implications of AIDS, 1986
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/J/1/32.7*)

The fight against AIDS in South Yorkshire with Dr Tim Moss, January 1986
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/8601/22*)

Meeting in Sheffield to discuss AIDS, 1987
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/Weeks1987/6*)

Dr Gavin Thoms explains launch of special AIDS line in Sheffield, 1987
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/Weeks1987/12*)

Discussion relating to conference on AIDS held in Sheffield, March 1987
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/8703/2*)

Hospital consultants calling for AIDS test on all patients admitted for operations, 1988
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/Weeks 1988/22*)

Interview with workers of the AIDS International Education Project on International AIDS Day, December 1988
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/8812/1*)

Health Issues (6) AIDS, [1980s]
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/J/1/4.6*)

Discussion relating to 'Take it Easy' campaign ran by the Sheffield AIDS Education Project, June 1990
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/9006/2*)

Interview with young people relating to their views on HIV and AIDS, June 1991
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY425/A/9106/1*)

Records relating to Sheffield AIDS Support Group (SHIELD) - a charity that supported people infected, affected, and vulnerable to HIV/AIDS living in the area.

SHIELD (Sheffield AIDS Support Group): directory 1986
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3590 M*)

Introductory leaflet describing the work of SHIELD in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, 1980s
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4244 S*)

World Aids Day poster by SHIELD, 2006
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2167*)

Records relating to Simon Bailey (1955 - 1995), Rector of St. Leonard's Church, Dinnington (in the Diocese of Sheffield)

Simon Bailey was diagnosed as HIV positive in 1985 and was the subject of a BBC 'Everyman' programme, 'Simon's Cross', broadcast in 1995.

Personal and professional papers of Simon Bailey including journals, correspondence, photographs, slides, diaries, news cuttings, interview transcripts and video recordings, 1955 - 2013
(Sheffield City Archives: X840)

Simon Bailey, *The Well Within: parables for living and dying*, 1996 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 291.4 SST)

Rosemary Bailey, 'A Parish Learns to be Positive', *Independent on Sunday*, 1995 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1450 L)

Rosemary Bailey, *Scarlet Ribbons: a priest with AIDS*, 1997 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: B.BAIL S)

Diocese of Sheffield: deceased clergy file: Simon Paul Bailey (1955 - 1995)
(Sheffield City Archives: DIOC/CF/BaileyS) - *The confidential personal files of deceased clergy are closed to public inspection for 30 years from the date of death, unless permission is granted from the Bishop of Sheffield, in accordance with Church of England records management guidance.*

National Health Service records

Sheffield Archives has records from over 50 hospitals including annual reports, photographs and administrative records. The Local Studies Library has annual reports from various NHS Trusts.

It is possible that these records will refer to policy making around HIV/AIDS support and individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS (although such records would be subject to access restrictions).

For a full list of National Health Service records see

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/national-health-service-nhs-records.html>

Coroners' records (inquests and post-mortems)

Sheffield Archives has coroner' records dating back to the early 20th century including selected inquest case files (and some post-mortems, census years). The coroner determines who the deceased was and how, when and where they came by their death. If the death is thought to be suspicious, for example, with unknown cause or unnatural, the coroner can decide to hold a post-mortem examination or inquest. It is likely that HIV/AIDS cases will start to be reported by the Coroner

during the 1980s and 1990s - however, these conditions were not always directly identified, especially in the initial period.

Access to coroners' court records is restricted for a minimum of 30 years under section 32 of the Freedom of Information Act. The records are also subject to a concurrent restriction of 75 years under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Please refer to Sheffield Archives staff for advice on how to access these records.

Newspapers

The British Library British Newspaper Archive (BNA) website includes over forty-six million pages from over 700 UK national and local newspapers (including a number of Sheffield titles, 1819 - c.1950). [Home | Search the archive | British Newspaper Archive](#). Access to the British Newspaper Archive is free at every Sheffield City Council Library and at the City Archives.

