

## Driving HIV testing among highrisk gay and bisexual men:

National HIV Testing Month

## Background

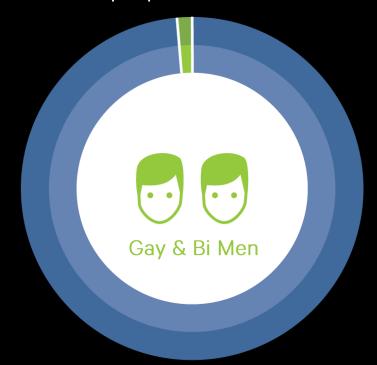
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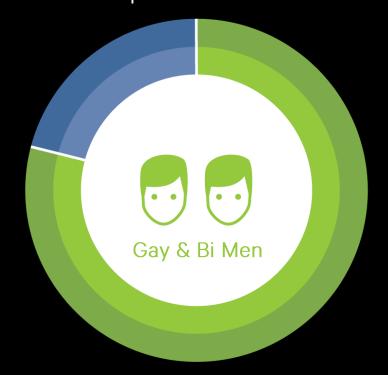
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#### The concentration of HIV among MSM

2.5% of NZ population



80% of HIV acquired in NZ

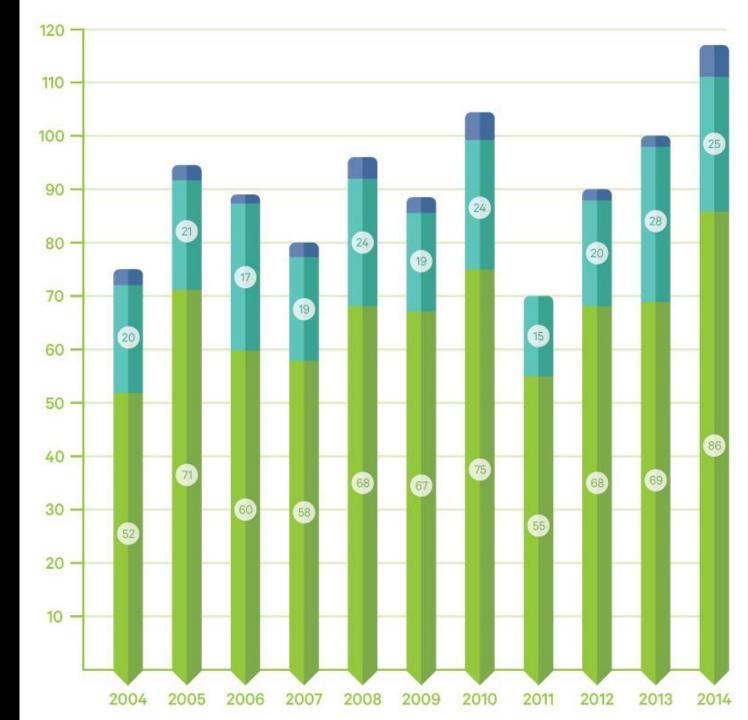


# HIV diagnoses in gay and bisexual men in New Zealand 2004-2014

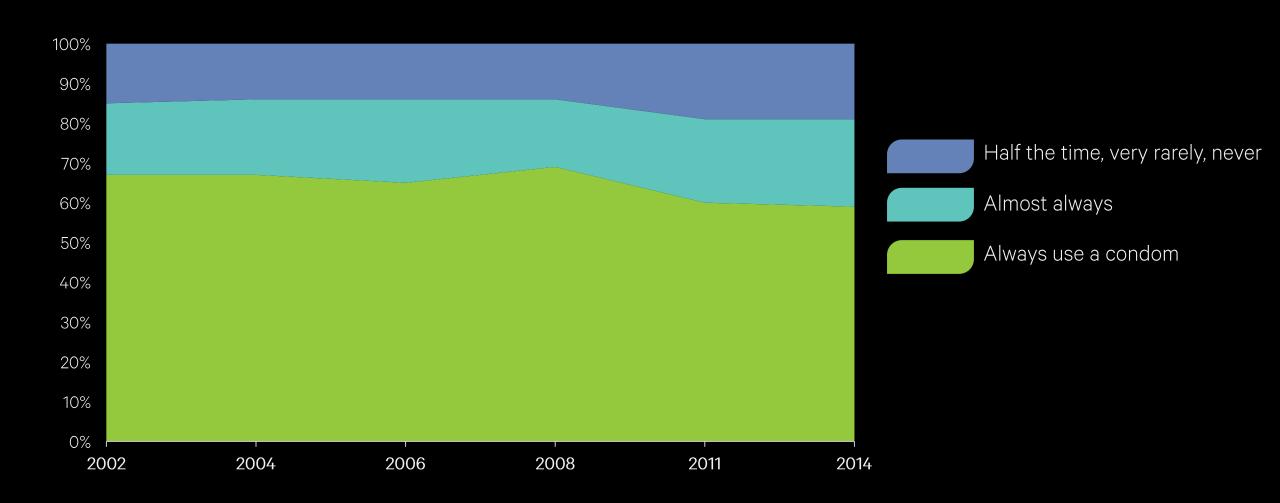
Infected in NZ

Infected overseas

Place of infection unknown



# Condom use during anal intercourse with casual partners



#### HIV Prevention Framework





Condoms

PEP & PrEP

Testing

Treatment

#### <u>Objectives</u>

Provide proof-of-concept for marketing of HIV testing

Increase HIV testing rates among high-risk gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBM) to reduce undiagnosed HIV within sexual networks.

