

## DOMINO





# PLAY DOMINO TALK PROSTATE SAVE LIVES

EFF YUH CYAAN HEAR YUH WILL FEEL (IF YOU CAN'T HEAR YOU WILL FEEL)

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### FOREWORD

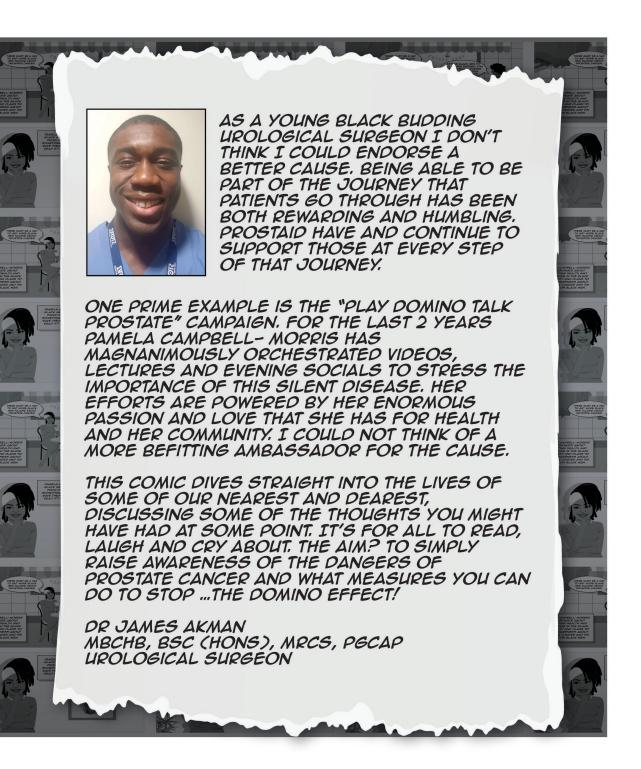


I AM VERY PROUD AND DELIGHTED TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE "PLAY DOMINO TALK PROSTATE" CAMPAIGN JOURNEY; WHICH AIMS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROSTATE CANCER TO PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN/AFRICAN CARIBBEAN MEN AS WELL AS TO FAMILIES AS A WHOLE.

AFTER YEARS OF ENGAGING IN VARIOUS
COMMUNITY-FOCUSED PROJECTS, I THOUGHT OF AN
INNOVATIVE WAY TO ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF
SERIOUS MESSAGES USING THE CULTURAL GAME OF
DOMINO AS A VEHICLE. SO FAR, THIS APPROACH HAS
BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE AND THE MESSAGE IS
GRADUALLY GETTING THROUGH, WITH SPECIALIST
NURSES REPORTING AN INCREASE IN MORE BLACK
MEN COMING FORWARD TO GET CHECKED. WE HAVE
ALSO NOTED A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE
ENGAGEMENT AND WILLINGNESS TO TALK MORE
OPENLY ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER. THIS COMIC BOOK
"THE DOMINO EFFECT" REFLECTS THIS INNOVATIVE
APPROACH AND WILL FURTHER ENHANCE OUR WORK
AND MESSAGE IN THIS AREA.

I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO ALL INVOLVED

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THERE MUST BE A WAY TO GET MORE BLACK MEN TALKING ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER. GETTING BLACK MEN
TO TALK IS HARD ENOUGH;
YOU NEED TO BE A MIRACLE
WORKER TO GET THEM
TO TALK ABOUT THE
PROSTATE.



PAMELA CAMPBELL-MORRIS IS PASSIONATE ABOUT PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND PLANS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER AND ITS IMPACT ON BLACK MEN.

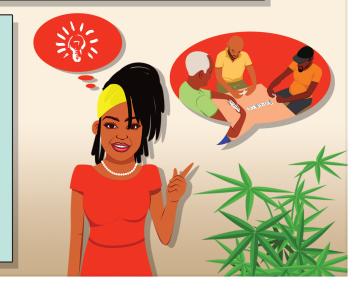


PAMELA IS NO MIRACLE WORKER.
ALL SHE KNOWS IS THAT BLACK MEN
ARE MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM
PROSTATE CANCER THAN ANY OTHER
GROUP, AND SHE WANTS TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT.



## IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE GAME OF DOMINO CAME TO PAMELA'S MIND.

PLAYING DOMINO IS
ONE OF THE MOST
POPULAR PASTIMES
FOR BLACK MEN, AND
PAMELA DECIDED
THAT BEFORE THE
SLAMMING DOWN OF
DOMINO TILES AND
TALKS OF BACK HOME,
THERE WOULD BE
TALKS ABOUT
PROSTATE CANCER.





WITHIN WEEKS THE DOMINO
LEGENDS BEGAN TO ARRIVE.
THERE WAS BIG BURLY MARCEL
GRIFFITHS WHO THEY CALLED
BIG BWOY, ACCRINGTON BURTON,
KNOWN AS ACKEE, (THE
NATIONAL FRUIT OF JAMAICA)
AND THE VERY DEPENDABLE
OTIS CHAMBERLAIN MILLER.

PAMELA WELCOMED THEM ALL TO THE 'PLAY DOMINO TALK PROSTATE' EVENT AND TOLD THEM THAT HER CAMPAIGN WAS ALL ABOUT SAVING LIVES.

DIS PROSTATE CANCER NUH
EASY. MI EAR SEH DAT LINTON
BREDDA, FI 'IM FADA, AN FI 'IM
UNCLE DEAD FRAM IT. LINTON
BETTA BE CAREFUL DAT 'IM NUH
DEAD FRAM IT TUH.

ACCRINGTON BURTON
SAID THAT PROSTATE
CANCER IS CHALLENGING.
HE HEARD THAT LINTON'S
BROTHER, FATHER, AND
UNCLE DIED FROM IT AND
THAT LINTON SHOULD BE
CAREFUL THAT HE DOESN'T
DIE FROM IT TOO. MARCEL
SAID HE HAS PROSTATE
CANCER BUT ONLY HIS
FAMILY KNOWS.



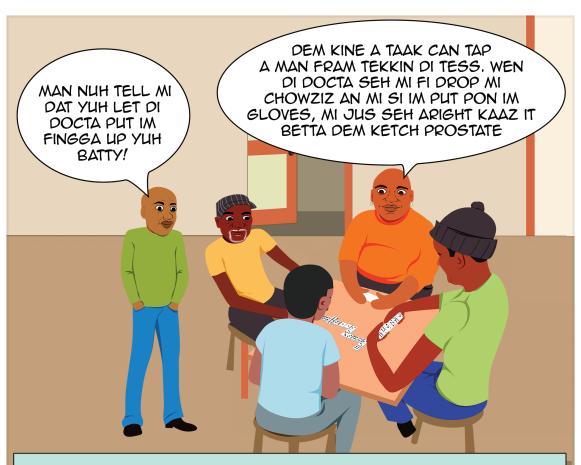
### OTIS PLAYED HIS HAND BEFORE RESPONDING TO MARCEL'S REMARKS.



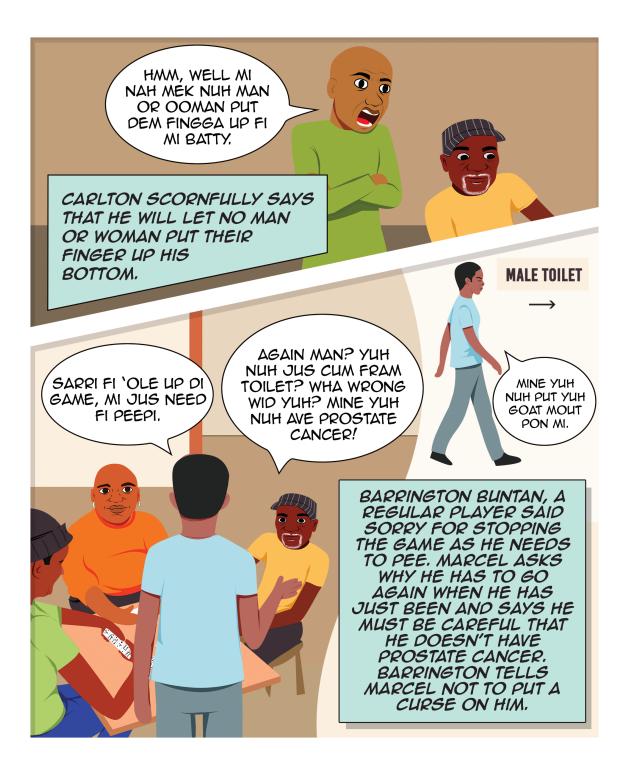
BWOY, MI AVE IT TUH BUT MI NEVA WAAN TELL UNNU. DOCTA DIAGNOSE MI AFTA MI DID AVE STOPPAGE OF WATA AN FEEL PAIN IN A MI BELLY. BWOY SA, AN ALL DIS TIME
MI TINK SEH MI A DI ONLY
ONE WID DIS PROSTATE
CANCER. MI NEVA KNO
YUH AVE IT TUH?

