

# VHS Community Members Meeting – HIV Scotland and mpox

HIV Scotland

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# Emerging Health Crisis: mpox (formerly monkeypox)

- Summer 2022: mpox prevalence rates increasing
- Report monitoring via PHS/UKHSA
- Notes on language – specific link to travel to West Africa
- Negotiating health promotion during uncertainty



a) early vesicle,  
3mm diameter



b) small pustule,  
2mm diameter



c) umbilicated pustule,  
3-4mm diameter



d) ulcerated lesion,  
5mm diameter



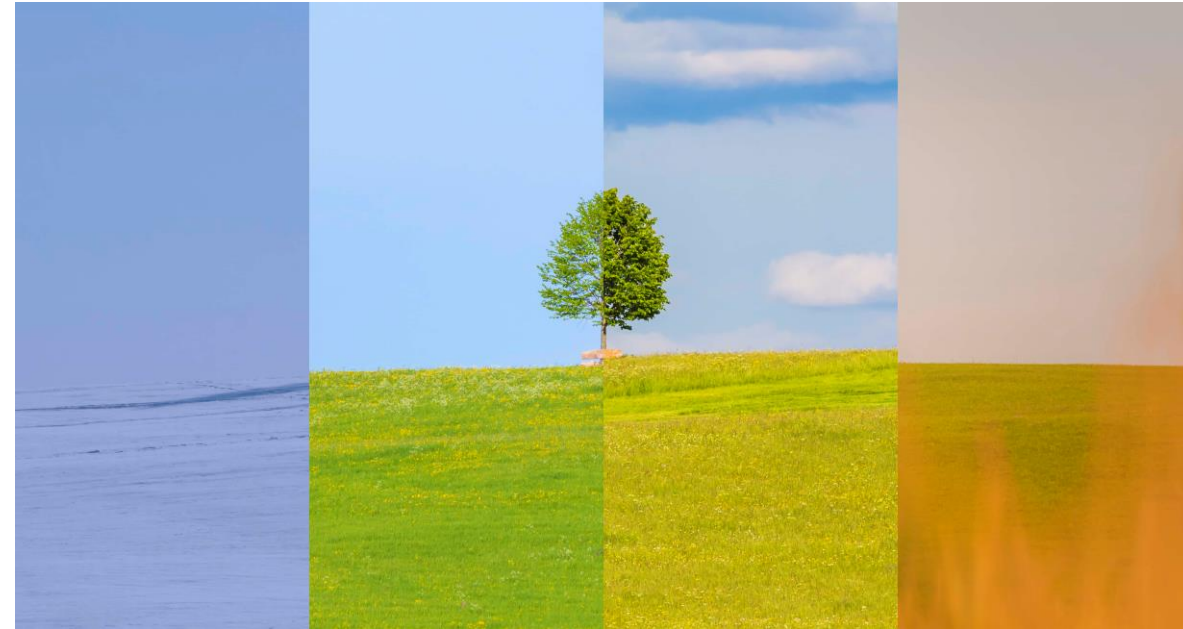
e) crusting of a mature  
