

## **If Hepatitis was 100 People": Visualising hepatitis B and hepatitis C elimination in Australia to help find gaps and leave no-one behind**

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### **Background:**

As Australia progresses variably towards the 2030 elimination targets, the shape and composition of the populations affected by hepatitis B and hepatitis C are changing. For hepatitis C, this includes a largely positive story highlighting the success of initiatives aimed at supporting more-accessible priority populations. However, gaps remain. Community-driven analysis of traditional data can generate important new perspectives and highlight gaps and opportunities in the national response to ensure no one is left behind.

### **Methods:**

Hepatitis Australia developed "If Hepatitis was 100 People" as a policy and advocacy tool using statistics and infographics to help visualise and better understand the diversity and distribution of hepatitis B and hepatitis C in Australia.

The resource provides analysis alongside statistics to also support understanding of new perspectives, underlying issues and barriers to progress.

Hepatitis Australia analysed available data and sought review and endorsement from research institutes to ensure accuracy of analysis and bolster its impact.

### **Results:**

This resource offers a creative and innovative approach to presenting existing data, revealing insights that might otherwise be less evident, for example:

*If hepatitis C was 100 people, 5 are in prisons.*

*Of all people living with HCV in Australia, 5% are in prison. Whilst 42% of all treatment nationally is now delivered in prisons, they remain the primary site of transmission.*

"If Hepatitis was 100 People" offers new perspectives to identify gaps and opportunities in the national response to support the flow of funding, resources and activity.

Additionally, the resource supports stakeholders such as clinicians and community workers to see themselves and their roles in the response.

### **Conclusion:**

"If Hepatitis was 100 People" supports policy and advocacy activities with Governments, other funders, the viral hepatitis sector, researchers, clinicians and community workers.

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