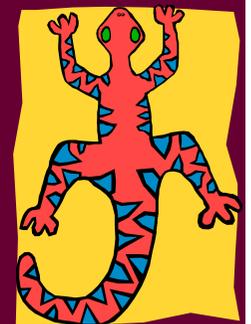


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Convention on  
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***Dignity,  
Worth,***

***Rights and freedoms***

***Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against  
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***Attitudes towards people with a condition***

***Equal opps to influence policy, plans and practice..***

***SRHR***

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***Women and girls’ vulnerabilities***

***Peace and security – non-violence***

***Access to all parts of life***

***Responsibilities***

***Protection for and by family members..***

***Reasonable accommodation***

***Awareness raising and respect education from primary school***

***Accessibility to work, transport, schools, leisure, housing, medical facilities, health***

***Appropriate communication***

***Right to life and care, treatment and support***

***Protection in conflict zones***

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***Prevent.. Cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment***

***Security within and outside the home***

***Promote physical, cognitive and psychological recovery...***

***Legislation to outlaw abuse***

***Liberty of movement***

***Privacy and confidentiality***

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***Insurance***

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***Health and Life Insurance***

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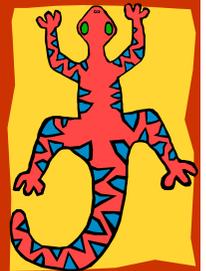
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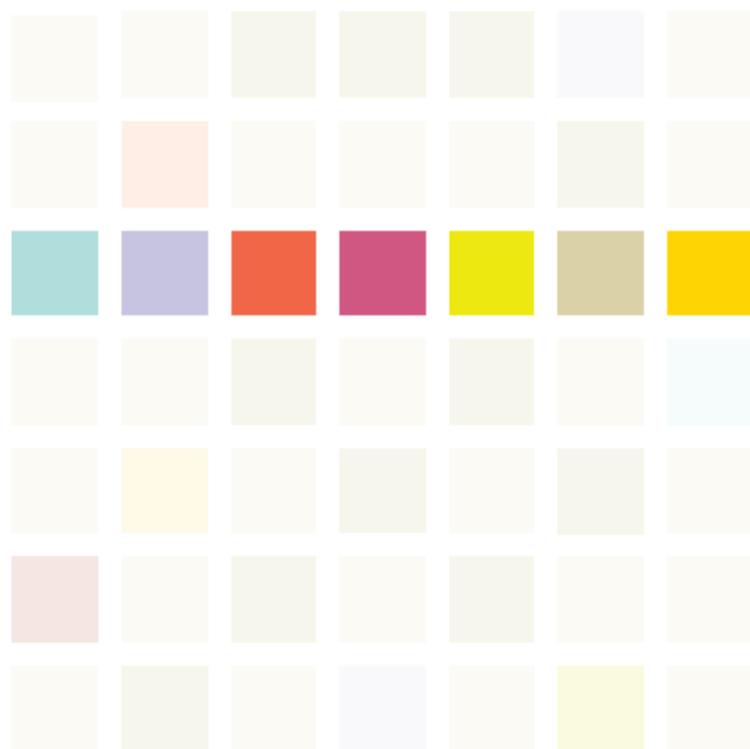
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# INVALID

*Meaning in English: (Chambers): invalid in-val'id, adj. without validity, efficacy, weight, or cogency: having no effect: void: null. – adj. invalid (in've-lid, -lēd) deficient in health, sick, weak: disabled: suitable for invalids. – n. in'valid one who is weak: a sickly person: one disabled for active service... - v.t. in'valid to make invalid or affect with disease....*





# case studies

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Settings: Experiences of  
HIV Positive Women in Namibia**

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# HIV TIMEBOMB

## Police quiz man who may have spread disease

A MAN who is HIV positive has been arrested on suspicion of having unprotected sex with a string of women without telling them he carried the virus.

