

HIV AND MOBILITY IN AUSTRALIA: CREATING A COALITION FOR ACTION

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Background: Australia has seen an increase in HIV notifications among people born overseas and people who travel to and from countries of high HIV prevalence. Released in 2014, the *HIV and Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action* proposed five areas of action with 71 locally, nationally and internationally focused strategies to address HIV among mobile populations. In 2018 the *HIV and Mobility in Australia: Priority Actions* was launched calling for six key actions related to mobile and migrant populations in Australia.

Approach: In 2015 the Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility (CoPAHM) was established, now comprising over 80 members from government, non-government, research and community to keep HIV and mobility issues on the national agenda. Jurisdictional CoPs have been formed in Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia to progress local action on the *Road Map* and *Priority Actions* in line with the 8th National HIV Strategy.

Outcomes: Action has been seen across a range strategies in Australia in the past four years. This has included improved surveillance of testing and treatment uptake among migrant populations; multi-jurisdictional research to inform policy and practice; and mapping of activity relating to HIV and mobility at a local and national level. Ongoing challenges include: resourcing, inconsistencies in terminology, lack of data granularity and harmonising approaches across jurisdictions whilst remaining responsive to local needs. These issues suggest where to focus future energies and resourcing for more effective outcomes.

Significance: Australia has a target of reaching zero new HIV infections by 2022. For migrant and other mobile populations achieving this requires greater collaborative action. The CoPAHM is one example of galvanising jurisdictions into a joined up approach to respond to an emerging issue in HIV prevention in Australia.

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