

## **Condom Dispenser Project**

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### **Background/Purpose:**

The CDP has run in ISLHD since 2013 and involves HARP team members installing condom dispenser(s) at no cost to community and ISLHD health services. Participating organisations are sent monthly reminder emails to restock for free. HARP hand delivers or posts the refills to services. A map of member organisations is available on the Caddyshack Project website.

### **Approach:**

By providing Glyde Sexual Health dispensers at \$35.00 per unit and pre packed condom sleeve refills at \$7.95 per sleeve for 50 condoms, the CDP makes access to condoms easy, discreet and equitable. At the start of the project, 22 organisations joined in 2013 and by 2022, 83 services now participate. The peak of distribution was in 2019 with 35,343 condoms being distributed by the project that year. The project averages 29,000 condoms distributed per annum.

In a 2020 CDP review, 100% of participants said it was easy to have the CDP at their service, while 70% said their expectations had changed about who they think might be interested in having access to free condoms. 100% of services said that reactions from clients about the CDP were mostly positive.

### **Outcomes/Impacts:**

The CDP is not a stand-alone condom supply chain solution, it sits as part of a wider condom promotion strategy which includes NSW Health, ACON and Family Planning Australia. The CDP suits a variety of different settings and demographics and the project can be easily replicated by other LHDs.

### **Innovation and significance:**

From young people, to people with a disability, people accessing homeless services and community centres, the CDP benefits clients who need access to free condoms. We cannot determine who may require condoms and access should be encouraged without any judgement. On a practical level the CDP encourages safe sex and prevents STI transmission. A wider reaching impact of the CDP is more educational; to encourage conversations, empowerment and awareness.