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THE AIDS POLICY UNIT - WHAT IT IS.

The AIDS Policy Unit has been set up to contribute to policy making, public education and the debate on preventative health, research and care programmes to do with the problem of AIDS.

It will aim to encourage efficient programmes, to highlight deficiencies and to ensure that the problems are tackled with the vigour and sensitivity that their importance demands.

Its Executive Director is Nicolas Stacey, former Director of Social Services for Kent and its Board of Directors includes: Professors Roy Anderson and Michael Adler and Doctor Charles Farthing leading AIDS experts in Britain; Margaret Jay the Director of the National AIDS Trust; Gordon Heald Managing Director of Gallup Polls; Jon Tinker Director of the PANOS Institute a leading agency on AIDS in the third world; Archy Kirkwood the SDLP MP and Godfrey Bradman and Des Wilson founders of Citizen Action. The Unit is funded by Godfrey Bradman. Unit Director, Nicolas Stacey says:

"In our first 2 initiatives we shall be calling on the Government to:-

1. Undertake widespread anonymous testing for the HIV virus. We believe it is of critical importance for the Government to know the present prevalence of the HIV infection, the geographical spread and to be able to monitor the possible spread of the infection.
2. Implement the recommendations of the DHSS report on AIDS and IV drug use. We believe that drug users who share injecting equipment are going to be the main bridge for the HIV virus to travel into the heterosexual community, especially through prostitutes".

Its other objectives include:-

- * To inform major decision makers, senior media figures, politicians etc on the nature of the problems and act as a vehicle for bringing together the leading scientists in the field with such people in order that a broader understanding should exist about the nature of the problem and what needs to be done.
- * To involve and educate the business community on the issue.
- * Where necessary to be prepared to give a lead in preparing public opinion for new and necessary initiatives.