U.K. Police Training on HIV Transmission ’Inaccurate’

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HIV-related training and procedures in many U.K. police forces are based on outdated or inaccurate information, Pink News reports. According to the United Kingdom’s National AIDS Trust (NAT), officers are tested for HIV after exposure to such things as saliva, urine and shared toothbrushes—none of which can spread HIV—resulting in wasteful spending and increased stigma, especially when such misinformation is reiterated in the media. NAT’s recommendations to U.K. police forces include reviewing and updating training materials and policies to accord with up-to-date information; educating police on how HIV is—and is not—transmitted; and offering sensitivity training to ensure that suspects with HIV are treated appropriately.

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