lesion



f) partially removed  
scab

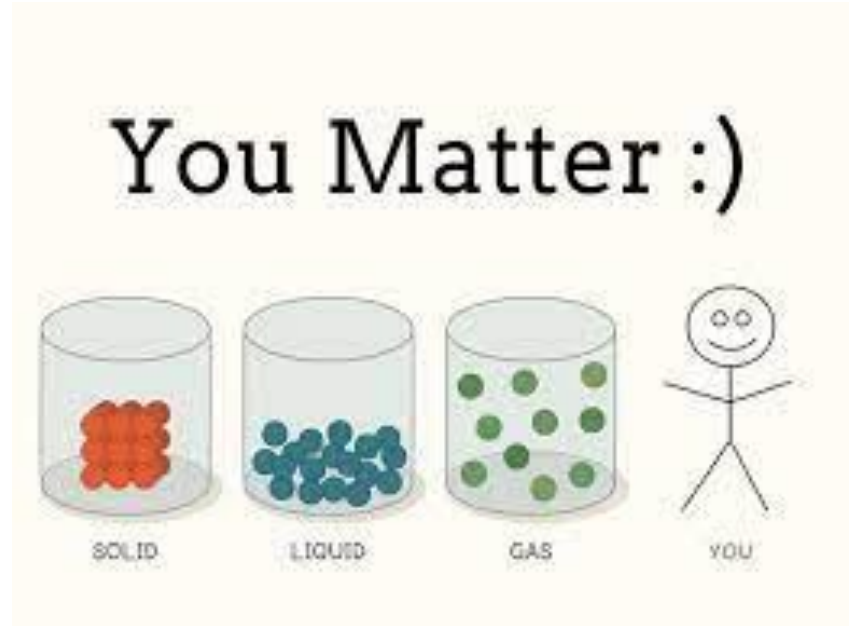
# Mpox and changing landscape

- A role to act as a conduit for the 'voice' of community members
- Community Advisory Network
- Role of the third sector in contributing to emerging health questions
  - Spread of mpox
  - Closure of sex on premises venues
  - Discussions of closures of mass gatherings!

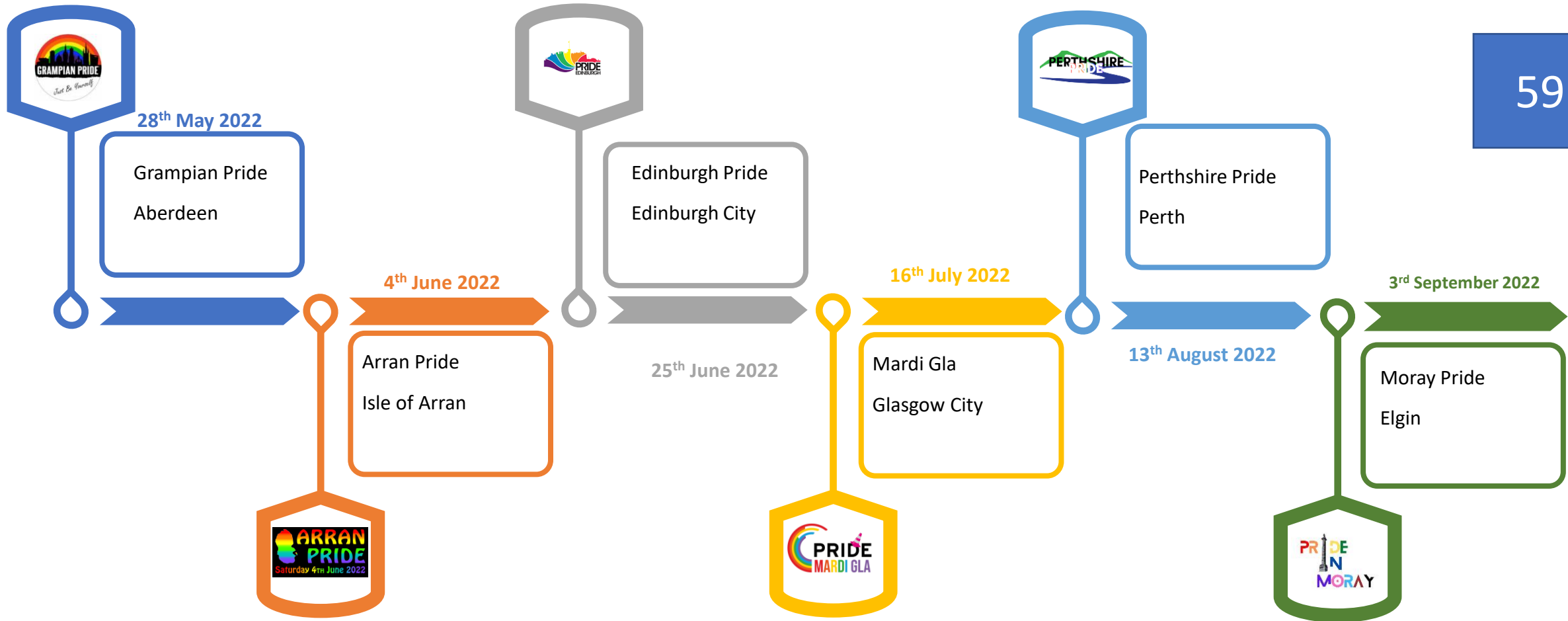


# The task at hand: responding to mpox

- Roles, responsibilities, connectedness
- Meetings, meetings, and meetings!
- Identities, reach, form, and function



