

What we know about ageing and HIV in NZ

- Currently 61% of people living with HIV are now over the age of 50.
 Future projections estimate this will rise to 72% by 2030.
- Research shows people living with HIV can age faster, and have an increased risk of developing age-related health issues 10-15 years earlier than people who do not have HIV.
- Increasing experiences of stigma & discrimination from people entering aged residential care (ARC).
- An entire healthcare workforce who have not needed to consider HIV before - no training for non-clinical support workers about HIV, diversity or other stigmatising conditions.

What we found out

- key research findings

Comorbidities + neurological issues Financial + housing Security Aged care services **KO WAI AU** Sexuality & gender RANGIRUA **IDENTITY &** Connection to UNCERTAINTY BELONGING community & whānau Cultural identity Hauora Wairua Mauri Greater & meaniningful TINO involment of PLHIV POAPOATAUNUTANGA RANGATIRANGA (MIPA/GIPA) IMPACT OF STIGMA SELF-Power imbalance & DISCRIMINATION **DETERMINATION** Education & information Self-stigma Layered stigma Unresolved trauma

Long term

HIV treatments

In 2023, we conducted qualitative research to better understand the needs of people living with HIV aged 50+

Recommendations

- need for workforce information to address misconceptions and negative attitudes towards people who live with HIV.
- people living with HIV need more information about ageing and HIV and caring for hauora (overall wellbeing) and, importantly, to be involved in creating the solution.

In response, Positive Women Inc in collaboration with Toitū te Ao and Burnett Foundation Aotearoa, initiated **Tū Tangata Rite**.



Te kapa





Design considerations

- Anyone can access, no matter where they lived or worked.
- Easy to update.
- Contain information for two different audiences but not be exclusive.
- Written to be easily understood, clear and accessible.
- Accurate and informative.
- Be led by the HIV community.
- Address people's holistic needs (not just physical or clinical).
- Be mana-enhancing.
- Be deeply grounded in te Ao Māori.

Feel

"compassion, love, heartfelt, someone has my back, this is a place for me, I have been thought about and considered, connected, relatable, proud that it is community driven website, humanity, ageing with HIV is a natural process, not just be clinically focussed, a sense of belonging, I am relevant ".

See

"our stories and experiences, it's easy to access, large buttons, colourful pictures, simple and to the point, correct and accurate information and facts, easy navigation, an introduction to explain what people are going to get from the website, inclusive "

Take-away

"Empowered, they've learnt something, reassured, they will be looked after, educated, people have a greater understanding of the needs as people age with HIV, there are others out there who may be experiencing similar things, a resource to be used and to keep coming back to if needed"

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Ageing Positively with HIV in Aotearoa NZ

Ehara i te mea, no inaianei ...te aroha No ngā tūpuna i tuku iho, i tuku iho

Whakapono, tūmanako, te aroha...te aroha
No ngā tūpuna i tuku iho, i tuku iho

Te whenua, te whenua, te oranga...o te iwi e
No ngā tūpuna
i tuku iho, i tuku iho