



Prisons Transition Program

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Acknowledge:

I would like to associate with the previous speakers Acknowledgement. I recognise we are all meeting in Naarm on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

I like to pay my respects to their Elders both past and present and to First Nation people that are present here today.



Disclosure:

- The program is funded by QLD Communicable Diseases Branch as part of QuiHN TMP.
- No pharmaceutical grants were received in the development of the program



Developing PTS role


- Link post-released clients from correctional centres in QLD into community Hepatitis C treatment/support/follow up (QuiHN, GP, any Hep C treatment provider, and/or other community services) either if they have started treatment or seeking to start treatment. Also provide linkage for people that have commenced treatment in the community into prisons.
- Program started Feb 2019 in SE QLD. In 2023 it was expanded statewide for a 12-month project.
- Client Card

Have you just been released from prison
and are seeking support
and

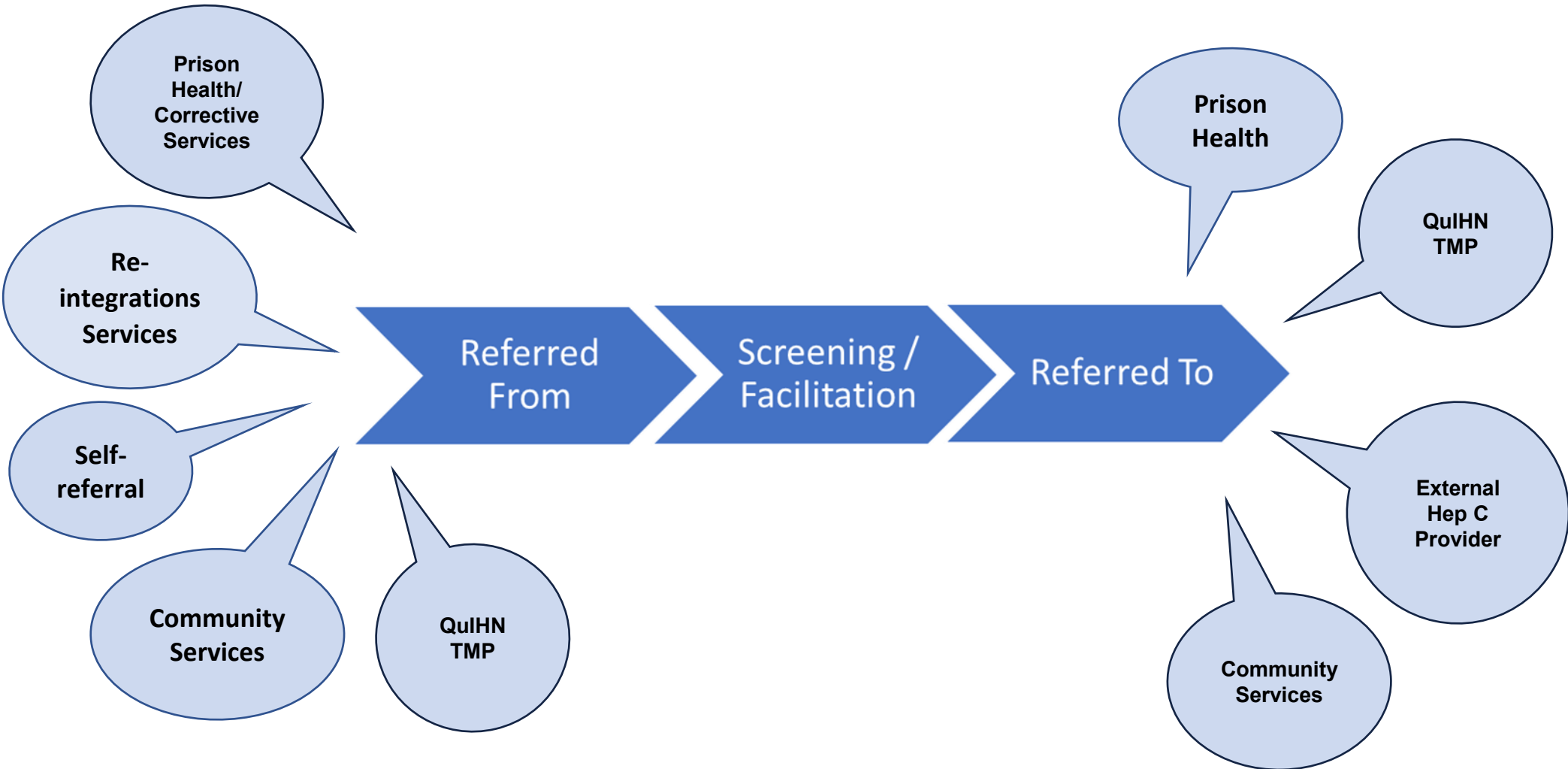
- are you currently on **Hep C treatment?**
- or seeking to start **Hep C treatment?**

