

MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE:

Bridging the gap and bringing hep C testing and treatment to Community Corrections for people who inject drugs

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AN IDEAL SETTING



Approximately
20,000 people
reporting to
Community
Corrections in QLD

History of injecting
drug use,
incarceration,
complex health
needs

Many people are not
engaged in care
upon release in the
community.

Prevent re-offending
behaviour and
immediately assess
and provide care

**Our intention is to positively impact health outcomes by
breaking down access to healthcare barriers**

OUR APPROACH



- Non-judgemental care
- Quick, simple process
- Integrated follow-up care for clients
- Onsite clinic - to remove as many barriers as possible
- Walk ins and appointments

REDLANDS DIRECTION & FOCUS



RESOURCES NEEDED



- GP
- Community outreach nurse
- Project Officer
- QML blood collector
- A room!

HOW OUR MODEL WORKS



Recruiting clients -
case managers &
project officer



1 appointment only -
client seen at clinic



GP and nurse
contact clients for
their results.



Ongoing follow up
care for clients
requiring treatment

Early stages



Had a liver health check lately?

IT COULD
SAVE
your
LIFE

Free,
simple
clinic

Next clinic will be held on:

www.hepqld.asn.au 1800 437 222

HQ HEPATITIS QUEENSLAND

- Engaging with case managers
- Delivered hep C workshops
- Pilot clinic at Redlands Community Corrections in August 2020
- Expansion into the second site at Brisbane South Community Corrections in April 2021

WHERE WE ARE NOW



- 3rd site at Brisbane Central
- Recruited another GP to support the project
- Clinics also open to non-reporting clients
- Implementing POCT

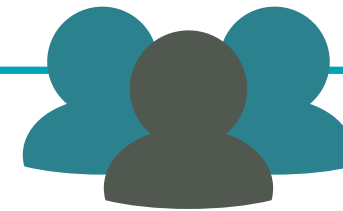
CLINICAL OUTCOMES

16



Clinics delivered between August 2020 - August 2021

91



clients seen through the clinic across Redlands and Brisbane South Community Corrections

22



clients diagnosed with positive hepatitis C (24% prevalence)

19



3

clients treated in the community

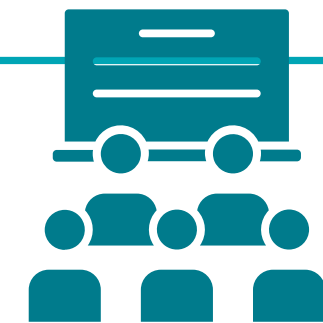
clients referred to specialist



100%

HQ have engaged with 100% of clients on treatment

50



case managers received workforce education

WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING



This has been a great way to get treated and cured of hepatitis C

I feel so much better, I've even put some weight on

Im so grateful that I was able to have my treatment through this clinic

This is unreal how everything was organised here.

My case manager told me I look so much healthier and better after my treatment

CONCLUSION

*Providing services like these in
Community Correction
settings are vital to rebuilding
lives, promoting healthy liver
awareness, and support for
vulnerable community
members.*



THANK YOU



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