

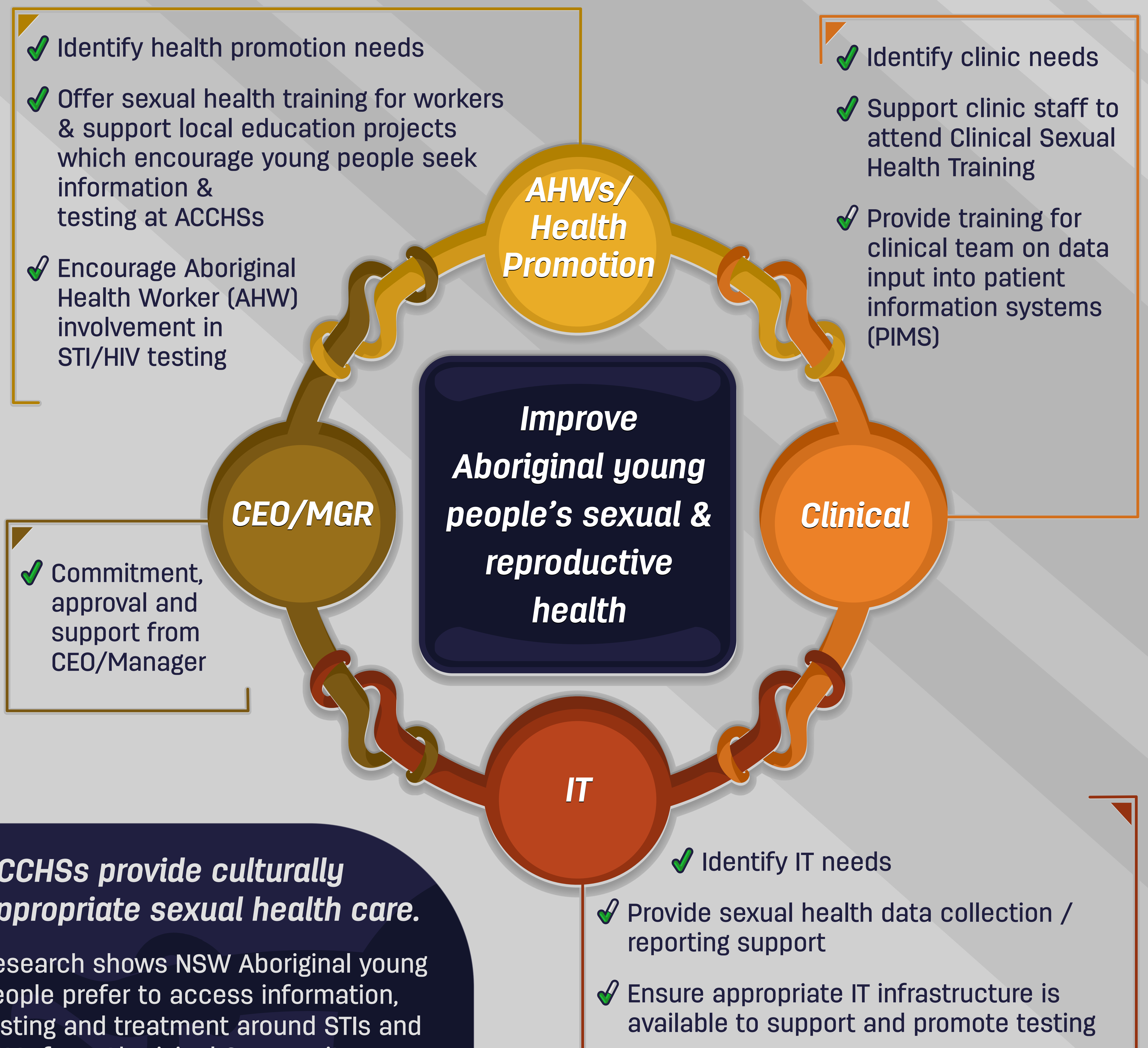
# Increasing STI and BBV Testing in NSW Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services

## A Whole of Service

### Continuous Quality Improvement Approach

The key areas of need identified by all services was IT and data extraction support and increasing confidence of clinicians and Aboriginal Health Workers to offer opportunistic testing and deliver STI and HIV education.

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales (AH&MRC) is working with 3 NSW Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) to pilot a Continuous Quality Improvement project to increase STI and BBV testing.



### ACCHSs provide culturally appropriate sexual health care.

Research shows NSW Aboriginal young people prefer to access information, testing and treatment around STIs and BBVs from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services over any other service.

REFERENCE: James Ward, Joanne Bryant, Handan Wand, Marian Pitts, Anthony Smith, Dea Delaney-Thiele, Heather Worth, John Kaldor (2015) Sexual Health and relationships in young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: Results from the first national study assessing knowledge, risk practices and health service use in relation to sexually transmitted infections and blood borne viruses.

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