Please contact

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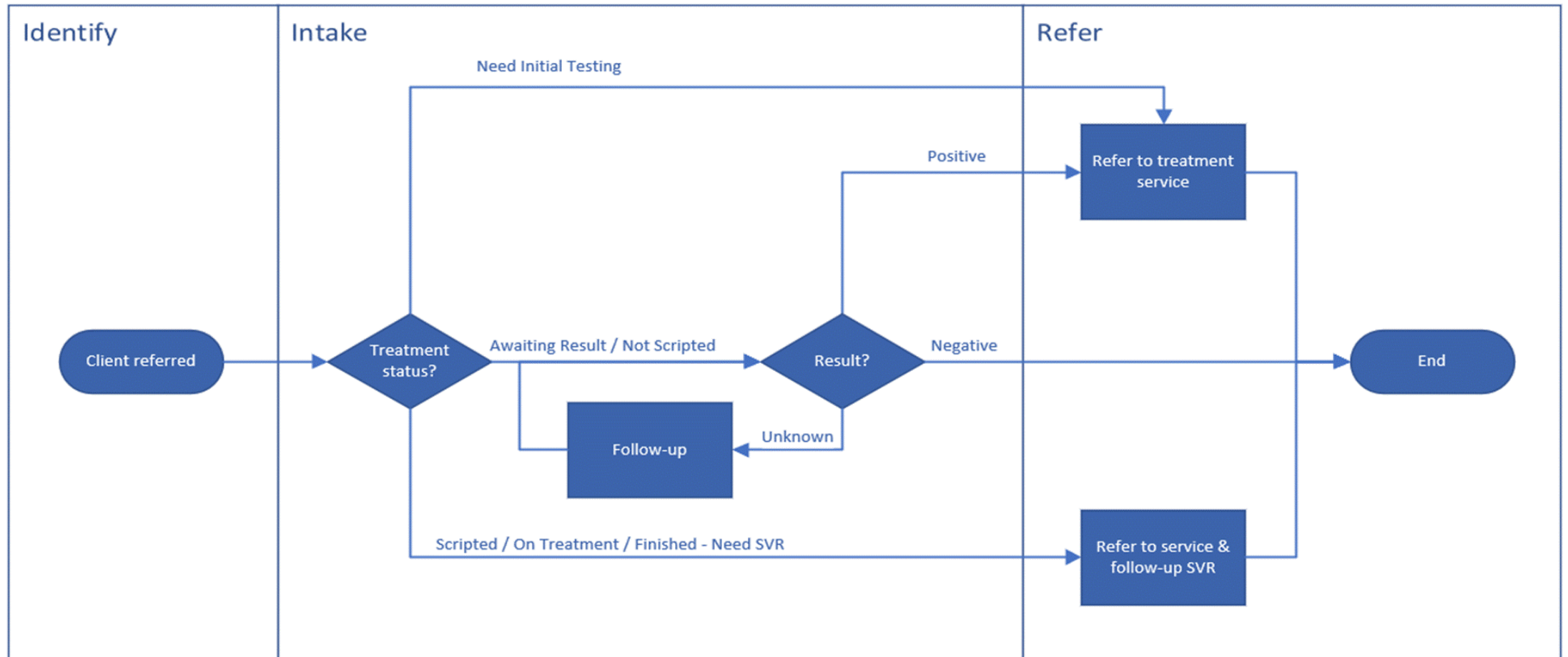


Prison Transition referral process:



Model of collecting data and classification of clients for treatment status and referral pathway

- Need initial testing
- Waiting for results, not started treatment
- On Treatment
- Finish need SVR



Activities:

QuiHN PTS are regular in centres where we do face-to-face appointments with clients:

- Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre
- Wolston Correctional Centre
- Borallon Training Correctional Centre
- Brisbane Correctional Centre
- Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre
- Woodford Correctional Centre
- Townsville Correctional Centre

Been involved in all the HCV Point of Care High-Intensive Testing and Treat (HITT) campaigns in QLD with follow up work:

- Connect with HCV Positive clients prior to release
- Collect contact details/consent to contact Probation and Parole if released in near future
- Collect medication and deliver it to clients if released prior to commence treatment
- Connect to community services if needed
- Plan for SVR testing
- Case management

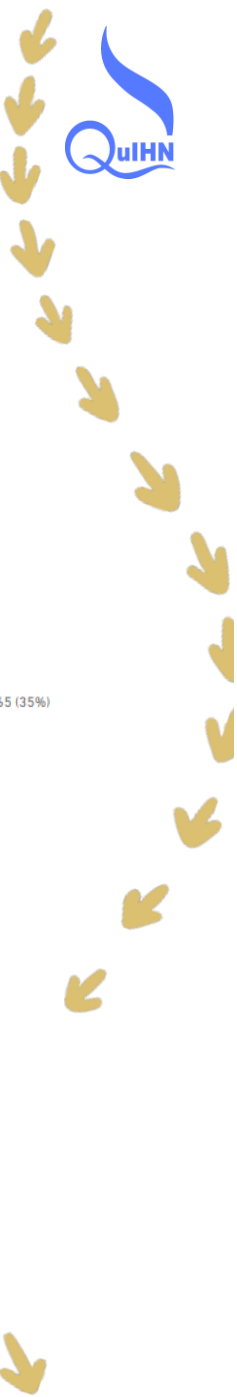


Outcome since program start: Feb 2019 – Dec 2024

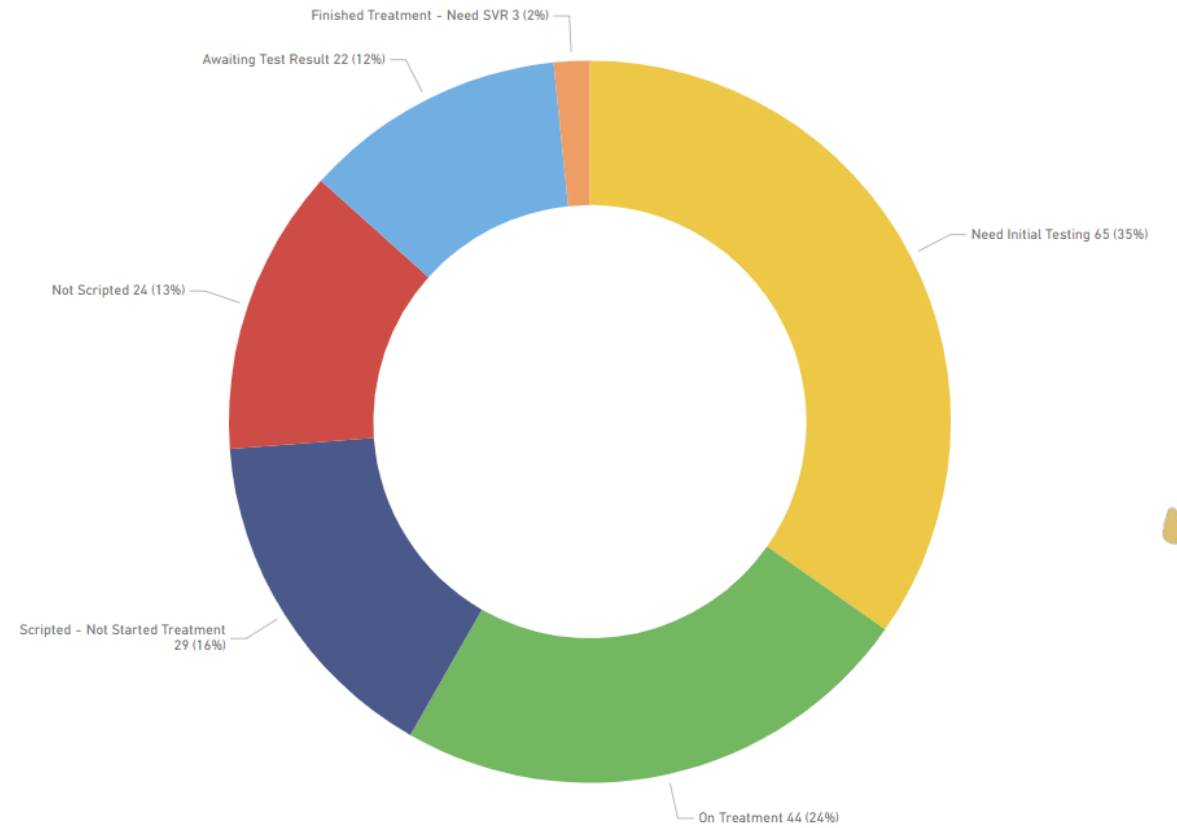
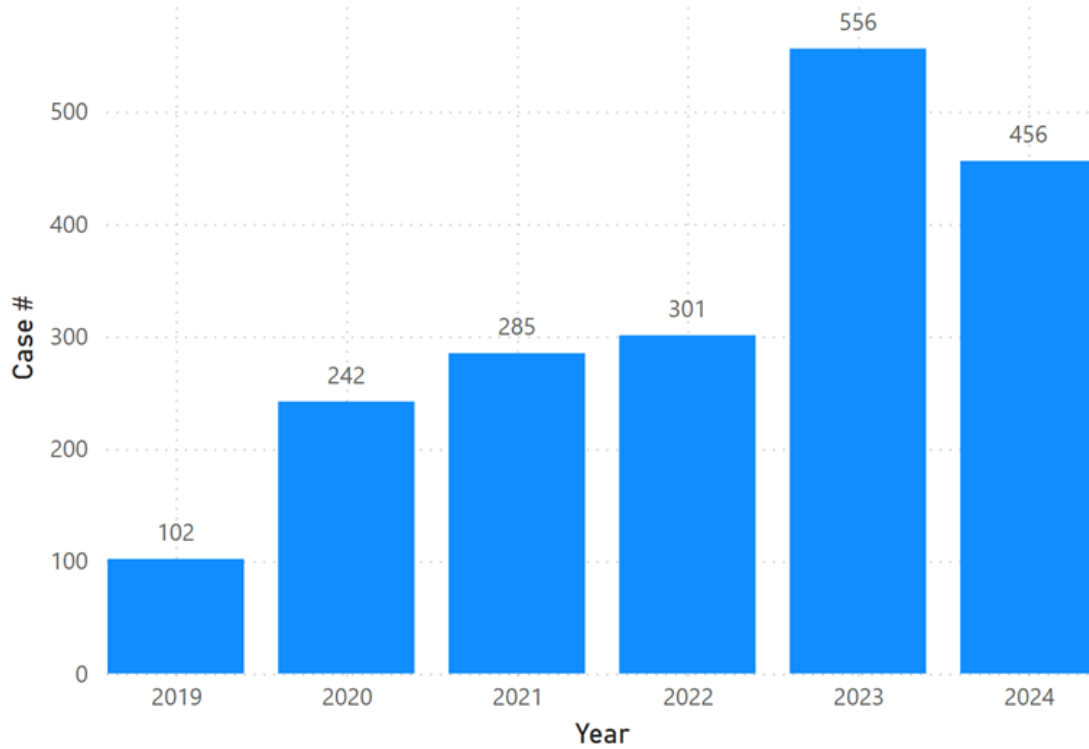
#1942 cases with #1721 individual clients

#157 Medication deliveries

35% need new testing



Case # by Year



KEY ACTIONS & TAKEAWAYS

- Key Action 1: Face to face contact with clients in prisons makes a significant impact on referral numbers
- Key Action 2: Building strong relations with key stakeholders to best integrate the Prison Transition Service into the existing systems
- Key Action 3: The program is essential service for linking individuals with HCV and treatment after release from prison

