

NO NAMES NO FORMS!

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Background/Purpose:

Body Positive's sex on site venue testing program in Central Auckland has been instrumental in providing accessible and inclusive STI testing services to users of sex-on-site locations, primarily catering to MSM. This demographic, disproportionately affected by HIV and other STIs in Aotearoa, often faces significant barriers to accessing traditional healthcare settings due to stigma, fear, and a lack of honest conversations around sexual health with family doctors. Despite this testing numbers remain low with many people avoiding the testing service. Our program aims to bridge this gap by creating a safe, key population-led space where individuals feel empowered and at ease getting tested.

Approach:

In close collaboration with the venue we launched a 4-week pilot. Removing the requirement to complete a testing form there was no need to even provide a name. No Names No Forms! Completely anonymous. An incentive was provided with a subsidized entry voucher. The 60-second Biolytical HIV/Syphilis test was offered with an option for HCV. Testing was increased from twice monthly to Fri, Sat and clothing optional Sunday

Outcomes/Impact:

Monthly testing has been provided at the venue and a total of 3 tests were conducted in the previous year (12 sessions). The Pilot ran for 4 weeks (12 sessions) with 27 tests completed.

- 18% of testers had never tested before.

- 30% Maori/pacific.

- 30% on PrEP.

Innovation and Significance:

Testing uptake was high given the occupancy of the venue. Testing on theme nights (Jockstrap) saw more people on PrEP and less interest in testing due to chasing sex. Non-theme nights had higher engagement with infrequent testers and less PrEP. Conversations highlighted "people would rather not know their status" and \$20 was not a big enough incentive. The Pilot engaged with people that had never tested before (or infrequently) despite attending sex on site venues and not being on PrEP.

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