Resources to Empower Peer-Led Partner Notification

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BACKGROUND/AIMS & METHODS:

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**
**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

**Impact of Peer-Led Partner Notification:**

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