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Subject: Re: Including people aged 50 and over in the DHS - HIV

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Potential supportive evidence for change. At Public Health England (previously Health Protection Agency) we have conducted a body of analysis of HIV among people aged 50 years or over (often referred to as older adults). These analysis have highlighted that the overall number of HIV diagnoses in the UK among older adults more than doubled in recent years, and that almost half of older adults diagnosed with HIV acquired their infection when aged 50 years or over (Smith, 2010). In 2012, older adults accounted for one in four people seen for HIV care in the UK in 2012 (Aghaizu, 2013). In 2003, the proportion was one in eight. A key finding of our analysis is that older adults are significantly more likely to be diagnosed late with HIV and to die within a year of diagnosis than younger adults (Smith, 2010; Aghaizu, 2013; Rice, 2014).

Recent relevant publication:

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