Sheffield Local Studies Library local newspaper cuttings collection may include articles on the AIDS epidemic in Sheffield, c.1980s onwards.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfiche*)

In addition, microfilms of the main Sheffield titles are also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library, namely: *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; *Sheffield Telegraph* (weekly) 1989 - date and the *Sheffield Star* 1873 - date.

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* ([The Times Digital Archive \(gale.com\)](#)) and *The Guardian* ([How to access past articles from the Guardian and Observer archive | Information | The Guardian](#))

Photographs

Over 100,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library and City Archives photographic collections are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com.

Other Sources at Sheffield City Archive and Local Studies Library:

Sheffield Standing Conference of Women's Organisations, 'Women, AIDS and the Future' conference, Sheffield - correspondence, worksheets and promotional items, 1992
(*Sheffield City Archive: MD7565/4/2*)

Article on the breakthrough in stabilising HIV+ blood samples by the Northern General Hospital's Haematology Department, *News in General*, Issue 7, December 1993
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 362.11 SQ*)

Sheffield Health Authority: AIDS Control Act report 1988/89 - onwards
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 616.9523 SQ*)

Report of the HIV Arts Festival by Paul Tyrer, July 1992
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 193033394*)

Barnsley Community Health Council: Barnsley Health Authority: AIDS (Control) Act, report 1995-1996
(*Sheffield City Archives: NHS29/1/3/7*)

HIV testing: a guide to services in Sheffield - by Sheffield Health Authority, 1993
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4190 S*)

Guide to AIDS and services for the elderly and handicapped in Sheffield - Pamphlets by Sheffield Community Health Councils, 1978
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 042 S*)

Sheffield Association for the Voluntary Teaching of English (SAVTE), *AIDS - some important questions answered* [Arabic] [1980s] (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4539 S*)

Aids Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) - Campaign material, 1989 - 1990
(*Sheffield City Archives: X608/2*)

Posters Illustrated by Angela Martin - Includes 'Home and Away - remember safe sex, National AIDS Helpline' poster, 1990s
(*Sheffield City Archive: X649/6/2*)

AIDS information leaflet and pack 1989-1990 Sheffield Health and Consumer Services
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 616.9532 SQ*)

Library and Archive collections held elsewhere

Other collections held elsewhere may contain information about Sheffield's response to the epidemic. Other archive services across the UK (including The National Archives) will hold information on the HIV/AIDS epidemic. A search of The National Archives *Discovery* catalogue is a good place to start

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

E.g., Hall Carpenter Archives: Peter Tatchell collection - includes an information paper from a workshop, given by Tatchell, on 'Gays and Fascism' at the NUS Second National Gay Rights Conference (Sheffield 1974), legal aspects of HIV and AIDS in employment (including copy of industrial tribunal adjudication re. unfair dismissal, 1987) etc. (*London School of Economics Library, Archives and Special Collections HCA/TATCHELL/2004/18*)

See also: National HIV Story Trust: The charity telling the story of HIV and AIDS
<https://www.nhst.org.uk/>

'Documenting the HIV/AIDS epidemic: a survey of HIV/AIDS archives in England and Wales' an archive survey project by West Sussex Record Office (2023 - 2025): <https://westsussexrecordofficeblog.com/2023/03/14/an-introduction-to-the-documenting-the-hiv-aids-epidemic-a-survey-of-hiv-aids-archives-in-england-and-wales-project/>

AIDS: Monolith (1987) - the UK government's launch of a national public information campaign, "AIDS: Don't Die of Ignorance", in 1987, which delivered a leaflet about AIDS to every household in the UK, and broadcast the memorable 'Iceberg and Tombstone' television advertising campaign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iroty5zwOVw>



Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives Facilities

Sheffield Archives and Local Studies services collect and preserve original records and printed material relating to Sheffield and the surrounding area.

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(not all of the collections are fully catalogued so if you can't find what you are looking for please contact us for further advice)

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City Archives catalogue: <http://www.calmview.eu/SheffieldArchives/CalmView/>

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