



20 Years of Adahps
OUR MODEL, OUR CLIENTS, OUR ROLE
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REFLECTION 20 YEARS - ADAHPS



HISTORY

- In the 1990s NSW Health needed to address the complex issues related to AIDS dementia and HIV-related psychiatric conditions
- In 1997 Adahps was established as a state-wide service for people with AIDS Dementia Complex (now HIV Associated Dementia), HIV and mental illness and complex needs
- The Service is auspiced by South Eastern Sydney Local Health District with clinical governance from Sydney Hospital.



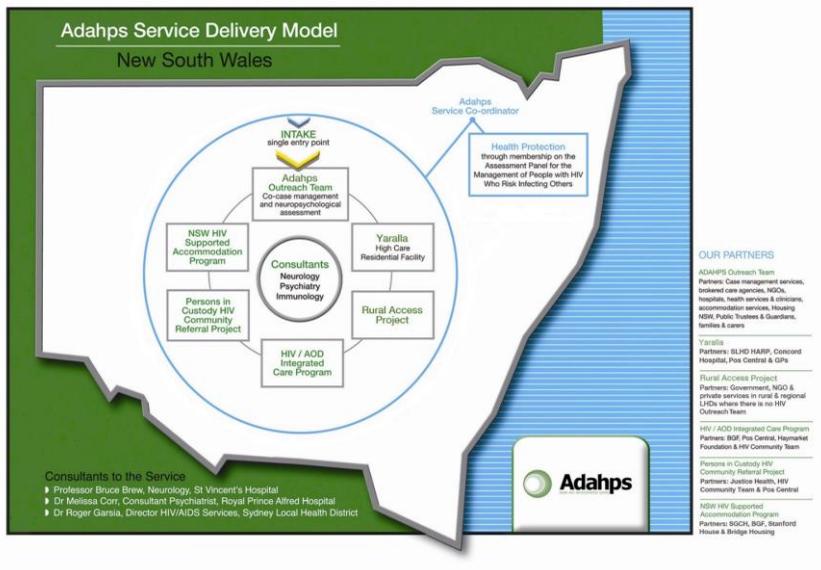
HISTORY

The four service components:

- The outreach team
Based at the Darlinghurst Community Health Centre Would be called AIDS Dementia and HIV Psychiatry Team (ADAHPT)
- A residential facility
Located in Glebe, in the old Ronald McDonald House
- An acute treatment unit
To be based at the Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst
- And an enhanced psychiatric service
Provision of two beds at Caritas



ADAHPS SERVICE MODEL - 1998





The Team

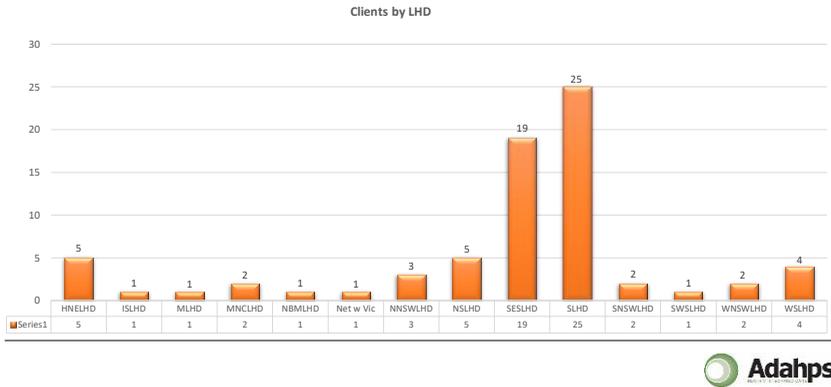
Jennifer Thompson (Co-ordinator), Dee Holland (CNC),
 Heidi Giewald, Derya Han & Amanda Simon (Case Managers),
 Francois Collet (Business Manager), Esther Chau (Admin Officer),
 Jo Spengeler (HIV Supported Accommodation Co-ordinator),
 Michelle Holmes (Psychologist), Carolina Carvalho (Snr Social Worker)

