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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.

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