Increase rate of positivity among tests completed.

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#### Re-defining risk

"The more partners you have, the more often you should test for HIV."

"The more times you have anal sex without a condom, the more often you should test for HIV."

#### Great content

Simple but powerful content that makes information compelling and click-worthy.

#### **9 Tips To Becoming A Better Bottom**

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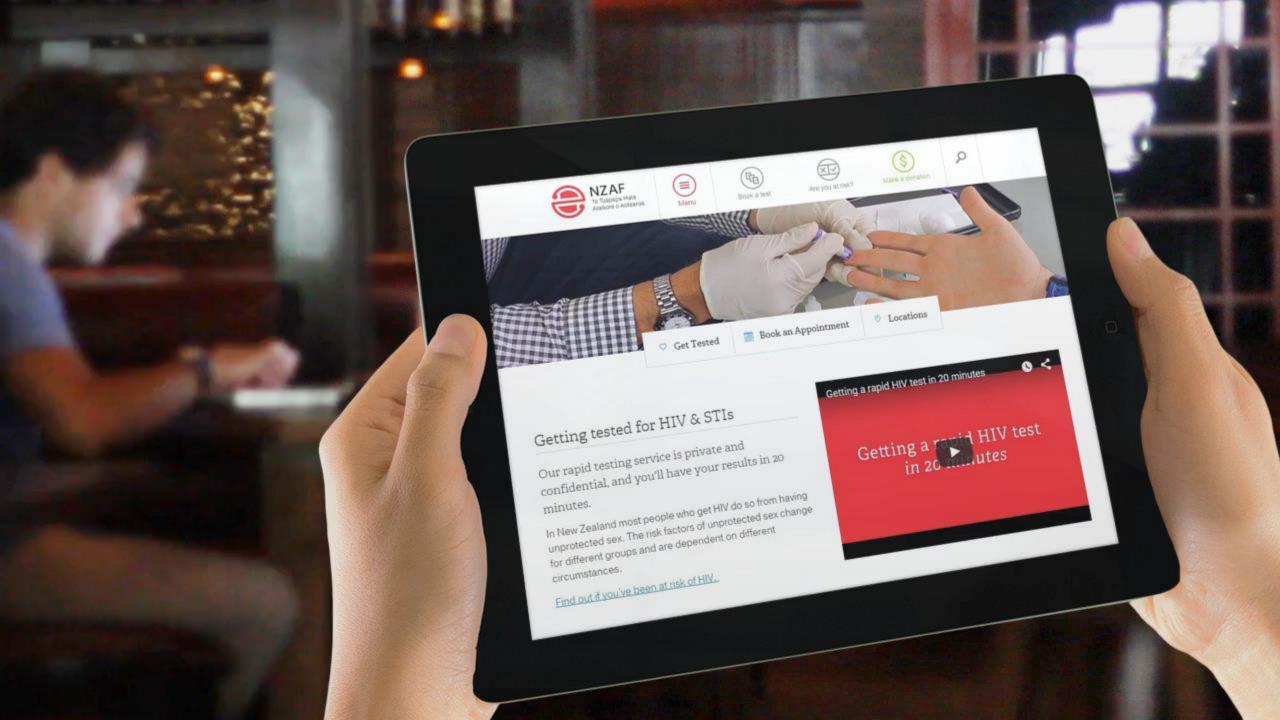
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#### Gay Men Who Are Bottoms, It's Time to Use Your Skills

Personally, I love the view from below. Don't get me wrong, I also like to change things up every now and again, which is articulated through my previous article How to Be a Better Top, From a Bottom's Perspective, which was shared on multiple sites, including the *Huffington Post*. Today, however, is a slightly different message.

