

# Resources to Empower Peer-Led Partner Notification

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## BACKGROUND/AIMS & METHODS:

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### The need for Peer-Led Partner Notification:

- 2015: PLNSW survey - community experience of partner notification
  - n= 210; just under one quarter were people living with HIV
- Clear need for practical information on how to notify partners & what to say
- 47% of PLPHIV respondents wanted access to peer support
- Current web-based partner notification services do not cover HIV

### What did PLNSW do:

- Partnership with NSW Sexual Health Infolink (SHIL)
- Resources 'toolkit' to support PLHIV when notifying sexual/ injecting partners

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Peer-Led Partner Notification 'toolkit' of resources:

- *Microsite and Smart phone apps (iOS and Android)*
  - *Enables self-management of STI/BBV & partner information*
  - *Ability to track & record progress with notifying partners*
  - *Contains directory of STI information, testing clinics & support services*
  - *Provides hints on 'things to consider' & 'what to say'*
- *Video vignettes: partner scenarios*
- *Linkage to telephone peer support: PLNSW Treatment Officers*
- *Sector promotion, education & training*

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Impact of Peer-Led Partner Notification:

- *Support, educate & empower PLHIV*
- *Build confidence & skills of individuals*
- *Clinical staff resourced*
- *Promote testing, diagnosis & subsequent treatment*

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