

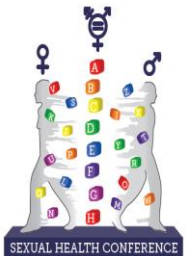
# Consensus Statement on Comprehensive HIV Prevention in Aotearoa/New Zealand

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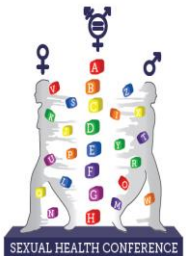
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# National HIV and AIDS Forum

The National HIV and AIDS Forum is a collective made up of parties working in HIV prevention, care, policy and research in Aotearoa/New Zealand. The objective of the Forum is to serve as a multi-disciplinary national body that provides leadership in cross-sector collaboration. It meets this objective by identifying and debating key issues, providing guidance to relevant government Ministries and agencies and supporting the co-ordination of HIV-related service delivery by public sector and civil society organisations

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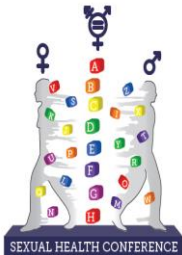
# Why a consensus statement?

## Context:

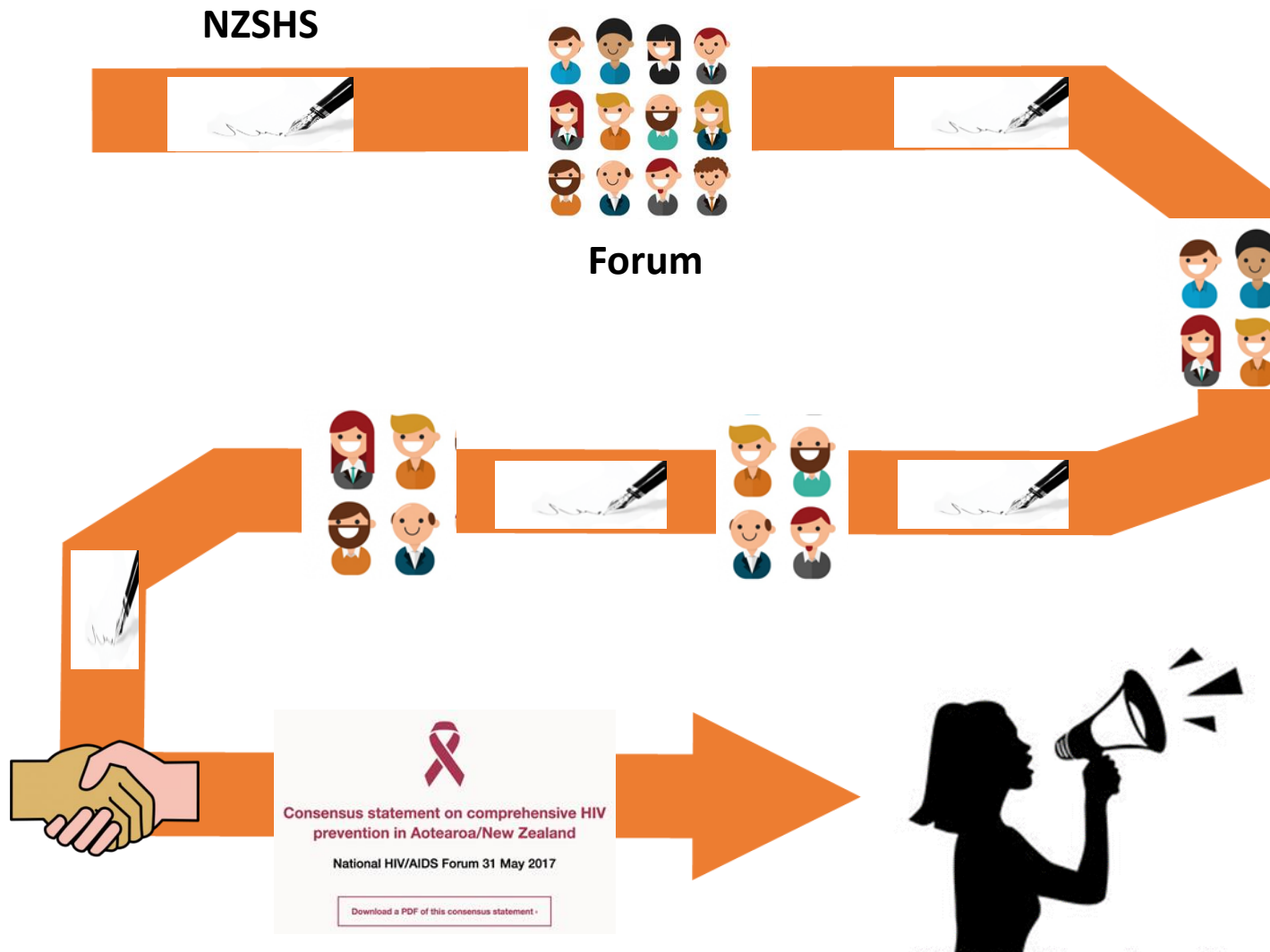
- Rising HIV diagnoses in New Zealand (highest ever in 2016)
- Game changing developments in HIV prevention internationally
- Mathematical modelling (and emerging real world evidence) of large potential impact of rolling out comprehensive/combination prevention

## Purpose:

- Demonstrate leadership in the New Zealand HIV response
- Provide an opportunity to discuss and debate HIV prevention and identify whether there is consensus within the sector (including govt) with regard to HIV prevention
- Create consensus statement that the sector can point to that is specific to New Zealand and complements existing frameworks for action



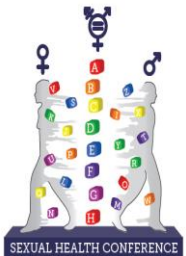
# Towards Consensus



# The Statement

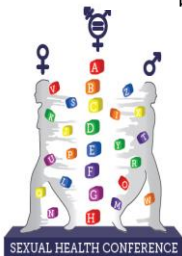
*“The HIV epidemic can be reversed in Aotearoa/New Zealand by implementing effective HIV prevention actions urgently, to scale and in partnership. These include condoms, injecting equipment, prompt HIV treatment on diagnosis, ongoing retention in HIV care, HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis for those most-at-risk, more frequent HIV testing, and thorough STI screening. These actions need to be supported by a capable workforce, surveillance of infection and of behaviours, and the elimination of HIV stigma”*

With a common understanding, a shared purpose, a clear roadmap of actions and a commitment to ending transmission the HIV epidemic can once again be reversed in Aotearoa/New Zealand



# Six actions

Action	Purpose
(1) Sophisticated promotion of condoms to protect against HIV and STIs during anal and vaginal intercourse, and continuation of needle and syringe exchange programmes	To interrupt HIV and STI transmission
(2) Timely, more frequent and widespread HIV testing by improving access to testing services in clinical and community settings	To reduce the number with undiagnosed HIV infection
(3) HIV antiretroviral treatment to be offered promptly following diagnosis, and ongoing retention in health care, to achieve and maintain an undetectable viral load	To minimise transmission and maximise personal wellbeing of people with confirmed HIV infection
(4) Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and quarterly STI screening made available to people without HIV at high risk and unable to sustain behavioural risk reduction	To target the most vulnerable individuals who also play a disproportionate role in onward HIV transmission
(5) Improved access to comprehensive STI vaccination, screening and treatment	To control resurgent STI epidemics and synergistically enhance HIV control
(6) Ongoing surveillance and research into HIV and STI infection and risk behaviours	To enable evidence-based decision making, evaluate progress and prompt agile responses



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Thank you

