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The TasP Project

A national evaluation of HIV nurses' knowledge, attitudes and practices towards 'treatment as prevention'

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Aims of the project

- 1] To evaluate self-perceived knowledge, attitudes, skills and practices of nurses working in the field of HIV in the UK in relation to TasP
- 2] To inform the future development of educational materials and resources to support you in this aspect of your role.

How was the study undertaken?

- A Steering Group was established.
- An educational grant was applied for and provided by Gilead Sciences Ltd.
- Ethical approval was obtained from the University of Nottingham, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Ethics Committee.
- A concurrent mixed methodology was devised, consisting of an on-line survey and semi structured interviews conducted by telephone.

Methods/continued

- All 244 NHIVNA members were sent an on-line questionnaire during April 2013.
- 81 questionnaires were returned, i.e. a 33 % response rate.
- Data has been analysed using descriptive statistics.

The results

- Respondents worked in a variety of settings.
- Cohort size varied, from less than 100 patients to larger units of more than 1000 patients.
- The geographical areas of respondents accurately reflected the entire NHIVNA membership.

Results

- The majority were very experienced & senior nurses in the field, with an average of more than 10 years experience.
- The vast majority of you felt discussing TasP to be a role for any Health Care Professional who was suitably competent.
- More than half of you had had discussions about TasP with patients.

Key findings {1}

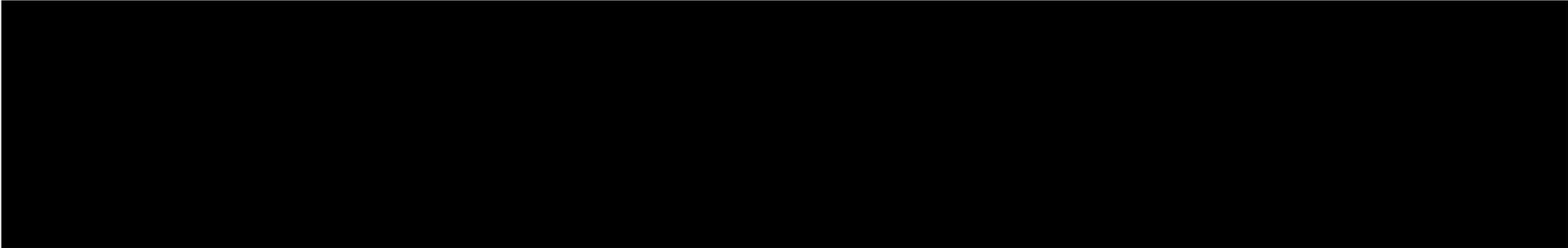
- A notable lack of clarity as to the meaning of/defining TasP.
- A perceived lack of available clinical guidance.
- While you reported having the general skills needed; you felt less well equipped and guided on the specific issue of TasP, {especially in more complex patient scenarios}.

Key findings {2}

- There was a lack of awareness regarding funding for TasP, and apparent lack of local policy initiatives.
- You asked for a variety of educational resources, (especially those that are interactive), to enhance your knowledge and confidence in relation to TasP.
- Further resources, such as patient orientated materials, are also required to support this aspect of your work.

Next Steps

- The interviews for Part 2 will explore these key findings in more depth.
- They will be analysed and a full report will be published later this year.
- Recommendations will be made to develop a variety resources which meet your needs as identified in this study.



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