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**HIV**, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, is a virus which can cause AIDS [Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome]. HIV is so called because it attacks the immune system, the body's defence against disease.

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


## ALL ABOUT HIV<sup>+</sup>

There are more than 23,000 gay and bisexual men living with HIV in Britain today. A quarter of them are unaware that they are infected. One in nine gay men who attend sexual health clinics in London are HIV-positive. In 2001, more than 1,800 gay men in the UK were diagnosed as being HIV-positive.

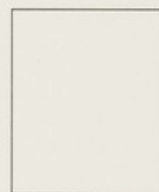
There is no cure for HIV infection, and more than 15,000 people have died in the UK in the past 20 years from HIV-related illness. However, new drugs are helping HIV-positive people to live longer and healthier lives. In the past ten years, the number of people who die each year from HIV-related illness has fallen by over 80%. The number of people who develop AIDS in the UK each year has shown a similar decline.

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The illustration overleaf, by Mark Blann, is a stylised representation of HIV, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus.



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