# Output: HIV Scotland Pride Attendee mpox Survey



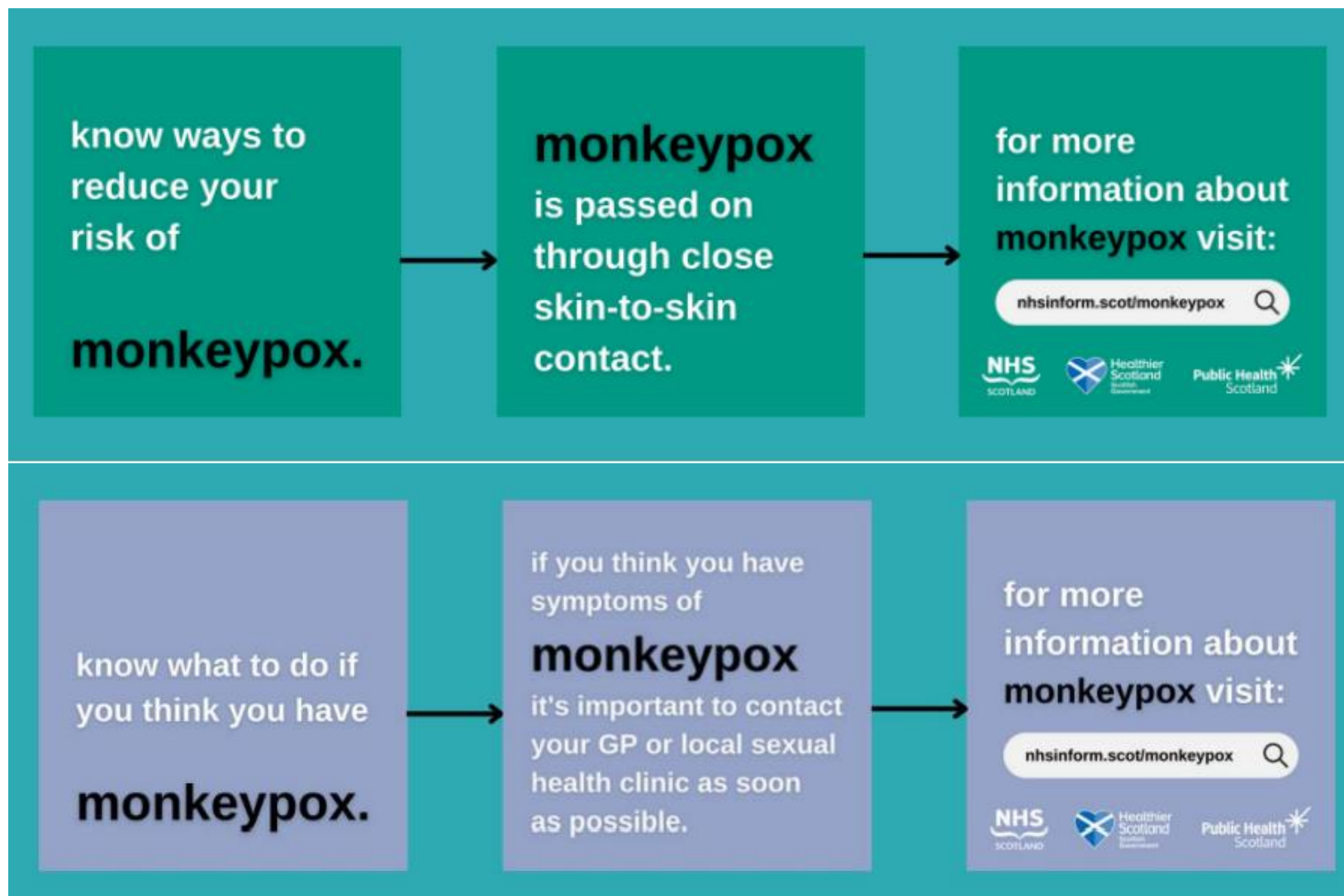
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# Output: Community Discussion