YAH MAN, WEN MI GUH SI
MI DOCTA MI NEVA LIKE DI WAY
IM A EXAMINE MI, SUH MI SHUT
MI YEYE AN BEAR IT. DEM
KETCH IT EARLY AN GI MI
INJECTION TREATMENT.

OTIS SAID HE HAS PROSTATE CANCER BUT DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ANYONE. HE WAS DIAGNOSED WHEN HIS URINE KEPT STOPPING AND HE HAD PAINS IN HIS STOMACH. MARCEL SAID ALL THIS TIME HE THOUGHT HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH PROSTATE CANCER AND DIDN'T KNOW THAT OTIS HAD IT TOO. OTIS SAID WHEN HE WENT TO SEE HIS DOCTOR HE DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY HE WAS BEING EXAMINED AND SO CLOSED HIS EYES TO BEAR IT. THEY CAUGHT HIS CANCER EARLY AND HE WAS TREATED WITH INJECTIONS.



CARLTON WHO IS WATCHING THE GAME SAID HE COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT MARCEL ALLOWED THE DOCTOR TO PUT HIS FINGER UP HIS BOTTOM AND THAT PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THAT HE IS GAY. MARCEL TELLS HIM THAT TALKS LIKE THAT CAN STOP MEN FROM BEING TESTED FOR PROSTATE CANCER. WHEN HE WAS TOLD TO DROP HIS TROUSERS AND HE SAW THE DOCTOR WITH HIS GLOVES ON AND READY TO INSERT HIS FINGER, HE JUST ALLOWED IT TO HAPPEN BECAUSE IT'S BETTER TO CATCH CANCER EARLY SO THAT IT CAN BE TREATED.

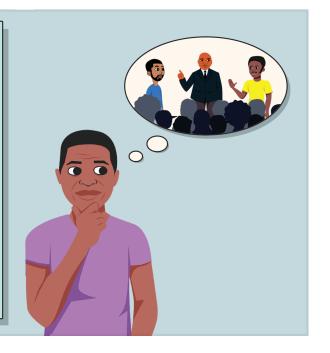


OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ATTENDANCE AT THE DOMINO SESSIONS GREW, AND MARCEL AGREED TO HELP PAMELA WITH HER PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

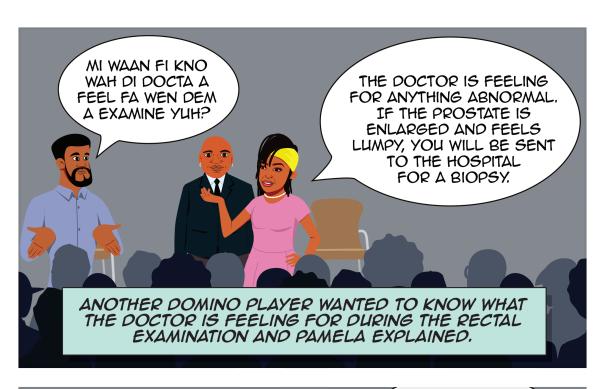


MARCEL TELLS A GATHERING OF DOMINO PLAYERS THAT WHEN A MAN LIKE HIM IS TALKING, THEY SHOULD LISTEN TO WHAT HAS TO SAY. HE SAID THAT SOME MEN THINK THEY ARE MACHO AND DON'T NEED TO SEE A DOCTOR AND SOME TALK FOOLISHNESS ABOUT NOT HAVING A FINGER PUT UP THEIR BOTTOM IN CASE THEY BECOME GAY.

