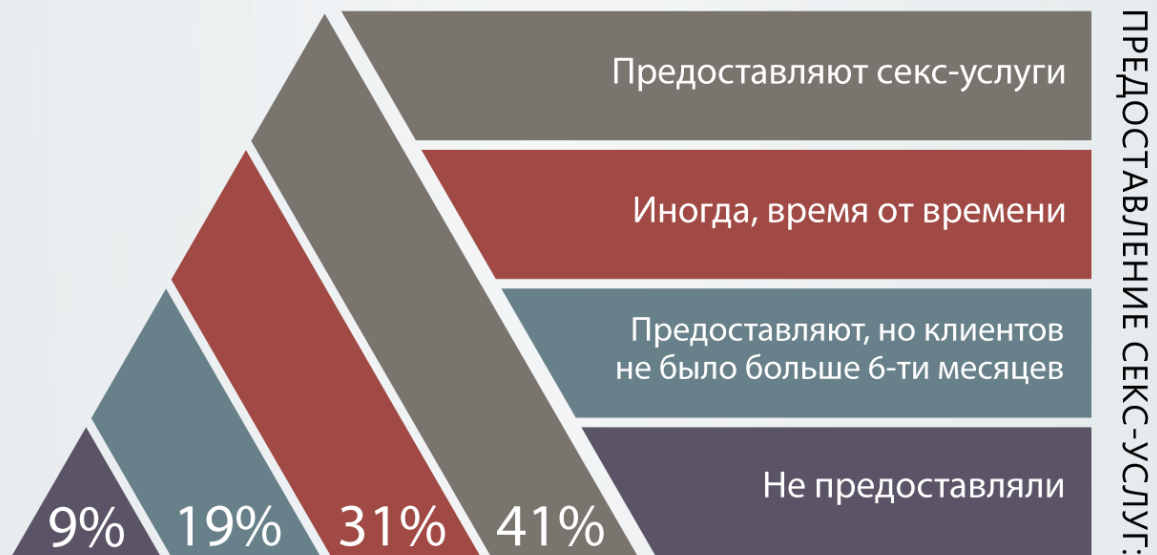





TRANSGENDER SEX WORKERS

HPLGBT

HPLGBT is an organization operating under the leadership of transgender people. The most important areas of HPLGBT's work include the comprehensive development of the transgender community and its cross- and sub-groups, reducing the level of discrimination and violence against transgender people, as well as strengthening the influence of the entire LGBT+ community on human rights policies.

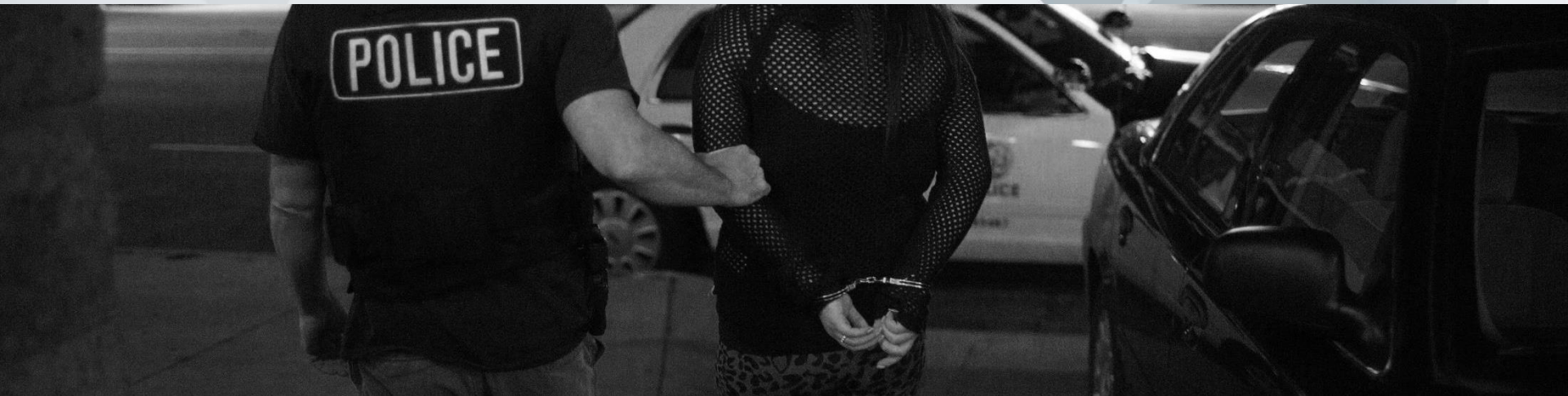




The high level of involvement of transgender people in sex work is a result of the fact that they have very few other employment options due to lack of education, discrimination, and lack of legal gender recognition.

I always try to use a condom with clients. But if I see that a guy looks normal and is dressed properly, and if he asks hard enough, then I'll take the risk so that I do not lose this client... It happens sometimes that I get paid to have sex without a condom, I understand that it's risky, but what can I do? I need the money.

Ksyusha, Kharkov



In addition to their high HIV and STI burdens, the activities of transgender sex workers are often criminalized, which leads to police harassment, arrests, unlawful detentions, and the abuse of power by law enforcement agencies.

