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Number of Russians with HIV Rises 5%

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The number of people living in Russia with HIV rose by more than 5 percent last year, new data has revealed.

Some 1.1 million people in Russia were registered as HIV positive in 2016, said Vadim Pokrovsky, head of the Moscow-based Federal Center for Fighting AIDS.

He said that the total number of people living with HIV made up between 0.6 and 1 percent of the Russian population as a whole.

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Russia's HIV drive has still made itself felt in the 10 percent fall in new HIV cases, Russia's Interfax news agency reported Monday.

Pokrovsky said men between 35 to 39 years old were particularly at risk of contracting HIV, but warned that more cases were being seen in younger women.

"This is likely because women are more likely to have sexual intercourse with older men," he said.

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