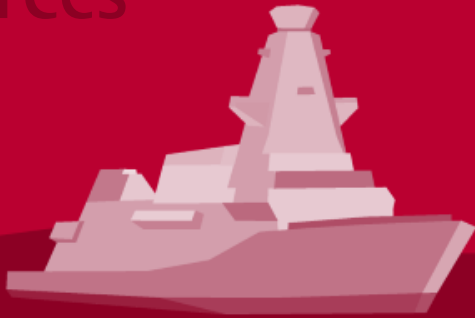


# Unseen Frontlines

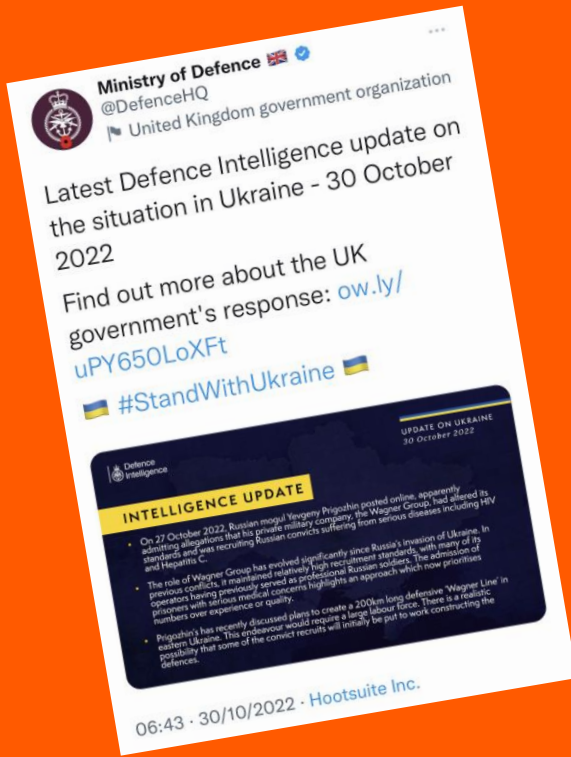
The battle against HIV stigma in the UK  
Armed Forces



# Getting you up to speed...



15 Mar 24  
Lt Cdr Oli Brown MBE RN



Wagner Group [sic] was recruiting Russian convicts suffering from serious diseases, including HIV and Hepatitis C

The admission of prisoners with serious medical concerns highlights an approach which now prioritises numbers over experience or quality.



Beyond the paper into the minds of people

*Control the controllables*

*Sometimes, the right reasons have the wrong consequences*

*Don't leave anything to become a Vikings horned helmet*



Big thing for me is encouraging to ask questions, lack of knowledge breeds ignorance and ignorance is destructive. Take this group for example, I knew little about AIDS and HIV until I spoke with you, I've probably asked some dumb questions, but you answer them, same with the LGBT community, again sets a tone where people feel comfortable about learning and understanding. And calling shit out, one of my JUO's, she sees something she doesn't like, she will challenge it, you continue. she will eventually just bag you hard, very loyal to peoples beliefs.



## Are you an advocate?

*If the problem is systemic, the solution must be systemic; we need structural change. We need to tackle patriarchal structures and deeply ingrained inequality. We need to root out institutional misogyny, racism, ableism, ageism, homophobia, classism and other forms of oppression that are built into the very foundations of our society.*

*Fix the System, Not the Women*

*Laura Bates*

15/04/2023

I pick @timdavies\_uk - simply because the he/him, she/her, they/them, dicklord/throbber crowd are a bunch of fucking idiots.

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Would rather an in person open panel debate if that's the case.

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In person open panel debates are the only debates I respect.

You can't be a keyboard warrior face to face. No one insults each other, and conversations are generally productive. Unlike social media.

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Agree with you there. That's why I will always be willing to speak with anyone in person. Everyone has a view when it comes to diversity, what is important to me is both are heard to shrink the divide - that's inclusion.

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That's a stitch up. Putting others at risk. Not allowed it in us forces.

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How is that compatible with a credible fighting force? Fuck me.

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...but not if you're HIV positive.

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## What does stigma look like?

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God help us all with these 'progressive' idiots

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3h

If we ever go to War again it will be easier to raise the White Flag at the outset. 🤔

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2h

You have both left the services, thank you for your efforts. Now please let those of us that are still serving get on with things without your prejudices. Times change, people change, move on.

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Not sure I would appreciate having to share a messdeck or a gulch with someone HIV positive....nothing against change but sharing close confined space with an infected shipmate might be a bridge too far!!!

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Have you read the tweet from the currently serving RN Lt Cdr who has HIV? Very interesting read, his medication means that he can't pass his HIV on.

🤔 In BROC I used to refer to my defects as STDs. Well sir the Sonars got the clap and Nautice has full blown aids... In technical terms chief It's fucked! Half the bits are in my hand 🤔

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The military is supposed to be about defending the country, not about LGBT, Rainbows, or virtue signalling diversity 🤔

55 Views

22 Views





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