Often, transgender sex workers only receive services when they are reached through programs targeting cis-gender sex workers or MSM, but these programs do not take into account their special needs and are therefore not very effective.



Among transgender people, sex work, social isolation, and discrimination accompany substance abuse.

The report* of the LGBT organization, London Friend, which is based on interviews and discussions with LGBT people, details how there is an increased risk of "chemsex".

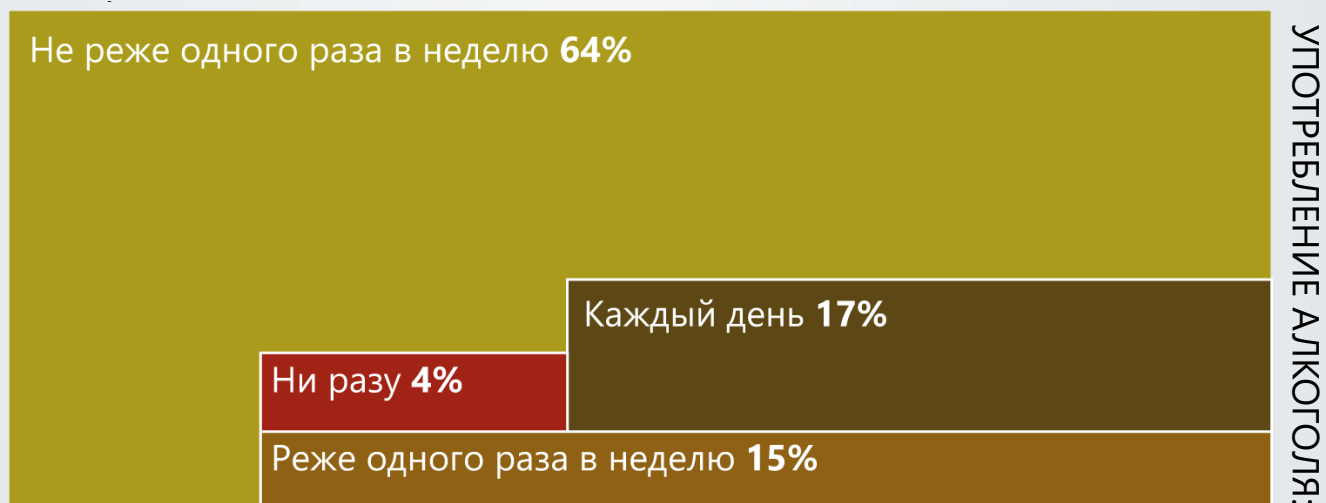
**Improving provision of drug & alcohol treatment for lesbian, gay, bisexual & trans people: Out of your mind.*





In the World Drug Report, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) indicates that men who have sex with men and transgender people have a propensity towards using drugs, which in turn increases the risk of HIV/STI transmission. Usually, this phenomenon is called "chemsex". At the same time, UNODC focuses on needle and syringe exchange programs for LGBT people in detention or prison.

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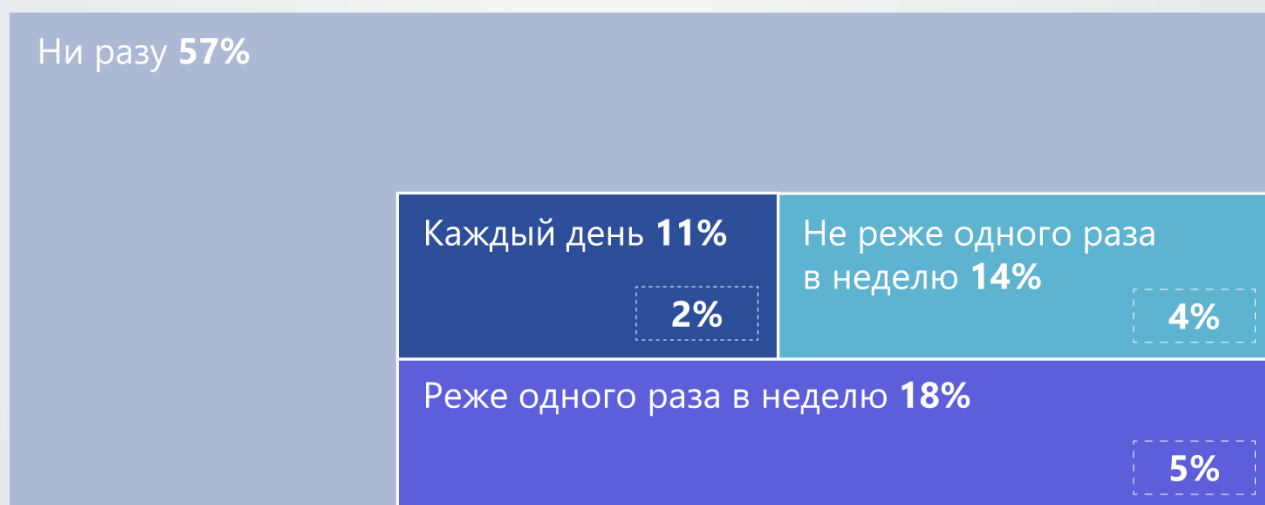


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Excessive consumption of alcohol is also associated with a number of infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and pneumonia

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The respondents indicated which drugs they consume. The most frequently used drugs were cannabinoids (marijuana, hashish), alkyl nitrites (poppers), sedatives (barbiturates, tranquilizers), psychostimulants (cocaine, amphetamine, methamphetamine/pervitin), methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA/ecstasy), opiates (codeine, heroin).

