

Introduction to NAT (National AIDS Trust)



101,200 people in the UK live with HIV and there are over 6,000 new diagnosis every year.

We are the UK's HIV policy and campaigning charity. We champion the rights of people living with HIV and campaign for change – shaping attitudes, challenging injustice and changing lives.

30-year track record

We make a lasting change by influencing law and policy and those whose actions have the biggest impact on the lives of people living with and affected by HIV. Some recent examples:

We took NHS England to court when they refused to fund PrEP, a game-changing medication which prevents HIV acquisition, and we won. There will now be a three-year trial for **up to 10,000 people** most at risk of HIV. We were awarded the **Civil Society Charity Award for Campaigning and Advocacy** in 2017 as recognition of this work.



We ran a campaign leading to the government overturning proposed 50% cuts to the National HIV prevention programme; changed the format of welfare assessments so that the needs of people living with HIV are met; and exposed cuts and decommissioning of vital HIV support services. Plus, there's so much more.



Awareness and knowledge

Just 65% of the public can identify the three correct routes of HIV transmission out of a list.

33% don't receive information on HIV transmission and safer sex in school.

We provide free resources to help schools teach about HIV and run annual World AIDS Day campaigns.

Reducing stigma and discrimination

Stigma and discrimination impacts on the physical and mental well-being of people living with HIV and hinders HIV prevention efforts.

People living with HIV are 2.5 times as likely to be unemployed than the general population. 18% of people living with HIV report suicidal ideation within the past 12 months.

Just to give a few examples on how we combat this: NAT enables employers to understand their responsibilities; improves the welfare system for those unable to work; improves access to financial products and services; and ensures legal equality.

Health and wellbeing

HIV prevention and support services are under threat. We work to ensure everyone has access to good quality, free treatment and that everyone who needs social care and support can access it. We support everyone living with HIV including smaller, more marginalised communities such as prisoners and asylum seekers.

Visit our websites www.nat.org.uk and www.worldaidsday.org for more information about NAT, our successes and our upcoming work.