The 39-year-old suspect, who is understood to be an ex-ser-viceman, was yesterday arrested and questioned about a number of allegations that he failed to tell his lovers he had the potentially deadly infection, which can lead to the killer Aids virus.

The incidents are understood to have taken place around Exmouth in East Devon. Police yesterday confirmed that the man had been taken into custody. But, because of the ongoing investigation, they refused to disclose details of when the complaints were made or when

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and where the offences were claimed to have taken place.

They also declined to say how many alleged victims were involved, or whether any of them had tested positive for HIV.

A spokesman yesterday said: "Devon and Cornwall Police can confirm a number of women have come forward regarding allegations of their having had unprotected sex with a man who they now believe to be HIV positive. They allege he failed to disclose this to them."

The suspect, from the Bournemouth area, was questioned at Exeter's Heavitree Road police station. He was later

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## Kicking up a fuss for 40th birthday

THE world's largest donkey charity is celebrating its 40th anniversary after helping more than 10 million of the animals across the globe including Francesca, left. Founded by Dr Elisabeth Svendsen, MBE, in 1969, The Donkey Sanctuary, near Sidmouth, East Devon, began with just one animal. Dr Svendsen said yesterday: "I never meant to care for more than a few donkeys."

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# AIDS ASSASSIN 'HAS DOOMED 50 WOMEN'

## Asylum seeker jailed 10yrs for infecting lovers

**AN asylum seeker who was jailed for ten years yesterday for infecting three women with HIV could have given the disease to 50 more.**

Evil Feston Konzani – whose victims included a 15-year-old schoolgirl – bedded a string of women despite knowing he had the deadly virus.

All the lovers he infected are likely to die from Aids in the next few years. Det Sgt Ted Allen, who led the probe into Konzani, said yesterday: "His victims may survive for 20 years, but they will all die from this disease."

"He is a cold killer with a deadly secret who preyed on vulnerable

By **ROBIN PEREIRA**

people and had a complete disregard for others." Konzani, 28 – who applied for asylum on the grounds he faced persecution in his native Malawi for being GAY – was diagnosed HIV positive in 2000 after infecting his girlfriend.

Yet for the next three years, he insisted on having unprotected sex with his lovers – and told none of them he had the virus.

Konzani, of Middlesbrough, was found guilty yesterday of infecting the schoolgirl and two women aged 26 and 27. He is also known to have passed the virus to two other women.

But it is feared there could be up to 50 more victims – including prostitutes that Konzani slept with.

One police source said last night:

"Because of his promiscuous lifestyle there could be many more women out there whom he passed the virus on to but they don't know about it yet."

"The likelihood is that we will never know how many he was responsible for giving the virus to."

Musician Konzani, pictured, came to Britain from Malawi in 1998. At the time he had a boyfriend, a Foreign Office attaché who advised him on how to seek asylum.

But by 2000 he had an Italian girlfriend who found out she had HIV when she became pregnant.

He also tested positive – but went on to have a string of girlfriends and also slept with numerous prostitutes.

One of his victims is a 28-year-old woman from

Tyneside who gave evidence against him at Tyneside Crown Court – said yesterday: "Konzani helped me to look after my sick four-year-old son. But all the time he was infecting me with a deadly disease and he knew it. That is the biggest betrayal."

A neighbour in Middlesbrough said: "There were girls going into his flat all the time. A lot of under-age girls were there, as well as prostitutes."

Konzani – who denied infecting GIBH on the women – wept as he was jailed. He was given four years for the charge relating to the teenager and three years on each of the other two. He will be booted out of Britain when he finishes his sentence.



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**Greater Involvement of  
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**“Hi Ladies, I just wanted to share my good news with you. I passed my MSc in Social Development and Health from \*\*\*\* University and just got the results. I am very pleased with myself.**

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**I got a lemon and I am trying to make lemonade and it feels great all the time!!!**

**Cheers ladies for all the good work we are achieving together.”**

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