



An illustrated timeline of HIV and AIDS

1981

The first cases of AIDS are found in California and New York, mainly among gay men and people who inject drugs.



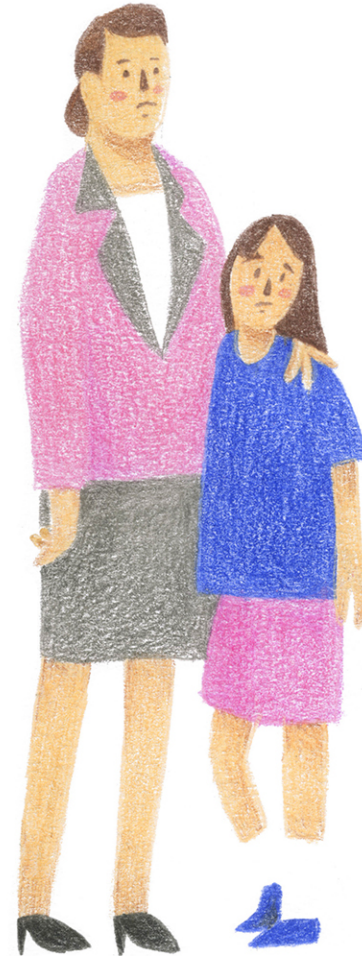


1982

AIDS is reported within European countries, including the UK, and the name AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is created.

1982

AIDS is reported in non-drug using women and children. In response, scientists become more confident that AIDS is infectious.





1982

Within the UK over 100 people are diagnosed with AIDS and scientists identify the virus which will later become known as HIV.



1985/6

The UK Government launches an AIDS campaign and invests in research. The name HIV is given to the virus that causes AIDS and widespread testing is introduced.



1987

American teenager Ryan White wins the right to attend school after a three year legal battle following his diagnosis of AIDS in 1984.



1987

The UK Government launches the
'Don't Die of Ignorance' campaign.



1987

The first drug approved as treatment becomes available. AZT reduces HIV death rates but it is unpredictable and causes severe side effects.



1987

Over 1000 people are diagnosed with AIDS in the UK.



1987

Princess Diana opens the first HIV ward in a UK hospital and is pictured holding hands with a man living with AIDS.



1987

ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) protests are held across America in response to the high cost of AZT drugs and treatment.



1991

World AIDS Day is created and takes place on December 1st.



1991

Red Ribbon is chosen as the symbol for HIV awareness.



1991

EastEnders character, Mark Fowler, is diagnosed with HIV following a relationship with a woman living with HIV.



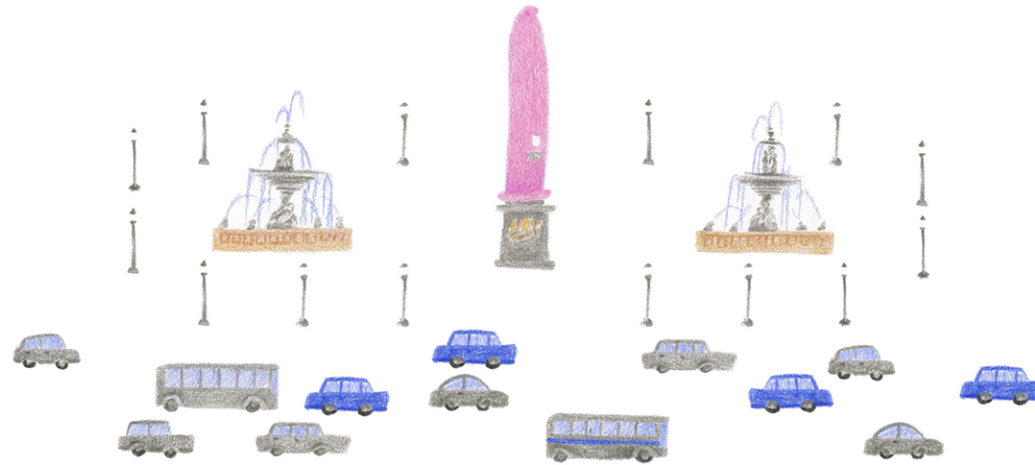
1991

Freddie Mercury, lead singer of Queen, confirms he has AIDS after extensive media speculation and dies the next day at the age of 45.



1992

The first combination drug therapies are used to treat those living with HIV and this slows down the development of drug resistance.



1993

A giant pink condom is placed on Paris' Luxor Obelisk by Act Up Paris to raise HIV and AIDS awareness.