Adahps experience

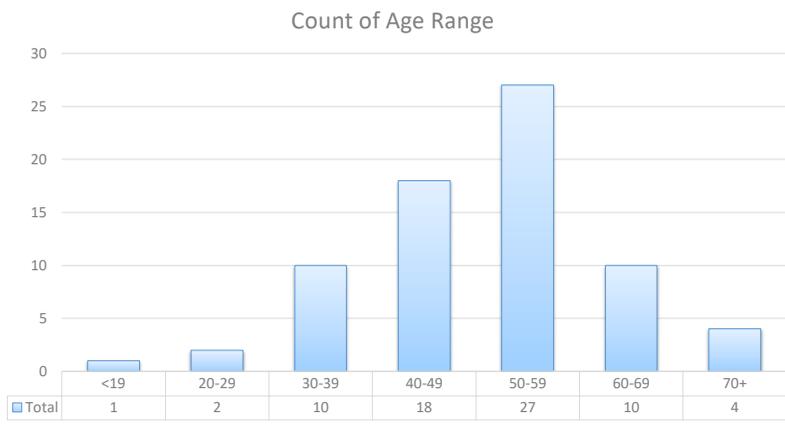
- Hepatitis C
 - Mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety
 - Substance dependence
 - Poor coping skills
 - Poor education/ literacy
 - Difficulties with medication adherence
 - Challenging behaviors
 - Lack of suitable accommodation
 - Mobility problems
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Snapshot of Our Current Clients

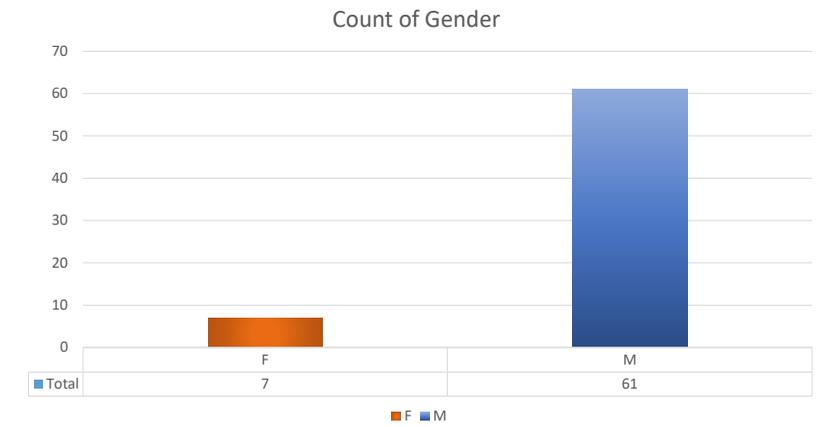
Adahps average client is: Male, 52 years, born in Australia, not Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, lives in SLHD or SESLHD and utilising one Adahps program.



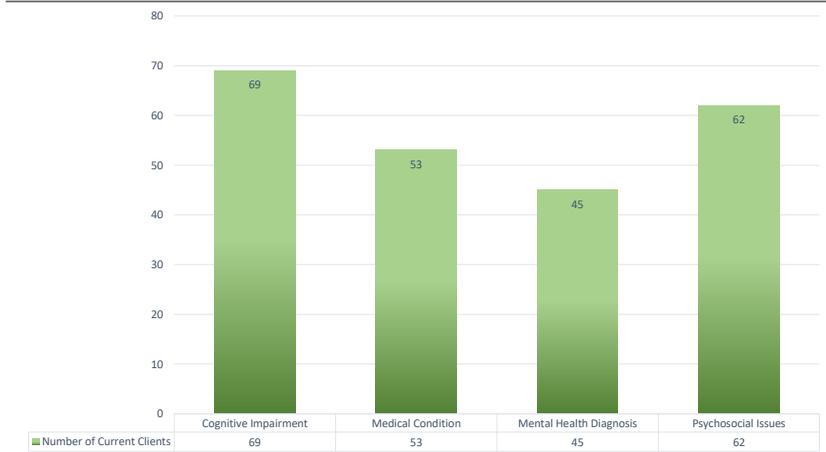
Age Range



Gender Distribution



Adaphs Clients



Challenges



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- Workload gradually increased
- Increasing prevalence of HIV Associated Neurological Disorder (HAND)
- Ageing Client group/ multiple comorbidities



Challenges

- Housing issues
- Centrelink Issues
- Adjusting case management processes
- Health Care
- NDIS
- Other government services

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