

Consent Final Report - Nest 2023

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The Consent Team consisted of 7 people covering 53 scheduled hours during Burning Nest 2023.

Approximately 10 hours of unscheduled time was contributed due to investigations, interventions, including one Incident Command Team activation that had 4 members of the team participating.

Prior to the event, approximately 50 hours went into planning, organising and community engagement. In addition, two investigations took place before Nest started.

The Consent Team received 20 reports which resulted in 17 incidents being recorded.

This does not include 2 significant investigations that took place before Nest began and before any reporting processes were introduced.

Incidents deemed to be the responsibility of another area (e.g. inclusion, health & safety) have not been counted below.

Initial report method:

- 1 written report via dropbox
- 6 online consent report forms
- 5 emails to Consent@BurningNest.co.uk
- 2 Theme Camp Consent Liaison chat group
- 3 verbal reports to a Consent Team member
- 2 direct online messages to a member of the Consent Team
- 1 other (informal written report given to another department)

Report received:

- 1 before Nest
- 9 during Nest (1200hrs 22nd May - 1200hrs 29th May)
- 10 after Nest

Reported incident type (reports may relate to more than one incident type. The count below only relate to the information reported and not to the outcome):

- 2 sexual assaults (defined by the Sexual Offences Act 2003)
- 4 non-consensual touching
- 2 verbal harassment/abuse/bigoted language
- 1 written harassment
- 3 unsafe provision of intoxicants

- 1 workshop of concern due to lack of consent awareness or monitoring
- 2 public sexual activity
- 3 concerns about someone attending
- 2 non-consensual photography
- 1 other

Outcomes (some incidents involve multiple outcomes):

8 investigations - 2 investigations are still ongoing (an investigation is where a subject needed to be identified or more information about an incident was required)

1 eviction from site during event

4 individual interventions or mediations (including 1 ban from Nest, 1 allowed to attend with strict conditions)

2 advice given to Theme camp

3 unable to identify relevant person

1 no response to communication (will be given a warning if they attend)

2 not relevant or no action required/possible

3 people were put through a consent decision making and recommendation process, and the recommendations were all adopted by the Nest Board of Directors.