



# ACCESS TO HAIR, BEAUTY AND BARBERING IS EVERYONE'S RIGHT



## WHAT WE FOUND

We recently asked people living with HIV about their experiences when accessing hair, beauty and barbering services. Over 400 people completed the survey from across the UK.

- **52%\*** of respondents said they had been **refused** a treatment or service because of their HIV status.
- **79%** of people said that they had been **asked about their HIV status** when accessing hair, beauty and barbering services.

## WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

It is **illegal** to refuse someone a service or to adapt or change the service based on a person's HIV status.

People living with HIV are **legally protected under the Equality Act 2010**.

## WHAT CAN I DO AS A PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONER?

As a professional you should follow **universal hygiene protocols**.

Someone's HIV status is their personal business and is not relevant information for any hair or beauty service.

Asking about HIV should not be part of your treatment or service consultation.

## HELP US END HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION.

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