

## Many thanks to everyone at ICCM

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Dear Tim,

As discussed, I am writing with an update for the members of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management on the work NAT has done over the past year. The donation from ICCM has provided NAT with vital core funding, allowing us to continue to respond to policy debates and opportunities to influence change as they arise and also to pursue sensitive and 'hard to fund' areas of work.

NAT is the UK's leading charity dedicated to transforming society's response to HIV. We provide fresh thinking, expert advice and practical resources. We campaign for change.

Shaping attitudes. Challenging injustice. Changing lives.

We work on a range of issues, but some recent examples include:

We have campaigned at both a national and local level for specific targets to reduce late diagnosis of HIV and were delighted that all London PCTs agreed to such a target in early 2010.

We produced an updated report on *Poverty and HIV*, highlighting the root causes of poverty amongst people living with HIV in the UK and identifying clear recommendations for change to address these.

We conducted research into the experiences of people living with HIV in the workplace. We found that although the health effects of HIV are having little impact, stigma and discrimination are barriers. Our findings helped to secure an amendment to the new Equality Act which makes it illegal for employers to ask questions about disability and long term conditions before an offer of a job is made.

We have been campaigning for a review of the blood donor ban for gay men. We were the first HIV charity to speak out on this issue and have convinced the Safety Advisory Committee to review their restrictions on blood donors.

We are campaigning for effective sex and relationships education (SRE) in schools. We succeeded in getting over 100 MPs to sign our petition about the importance of HIV awareness for young gay men. We also got both HIV and same-sex relationships explicitly included in Government guidance about SRE.

For more detailed information on the issues affecting people living with HIV in the UK and how NAT is addressing these, please do visit our [website](#).

ICCM's donation has helped us to continue our work to shape attitudes, challenge injustice and change lives. On behalf of everyone at NAT, I would like to express our gratitude to those participating in the recycling of metals scheme for their generous support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and we look forward to working with you in the future.

With best wishes,  
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**[Sign our e-petition for national strategy on HIV](#)**

**By the end of 2011 there will be more than 100,000 people living with HIV in the UK. The current national strategy for HIV and sexual health in England expires at the end of 2010 and there are currently no plans to replace it.**

**Support our campaign for a national strategy by signing our petition.**

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