BARRINGTON WONDERED WHETHER MARCEL WAS TRYING TO TELL HIM SOMETHING. IT WAS TRUE THAT SOME MEN FELT THEY WERE TOO MACHO TO SEE A DOCTOR, BUT HE DIDN'T. NEITHER DID BEING THOUGHT OF AS GAY BOTHER HIM. HE SIMPLY DIDN'T WANT ANYONE PUTTING THEIR FINGER UP HIS BACKSIDE WHEN HE WAS SURE THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE PROSTATE CANCER.









THERE WAS SILENCE IN THE ROOM AS THE MEN CONTEMPLATED THE IDEA OF HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF THEIR MANHOOD SNIPPED OUT. THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN BY DISMISSIVE STATEMENTS.



SOMEONE SAID THAT IF THIS PROSTATE THING IS REAL, IT WON'T AFFECT US AND THAT PAMELA AND MARCEL SHOULD STOP TALKING RUBBISH. HE DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE ABOUT THE PROSTATE BECAUSE THE DOCTORS JUST WANT TO FRIGHTEN BLACK PEOPLE.



OTIS SAID IT'S THE MAN WHO IS TALKING RUBBISH. HE HAD PROSTATE CANCER, HE TOOK THE TEST, THEY CAUGHT IT EARLY AND NOW HE IS CLEAR. IF HE HAD LISTENED TO SOMEONE LIKE THE MAN WHO WAS TALKING, HE WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD BY NOW. ANOTHER MAN SAID WE ALL HAVE TO DIE OF SOMETHING AND THAT HE HAD ONLY COME TO PLAY DOMINO. BARRINGTON TOO SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY COME TO PLAY DOMINO BUT THAT HE FIRST HAD TO GO FOR A PEE.

IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, THE CAMPAIGN GREW AND SOON THE DOUBLE ACT OF PAMELA AND MARCEL WERE BEING INTERVIEWED ON TV. YOUTUBE VIDEOS WERE BEING SHARED WORLDWIDE AND HEALTH ORGANISATIONS WERE TAKING NOTICE AS THE ALL-IMPORTANT MESSAGE WAS REACHING MANY MORE BLACK MEN.



THE USUAL CREW OF MARCEL, ACCRINGTON. AND OTIS WAS AT EVERY DOMINO SESSION. BUT BARRINGTON WASN'T. HIS FREQUENT PEEING WAS GETTING WORSE. ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, AND A LACK OF SLEEP WAS MAKING HIM TIRED. ROSIE. HIS WIFE, WAS WORRIED AND URGED HIM TO SEE A DOCTOR.



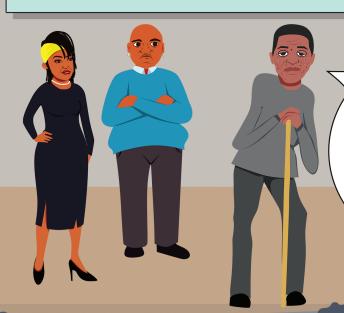
THEN ONE MORNING WHEN HE WAS PEEING, BARRINGTON SAW THAT HIS URINE WAS RED. BECAUSE HE HADN'T BEEN DRINKING BEETROOT JUICE, HE KNEW IMMEDIATELY THAT IT WAS BLOOD. HE CRIED OUT FOR ROSIE AND SHE AND THEIR SON CLINTON WENT TO HIM.



BARRINGTON TOLD ROSIE THAT HE HAD SEEN BLOOD IN HIS URINE AND ROSIE ASKED IF HE WAS SURE. CLINTON ASKED HIS DAD IF HE WAS GOING TO DIE. BARRINGTON SAID NO, HE WASN'T GOING TO DIE HE WAS GOING TO SEE THE DOCTOR.

AFTER THIS EPISODE IT WAS MONTHS BEFORE BARRINGTON WAS SEEN BY THE DOMINO PLAYERS AGAIN.