I'm talking to the pesky bottoms that think all they need to do is lay on their back and allow themselves to be blowup dolls. Just because you're enjoying the view doesn't mean you shouldn't put in a little effort. Trust me honey, you have more power than you think. Without the bottom, there would be no *penetration*. A bottom can take care of himself anytime he wants to by simply finding





#### Channels:

Outdoor: Adhsel, Street Posters

Venue: Posters, Flyers

Online: Gaynz.com, Express, Eikon, Xtube, GDN

Hook-up apps: Grindr, Hornet, Growlr, Scruff, Squirt











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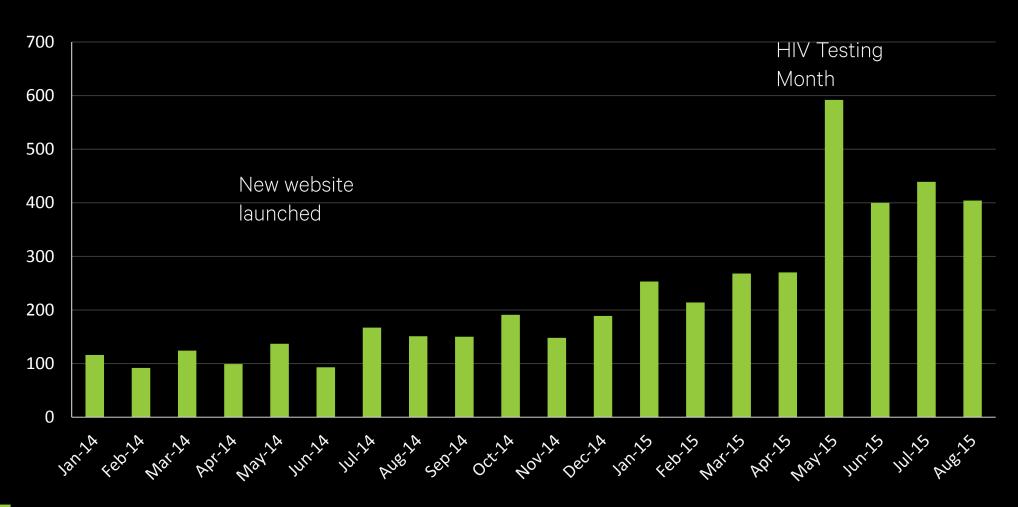
#### May 2015

