

## **Mosaic Services Program & SA Prison Partnership**

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**Background/Approach:** In April 2012, Mosaic Services embarked on a new project, in collaboration with the South Australian Prison Health Service (SAPHS) and the Department of Correctional Services (DCS). This involved placing a counsellor on site at Adelaide Women's Women (AWP), commencing fortnightly consultation with incarcerated prisoners living with a blood borne virus (BBV), extended to weekly in 2014.

**Analysis/Argument:** The provision of therapeutic support for this vulnerable BBV population, enables those, in desperate need, to access support for BBV treatment regimes, past / current trauma, drug / alcohol concerns and other challenges effecting psychological and physical well-being.

**Outcome/Results:** The team continued providing services at AWP and extended the service to Mobilong Prison in March 2016. Port Augusta Prison followed in 2022 (bi-monthly visits) and there are plans to extend the service further in 2023/2024 to other South Australian prisons. Records from 2015 onwards show that the team has been able to support over 400 highly vulnerable individuals, including those from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse populations and prisoners from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds (figures to be evidenced in an expanded presentation).

**Conclusions/Applications:** Mosaic maintains high levels of collaborative practice with SAPHS and DCS, together with management teams at other South Australian privately run prisons enabling the team to provide 11 years of continuous support to prisoners and is recognised in Models of Care and as an essential part of the service delivery within the correctional system in South Australia. This also enables us to be able to work closely with other Non Government Organisations and build a holistic and shared approach to health management of BBV and trauma response. The team continues to contribute to the reduction in recidivism and the improved long term health of South Australian prisoners.

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