

## ISSUES AND EXPERIENCES IN ACCESSING SUPPORT RE HIV AND RELATED INFECTIONS FOR CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE SEX WORKERS

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## SWOP Outreach Team



- 11 person outreach team of female, transgender, male and Aboriginal officers and includes Thai, Chinese and Korean native speakers
- We partner with sexual health clinic staff & community organisations
- SWOPConnect provides information, referral and support

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## **Barriers to service provision for CALD sex workers**

- Language
- Gender
- Political issues
- Isolation
- Racial discrimination
- Stigma attached to sex work
- Criminalisation of sex work



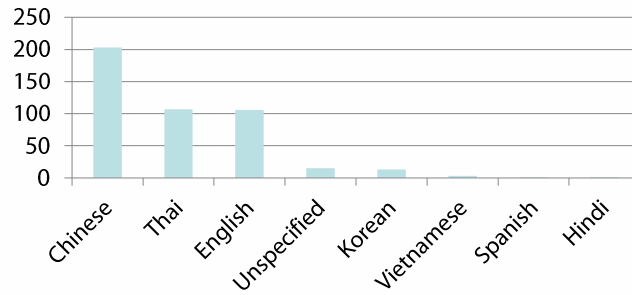
## **How SWOP helps break down barriers for CALD sex workers in NSW**

- Provides peer led interagency training
- Provides peer translated resources
- Provides peer interpreting support
- Provides workplace outreach
- Provides industry specific health and safety training workshops provided in sex workers' first languages
- Provides peer support to access culturally responsive services



## CALD Parlour Outreach in 2016-2017

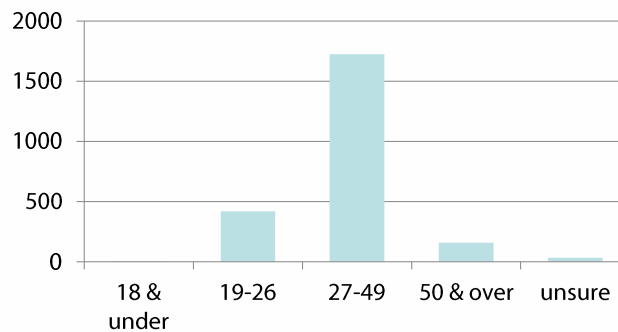
449 sex service premises on SWOP's parlour list, the primary language is:



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## Age of Migrant Sex Workers in 2016-2017

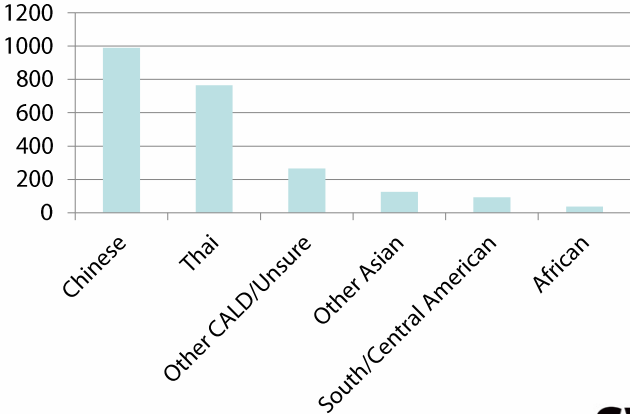
Of those 2331 interactions with migrant sex workers



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# Languages

4851 interactions SWOP had with sex workers on outreach, on SWOPconnect, through the counselling service, during workshops etc



# Social Media



## Safe at Work Project



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## How your service can break down barriers for CALD sex workers

- Attend cultural competency courses
- Provide peer/ translated resources
- Provide interpreting support
- Let CALD sex worker lead and do not assume you know what is best for CALD sex workers. Ask CALD sex workers.
- Support decriminalisation of sex work

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**Thanks for your time**

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