1995

Within the UK over 10,000 AIDS diagnoses are made and over 25,000 people are living with HIV.



1996/7

New drug combinations halt progression of AIDS and form the beginning of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (ART). HIV deaths fall dramatically with increased accessibility to ART.



1999

For the first time new HIV diagnoses among heterosexual people overtake diagnoses among gay and bisexual men.



2000

The United Nations General Assembly adopts combating HIV and AIDS as one of its Millennium Development Goals.



2005

The Disability Discrimination Act is passed and gives legal protection against discrimination for people living with HIV.



2006

An estimated 73,000 people are living with HIV in the UK.



2007

33 million people around the world are living with HIV.

2007

Timothy Brown becomes first known person to be cured of HIV following a bone-marrow transplant to treat leukaemia.





2009

Barack Obama removes travel ban that has prevented people living with HIV from entering the USA since 1987.



2010

Trial shows a reduction in HIV rates among HIV negative gay men on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), a course of medication taken to reduce the risk of contracting HIV.

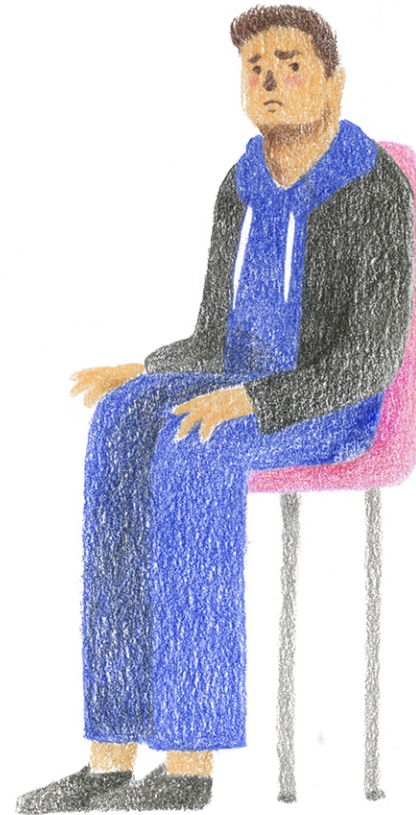


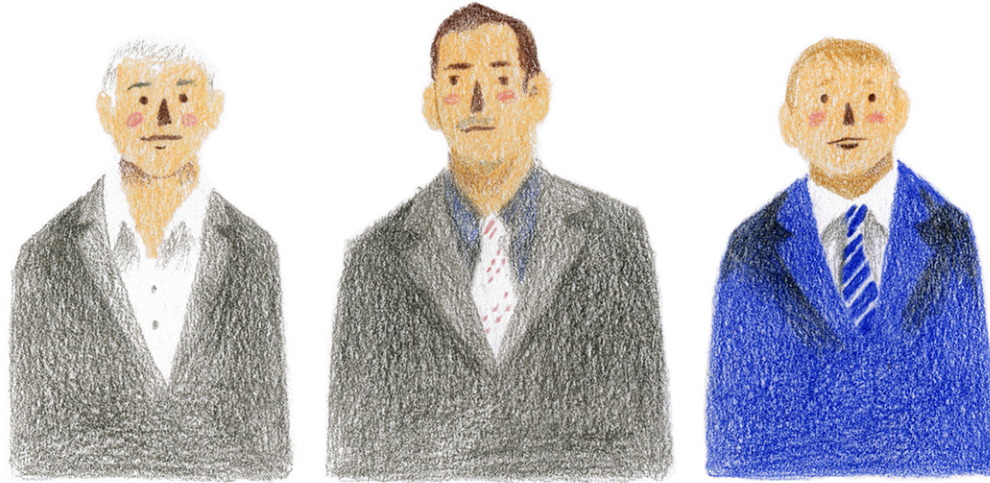
2011

Trial shows 96% reduction in passing on HIV during heterosexual sex without a condom when a person is successfully responding to HIV treatment.

2015

Hollyoaks becomes the first British soap to feature a gay character living with HIV after Ste Hay is diagnosed as HIV positive following unprotected sex with a one-night stand.





2015

Three openly HIV positive candidates campaign ahead of the UK's 2015 General Election.

2015

Cuba becomes first country in the world to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV.



2016

NAT successfully challenges NHS England in the courts, overturning their decision not to consider providing the HIV prevention pill PrEP.





2017

For the first time, London clinics report a drop in new cases of HIV. The success is put down to increases in testing and treatment and people buying PrEP online.