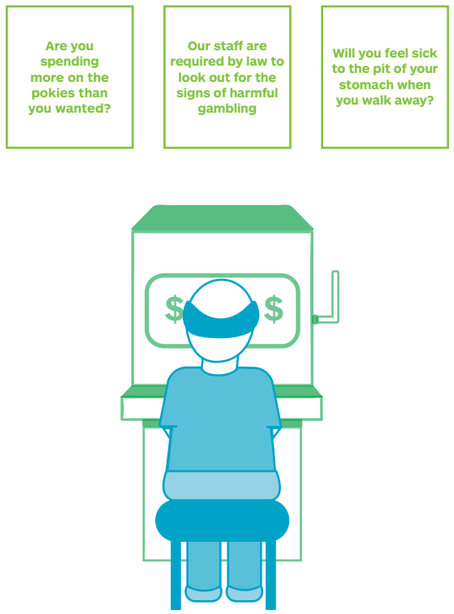
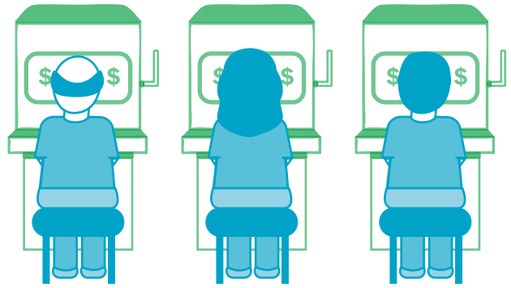
Host responsibility for pokies in pubs and clubs

Results from the 2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey for past-year pokie gamblers in pubs and clubs.



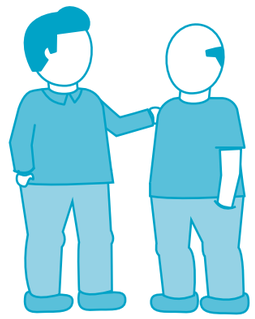
Over 6 in 10 (62%) pokie players were aware that pubs and clubs with pokie machines are required by law to prevent their customers' gambling becoming harmful.

Almost 7 in 10 pokie players noticed information in a pub or club to help someone who might have a problem with their gambling.



No pokie player* reported that pub and club staff had approached them about their gambling.

16% of these pokie players were experiencing at least some level of gambling harm and may have benefited from an intervention.



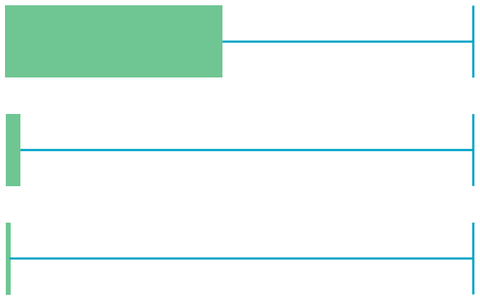
15% of pokie players reported having a general chat with staff.

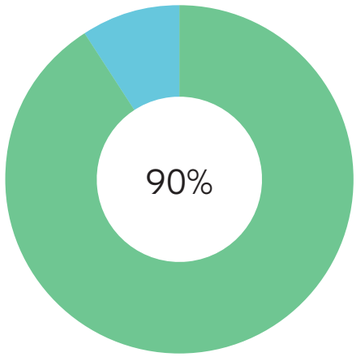
Of those who noticed information:

45% ignored it

3% thought about changing their behaviour

1% reported deciding to stop gambling





90% of pokie players didn't think the pokie room was monitored.

Notes:
The 2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey (HLS) consisted of a sample of 2,725 New Zealand adults. Of these, 1,895 had gambled in the previous 12 months; 333 of them gambled on pokies at a pub or club*.
For a full description of the HLS methodology, questionnaire and further HLS publications, please visit hpa.org.nz.
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