

Point of care testing in partnership

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Aims of the project

Using a shared framework to:

- Increase regular full sexual health screening and HIV testing
- Improve knowledge of STI and HIV transmission
- Increased intent to utilise risk reduction strategies and tools

Achieve this through:

- Testing in community settings by non-clinical staff
- Deliver a comprehensive sexual health wellbeing assessment
- Identify sexual health risk and provide guidance in behavioural change through motivation interviewing techniques
- Making our services accessible and signposting to relevant organisations

10 tips for establishing or refreshing effective local sexual health partnerships

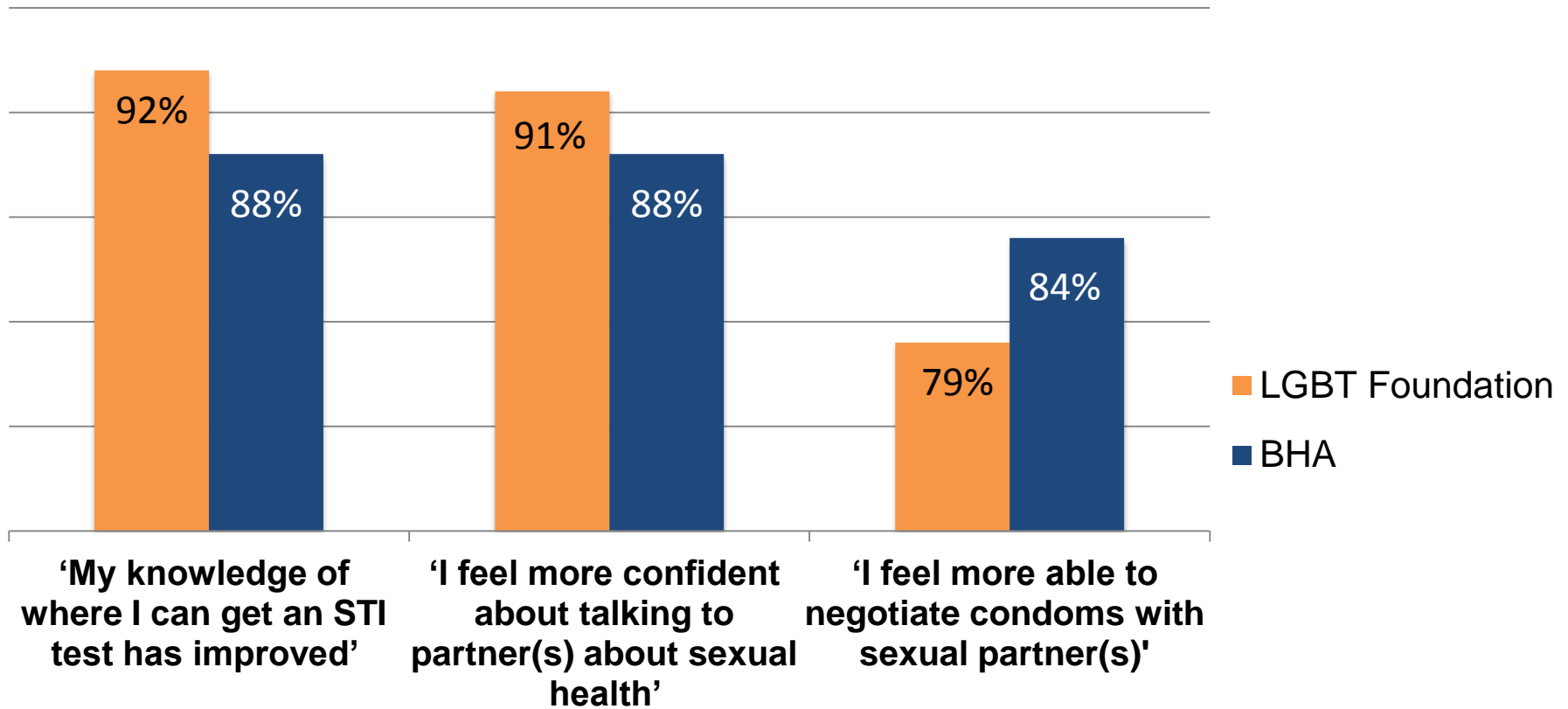
1. Whole System engagement is a critical aspect of successfully establishing and embedding community POCT provision.
2. The set up phase for POCT can take longer than initially envisaged.
3. **Establishing a multi-agency Steering Group helped the project to run smoothly.**
4. Seek promotional opportunities to demonstrate system leadership in sexual health.
5. **Be open to changing the service model if it needs adapting.**
6. Seek further partnership opportunities as the project develops.
7. Ensure the local PHE team is a key part of the project.
8. Don't underestimate how a small project to act as a key influencer.
9. **It needs to be flexible and tailored to meet different needs.**
10. The project stimulated bigger conversations across system leadership.

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Findings from the project



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