2.6 million advertising impressions

15,492 website clicks

592 online appointment requests

#### Online appointment requests

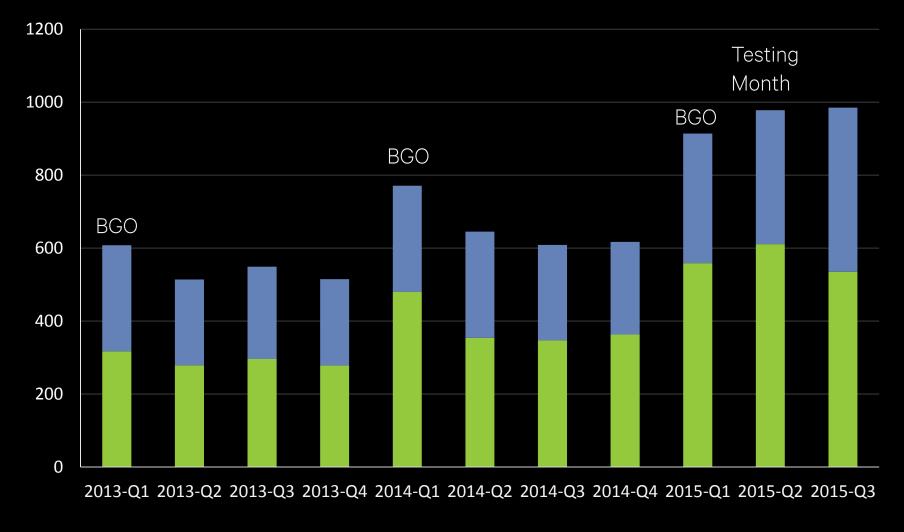


#### Bookings vs conversions



#### HIV tests completed in NZAF services





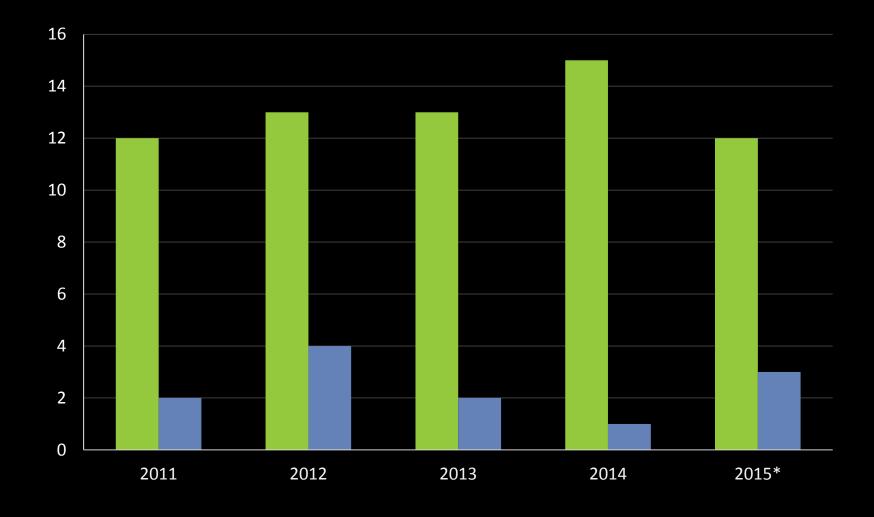
#### Risk behaviour

Data on risk behaviour is recorded but not accessible.

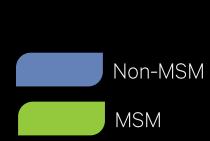
Testing staff observed clients who self-reported high risk behaviour and increase in clients you reported this as their first HIV test.

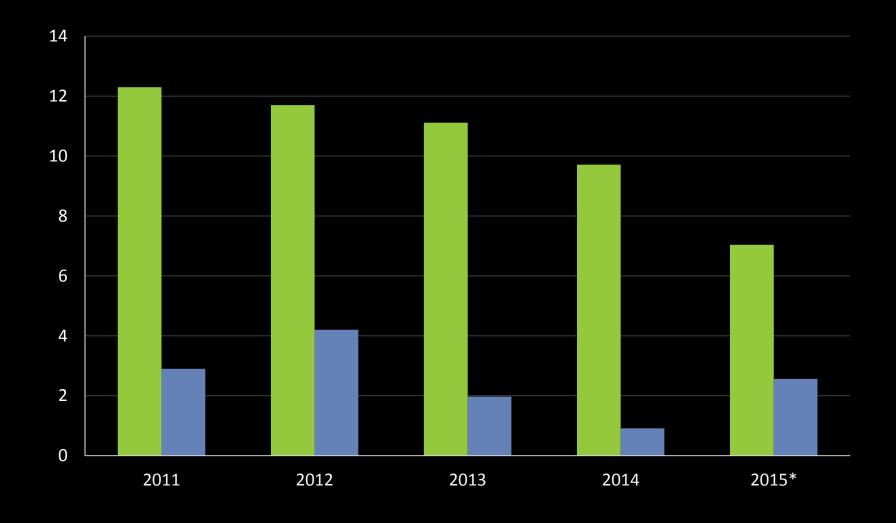
#### HIV positive cases in NZAF services





#### HIV positives per 1000 tests in NZAF services





#### Conclusions

The concept works; social marketing of testing will drive behaviour among GBM.

We can create demand, but is it the right demand? Need more data on risk behaviour but positivity rates over time indicate opportunities for better targeting of high-risk GBM.

Created serious strain on operational capacity: forecasted 100% increase in bookings, received over 200%.

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#### Improve insights

Formative research into benefits and barriers of HIV testing among high-risk GBM in New Zealand.

#### Meanwhile, from UNSW:

N=131	n	%
Nothing, I never put off testing	43	32.8
I didn't want to know the result	37	28.2
I had no illness which made me worry	36	27.5
I did not do anything risky	19	14.5
The process of getting tested is too much hassle	17	13.0
I didn't want to have to discuss my sex life	17	13.0

#### <u>Implement</u>

Calendar marketing activity every 2-3 months for sustained demand.

Re-frame messaging to address key barriers for high-risk GBM and continually review.

Operational review to increase capacity to 5,000 tests per year, with 80% among high-risk GBM.

#### Collaborate

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We invite other agencies that use HIV rapid testing technology to join us.

NZAF cannot reduce undiagnosed HIV by a significant amount on our own, but we can help direct high-risk GBM to your service and we can do it together.

# Thank-you

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