CONSUMPTION OF PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES



Мое тело все время болит, так как я пережила сложную операцию по смене пола, и сейчас я принимаю наркотики внутривенно, потому что я очень хочу снять боли.

Вероника, г. Запорожье

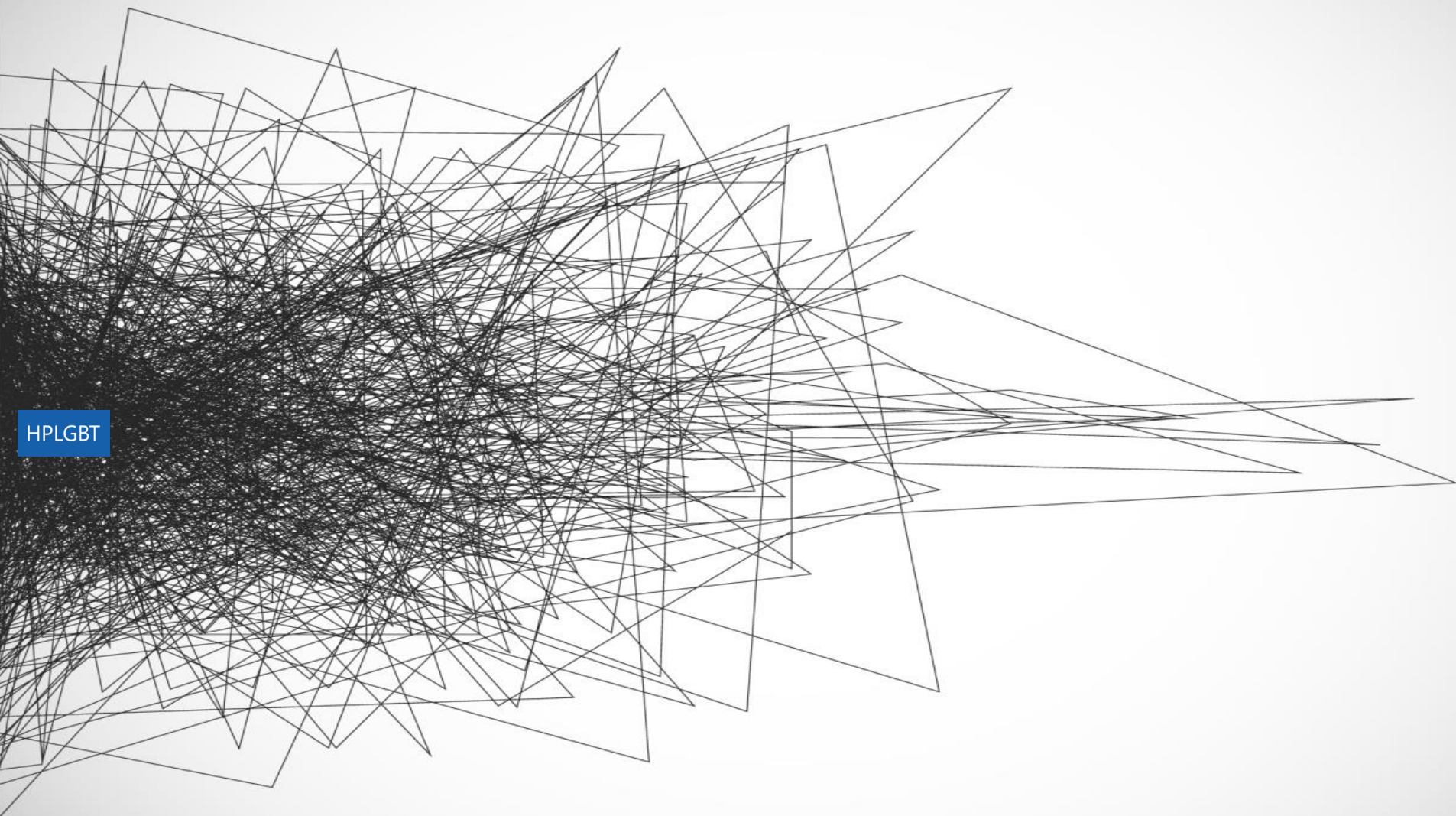


In the EECA region, there are very few studies related to the use of psychoactive substances by transgender people. Data from Canada* indicates that transgender people are significantly more likely to use cocaine and amphetamine compared to the general population of the same age.

** Drug use among transgender people in Ontario, Canada: Disparities and associations with social exclusion.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Development of scientifically-based harm reduction plans linked to the use of hormone replacement therapy in order to reduce medical risks among transgender people.
- Use of more inclusive data collection methods to gain better information about transgender people involved in sex work.
- Decriminalization of sex work and drug use.



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