THE DOMINO CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN RUNNING FOR A YEAR AND PAMELA DECIDED TO CELEBRATE BY HOLDING A NATIONAL DOMINO TOURNAMENT. THE ROOM WAS FULL OF MAINLY BLACK MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD COME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO TAKE PART IN THE TOURNAMENT. JUST WHEN PAMELA AND MARCEL PROUDLY TOOK TO THE STAGE FOR THEIR WELCOME AND CUSTOMARY TALK, A MAN WITH A WALKING STICK MADE HIS WAY TO THE FRONT. IT WAS BARRINGTON.



EXCUSE MI, MI JUS WAAH TUH SEH AH FEW WORDS. AH YEAR AGUH MI DID AH SIT EENA DIS ROOM WEN MARCEL AN PAMELA DID A TALK BOUT PROSTATE CANCER.

BARRINGTON WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS. HE SAID A YEAR AGO HE WAS SITTING IN THIS SAME ROOM WHEN PAMELA AND MARCEL WERE TALKING ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER.

## THE SILENCE IN THE ROOM WAS PROFOUND AS EVERYONE LISTENED.

MI SHUD A TEK NOTICE AN GIT MISELF TESTED BUH MI DIDN'T. BY DI TIME MI GUH SI DI DOCTA EH DID TOO LATE. NOW DI CANCER SPREAD TUH FI MI BONES FI MI LIVER AN FI MI LUNGS AN DI DOCTA SEH MI ONLY AVE FEW MONTHS TUH LIV.

HE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN NOTICE AND GOT HIMSELF TESTED BUT DIDN'T. BY THE TIME HE WENT TO SEE A DOCTOR, IT WAS TOO LATE. NOW THE CANCER HAD SPREAD TO HIS BONES, HIS LIVER AND HIS LUNGS AND HE ONLY HAD MONTHS TO LIVE.

#### THERE WERE A FEW GASPS AND RUMBLES IN THE ROOM BEFORE SILENCE FELL AGAIN. BARRINGTON HAD CAPTURED THE INTEREST OF THE DOMINO PLAYERS AND THEY WANTED TO KNOW MORE.

MI AH TELL YUH FI GIT YUHSELF TESTED. NUH WAIT TILL YUH WAAH PEEPI ALL DI TIME OR UNNU AVE STOPPAGE OF WATA.

ANEDDA TING, NUH
LISTEN TUH FOOLISHNESS
BOUT TURNING GAY EFF DI
DOCTA PUT FI DEM FINGGA UP
UNNU BATTY. MI A TELL YUH DIS
SUH YUH NUH END UP LAKKA MI.
TANK YUH.

HE SHOULD HAVE
TAKEN NOTICE AND
GOT HIMSELF
TESTED BUT DIDN'T.
BY THE TIME HE
WENT TO SEE A
DOCTOR, IT WAS
TOO LATE. NOW
THE CANCER HAD
SPREAD TO HIS
BONES, HIS LIVER
AND HE ONLY HAD
MONTHS TO LIVE.

A TEARFUL BARRINGTON AMBLED BACK TO HIS TABLE AS HE THOUGHT ABOUT HIS NINE-YEAR-OLD SON, CLINTON, WHO HE WOULD NOT NOW SEE GROW UP. THERE WAS LOUD APPLAUSE WITH SOME PEOPLE STANDING TO SALUTE THE MAN WHO WAS ONCE FULL OF LIFE BUT WAS NOW A MERE SHADOW OF HIMSELF. BARRINGTON SAT DOWN AND CUPPED HIS DOMINOES IN HIS HAND KNOWING THAT IT WAS PROBABLY THE LAST TIME HE WOULD BE PLAYING THE GAME HE LOVED SO MUCH WITH HIS FRIENDS.



BARRINGTON'S FUNERAL WAS
A SOLEMN AFFAIR AND AS WE SAY IN THE
CARIBBEAN 'IM GAAN TOO SOON'. THIS IS
WHY WE WANT TO RAISE AWARENESS BY
LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT:



1 IN 4 BLACK MEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER COMPARED TO 1 IN 8 WHITE MEN.

THE DEATH RATE FOR BLACK MEN IS TWICE AS HIGH.

PROSTATE CANCER CAN RUN IN FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS A HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER AND PROSTATE PROBLEMS.