- HIV Scotland
- LGBTHWB
- Clinical Senior Leadership
- Waverley Care
- THT

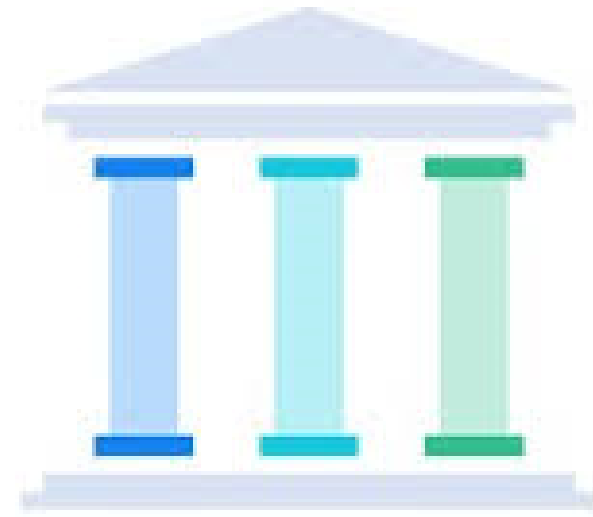


# Output: mpox social media toolkit



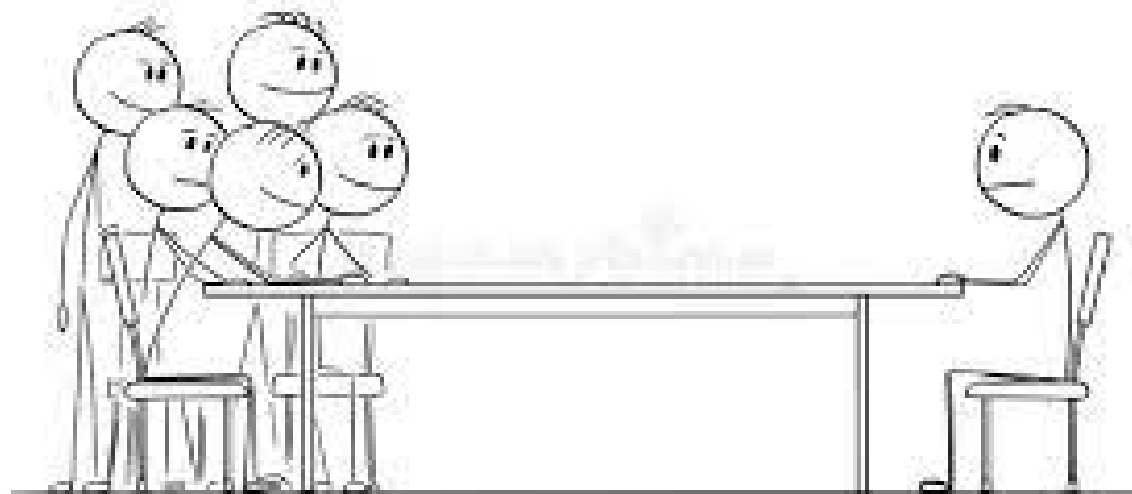
# Reflection on partnership working 'space'

- Community-led research; mpox awareness and perceptions among Pride attendees
- Monkeypox Briefings and Campaign Group
- National Incident Management Group
- MPX SLWG
- Monkeypox: social media toolkit





# Dialogue at the table



# Informing health response(s) doesn't stop there

- ScotGov funded piece of research on the Sexual Health service Access, Resilience, and Expertise of residents in Scotland to inform future SHBBV services in line with experiences/perceptions 'after' COVID-19 (**SHARE Survey**)
- More information on [hiv.scot/stories/share-study-launch](https://hiv.scot/stories/share-study-launch)

# Thank you!

# Any questions?

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