

Yorkshire MESMAC Statement on the Criminalisation of the Transmission of HIV and STIs

At present, a person who transmits HIV to another person without accurately telling them that they have HIV could face prosecution.

Yorkshire MESMAC is opposed to such prosecutions. We believe that criminalising people who transmit HIV or Sexually Transmitted Infections has no useful purpose.

Yorkshire MESMAC believes that when people agree to sex they agree to the risks and consequences involved. The responsibility for safer sex and steps to avoid the transmission of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections lies with both people involved in sexual activity, not just a person who may have HIV or Sexually Transmitted Infections.

Some people may lie about their HIV / Sexually Transmitted Infections status or choose not to say that they have HIV or Sexually Transmitted Infections. Yorkshire MESMAC suggests that people should take this into account when they agree to have sex. We support the right of people living with HIV to choose not to disclose their HIV status.

Unless we are forced to by the law, we will not give information or support any legal cases in which people are prosecuted for transmitting HIV or Sexually Transmitted Infections.

We are committed to the protection of the human rights of people living with HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections.