



Prison Transition Linkage to Hepatitis C Care between Correctional Centres and Community Health Service in Queensland 6 years on

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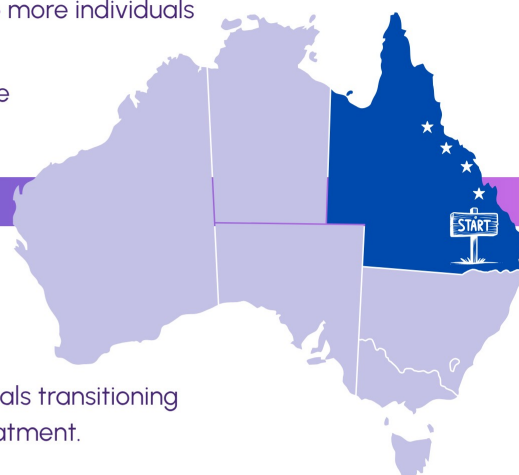
Background

- Prevalence of Hepatitis C (HCV) in Prison Population is significantly higher than the general population.
- Increased testing and treatment in Queensland correctional centres have led to more individuals transitioning out of prison on HCV treatment or with a positive HCV test result.
- A vital need exists for effective linkage to community health services to continue care post-release.

Approach

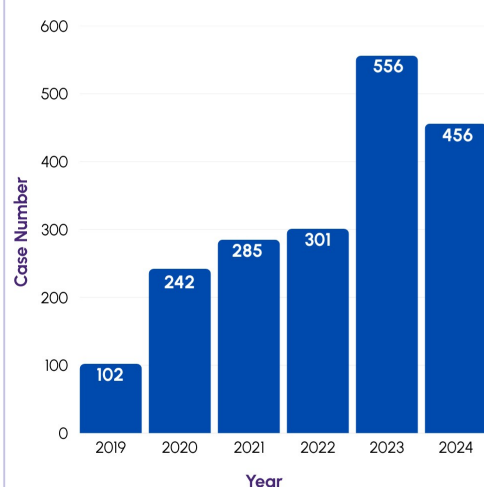
Prison Transition Services (PTS)

- Offered by QuIHN prison transition workers since February 2019.
- Initially started in Southeast Queensland, expanding statewide by 2023.
- Centralised Referral Pathway to ensure continuity of HCV treatment for individuals transitioning between prison and community health services to reduce disruption in HCV treatment.

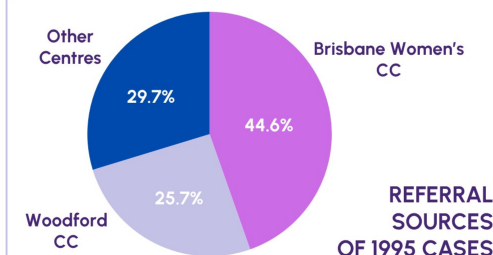


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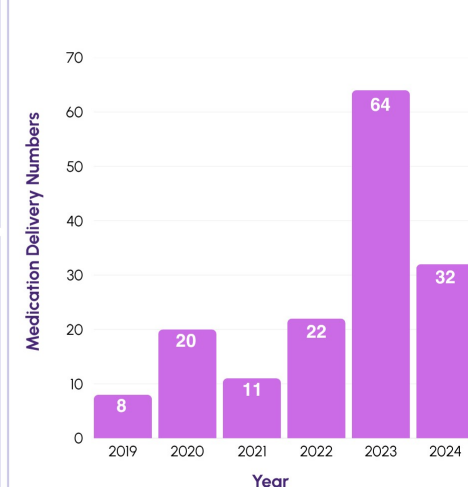
CASE # BY YEAR



CASE # BY INTAKE LOCATION



MEDICATION DELIVERIES BY YEAR



TOTAL # OF REFERRALS MADE 986 made for testing and treatment (primarily to prison health services).

Conclusion

Impact

PTS is an essential service for linking individuals with HCV testing and treatment after release from prison.

Key Drivers of Success

- Strong stakeholder relationships within the prison health service.
- QuIHN's reputation amongst clients and prison staff.
- Regular presence of Prison Transition Workers in prisons led to higher intake appointments in prisons versus the community.