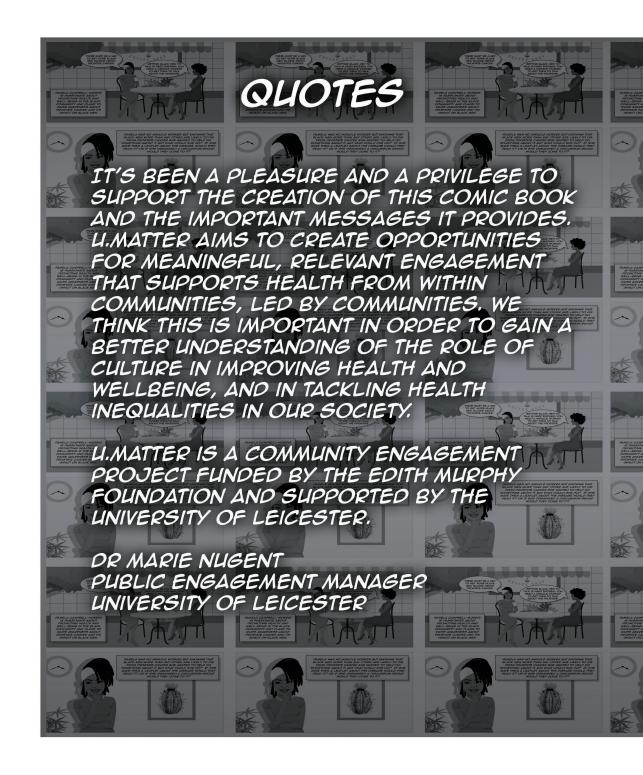
IF YOU ARE OVER 45 SPEAK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT YOUR RISK OF PROSTATE CANCER. DON'T WAIT FOR SYMPTOMS TO DEVELOP AS SOMETIMES THERE ARE NONE.

AS WELL AS EATING A HEALTHY DIET, YOU SHOULD STAY PHYSICALLY ACTIVE AS THIS WILL HELP REDUCE THE RISKS OF DEVELOPING HEALTH PROBLEMS LIKE PROSTATE CANCER.

THERE ARE TWO TESTS WHICH CAN BE DONE WHEN YOU GET CHECKED. ONE IS A PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN (PSA) WHICH IS A PROTEIN PRODUCED BY NORMAL AND CANCEROUS CELLS OF THE PROSTATE GLAND. A BLOOD SAMPLE IS TAKEN AND IF THE PSA LEVEL IS TOO HIGH, (BETWEEN 4 -10) IT WILL BE ANALYSED IN A LABORATORY TO SEE IF IT'S CANCER.

THE OTHER TEST IS A DIGITAL RECTAL EXAMINATION (DRE) WHICH IS WHERE THE DOCTOR CAN FEEL THE SIZE AND TEXTURE OF THE PROSTATE GLAND. THIS IS MOST FEARED BY BLACK MEN SOME OF WHOM THINK THE TEST COULD BE A HOMOSEXUAL ACT. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE DRE TEST IS A FEW MINUTES OF DISCOMFORT THAT WILL HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF MANY.

'PLAY DOMINO TALK PROSTATE' CAN ONLY HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF THOSE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY PROSTATE CANCER IF THEY LEARN THE LESSONS FROM PEOPLE LIKE BARRINGTON AND GET THEMSELVES CHECKED ON A YEARLY BASIS.



THEY SAID WE'D NEVER GET BLACK MEN TO TALK ABOUT THEIR HEALTH. SO WE DECIDED TO LISTEN AND THEY SPOKE FOR THEMSELVES'. THIS COMIC BOOK, A FANTASTIC CONCEPT, WILL GO A LONG WAY IN CONTINUING TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROSTATE CANCER. DR DONNA RICHARDSON ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NIHR APPLIED RESEARCH COLLABORATION (ARC) EAST MIDLANDS MOST IMPRESSED BY THIS OUTSTANDING BOOKLET, THE UNIQUE WAY IT PRESENTS THE FACTS TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY USING THE MEDIUM OF CARTOON AND AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN PATOIS. PROVIDING AN IMMENSE POSITIVE EFFECT IN RAISING THE HIGHER RISK OF PROSTATE CANCER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND IMPROVING THE WELL- BEING OF BLACK MEN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. ROB BANNER TRUSTEE/DIRECTOR PROSTAID









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