December 1. World Aids Day

34 new HIV positive cases among young people aged 15 to 29 were detected in the Basque Country in 2015

On occasion of the World Aids Day, the Basque Youth Observatory is publishing data on new HIV positive cases provided by the Basque Government's AIDS Prevention and Control Plan.

According to these data, 151 new HIV positive cases were diagnosed in the Basque Country in 2015. Of these new cases, 34 affected young people aged 15 to 29, accounting for 22.5% of the total.

If we look at the evolution of new HIV cases among young people, we can see that there does not seem to be any clear trend regarding absolute numbers but it’s something to celebrate that 2015 has recorded one of the low points during the last 15 years.

Finally, we can see that this is a tremendously male-dominated phenomenon as 27 of the 34 new HIV cases registered among young people in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in 2015 affect men, i.e. 79% of cases.

The rate of young people infected by HIV per 10,000 people in the same age group is 1.2. The rate among young men is 1.9, while among young women it is 0.5.

These data are available in the statistics of the Basque Youth Observatory, in the section dedicated to Health issues.