

Assumptions

When we consider sexuality, it is important not to make too many assumptions based on what we think we know and instead take the time to explore an individual's behaviour based on facts.

Here is a quick quiz to test (and maybe challenge) some of our assumptions. Imagine the following are people you come into contact with in a work setting and they have told you their sexual identity as part of their sexual health history. Do not think about your answer, just make note of your gut reaction.

Gay man - what kind of sex does he have?	
Lesbian - what kind of sex does she have?	
Heterosexual man - what kind of sex does he have?	
Heterosexual woman - what kind of sex does she have?	
Bi-sexual man - what kind of sex does he have?	
Bisexual woman - what kind of sex does she have?	

Now consider this...

A married man with children, travels for work. Occasionally stops off at beats to have sex with other men. Is he bi-sexual?

A woman works in the sex industry and as a result has sex with men. She has a female partner and has never had a relationship with a man outside work. She identifies as lesbian but is she really bisexual?

Likewise, a male escort, married with kids. He does a call out service to both men and women but mostly men. He identifies as straight. How does society see him?

An 18 year old male is attracted exclusively to females and describes himself as heterosexual but he has never had a girlfriend or any sexual experience with anyone. Is he still able to call himself heterosexual?

How do you think your gut reactions (assumptions) would stand up in the real world?