

Focus Testing New Testing Models

Focus testing potential online sexually transmissible infection (STI) and blood borne virus (BBV) testing models with priority populations in NSW

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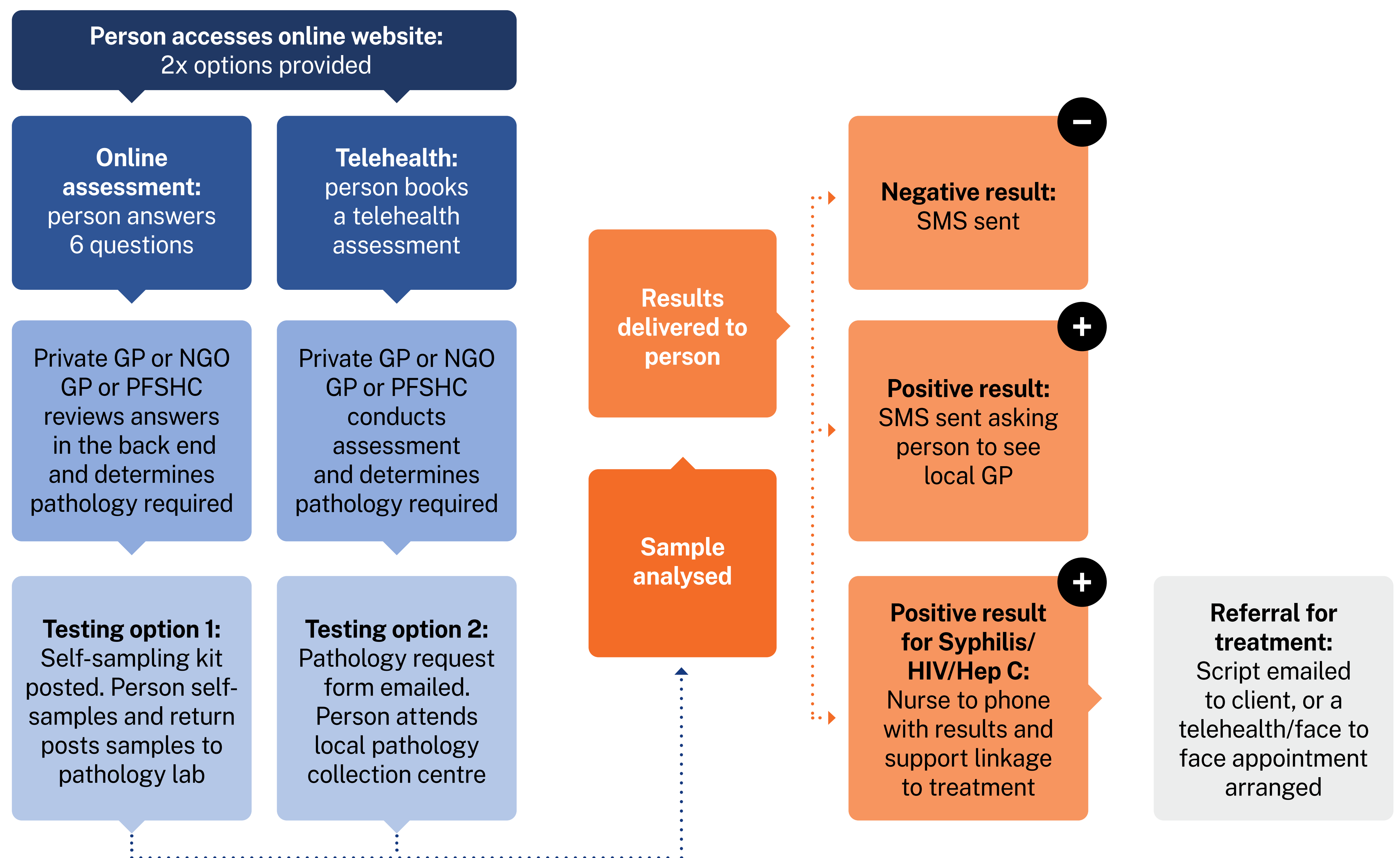
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Study Objectives:

1. Identify and understand the enablers and barriers to STI & BBV testing experienced by each priority population.
2. Identify the key elements that would facilitate increased acceptability, accessibility, and usage of an online testing platform, as well as its promotion.

Models to be focus tested with priority populations:



Priority populations and sample size:

There will be 8 to 12 participants from each of the following priority population or sub-populations:

- Gay and bisexual men, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM)
- Sexually active young people under the age of 30 years
- Trans and gender diverse people
- Sex workers
- People who inject drugs
- People in rural, regional, and remote locations
- Aboriginal people
 - Males
 - Females
 - Trans/gender diverse
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds,
 - People who are overseas born and have arrived in Australia in the past four years
 - People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

Eligibility criteria:

- Self-identify as a member of a priority population/s
- Are aged 18 years or older at the time of the study
- Have access to the internet and/or a smart device
- Ability to comprehend and communicate in English

Focus testing recruitment

- Each priority population will have a targeted recruitment strategy
- Relevant social media tiles and flyers will be developed for each priority population
- Social media tiles/flyers will be shared by stakeholders relevant to each priority population

Project partnerships:

A project advisory group and an Aboriginal advisory group were established to provide advice and guidance on the consultation process. Project advisory group includes representatives from:

- AIDS Council of NSW (ACON)
- NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA)
- Youth Action
- NSW Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service (MHAHS)
- Local Health Districts
- Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP)

Results:

A findings report will be available in December 2023. Results will contribute to the evidence and contribute to informing online testing models in NSW.