

*Tackling Drug Abuse and
Addiction, Changing Lives in
Queensland Prisons*

- One Year On -

We Know

- Prisoners are characterised by chronic social disadvantage, poor mental health, high rates of substance use and high rates of recidivism
- 60% to 80% report links between their substance abuse and criminal offending
- 24% male, 43% female inject drugs in prison
- High rates of HepC positive
- 0.2% are HIV positive



Challenges

- To provide treatment options that are effective & appropriate
- Equity of service where some community practiced harm minimisation strategies are incongruent with correctional practice
- To provide an environment conducive to rehabilitation
- To meet the multiplicity of needs that make up each offender's story

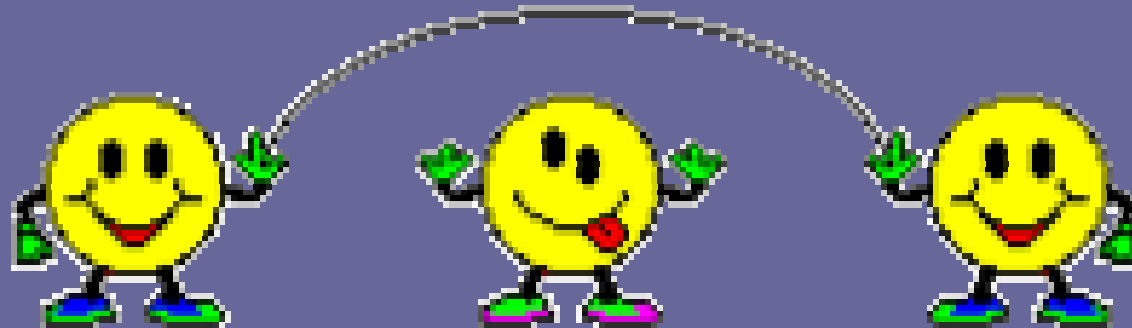
Harm Minimisation

- Builds on National and Queensland Drug Strategies through:
 - **Supply Reduction** - to prevent drugs entering Queensland prisons
 - **Demand Reduction** - to reduce offender demand for drugs
 - **Harm Reduction** - to minimise the harm caused by drug use to staff, offenders and society in general

Intervention Programs

TURNING POINT

- 10-Session
- Preparatory program
- Targets motivational change



Intervention Programs cont.

➤ PATHWAYS

- 120 hours (63 sessions)
- Intensive program targeting AOD use and criminal conduct
- *Criminal conduct Substance Abuse Treatment: Strategies for Improvement and Change – Pathways to Responsible Living* by Wanberg and Milkman

Intervention Programs cont

Getting SMART (Self Management & Recovery Training)

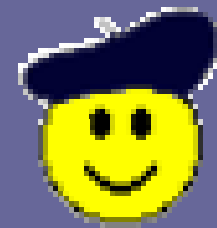
- 12 session Moderate Intensity Program
- Custodial and Probation & Parole settings
- Targets addictive behaviours not criminogenic need

SMART Recovery

- Support & Maintenance for program graduates

Intervention Programs cont

- Ending Offending
- Ending Family Violence
- **Transitions** – Managing Addiction module



Identified Drug Users

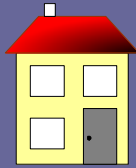
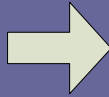
- Drug Free Intensive Management Plans
 - Detail sanctions and behaviours
- Drug Free Incentive Scheme
 - Delivers sanctions with rewards for positive behaviours
- Drug Free Management Units
 - Positive therapeutic environments



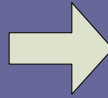
Drug Free Incentives Scheme



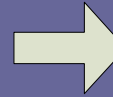
Prisoner returns a Positive urinalysis



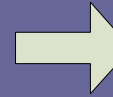
Prisoner Moved to N9 Substance Abuse Management Unit



DFIS Case conference convened with prisoner. Prisoner provided details of his SAMP. Provided an opportunity to undertake the DFIS and Sign the DFIS Contractual Agreement.



Prisoner enters DFIS Contractual Agreement



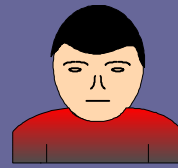
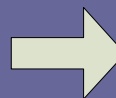
DFIS Contractual Agreement:

The prisoner will be expected to complete the following courses:

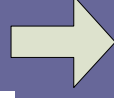
- Hepatitis Support Group
- Target (CBT) Course
- Substance Abuse Management Support Group
- Pathways Program

DFIS Contractual Agreement:

Prisoner to remain drug free for a 5 week period at the commencement of the DFIS Contract

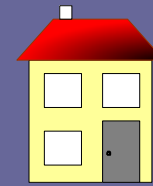
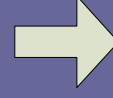


Prisoner remains Drug Free for 5 week period in N9

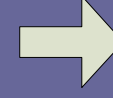


SAMP suspended
Sanctions of the SAMP lifted.

Prisoner allowed:
Contact visits
Unlimited Phone calls access
Move to N12 DFIS Maintenance Unit



Unit N12 DFIS Maintenance Unit

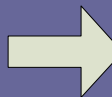


Benefits of N12 Maintenance Unit

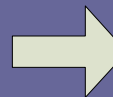
Prisoner allowed 1 positive urinalysis lapse within a 5 week period without incurring an extended SAMP. Free movement out of unit in accordance with local procedure Assistance through counsellors assigned to the DFIS. Access to work and education incentives.



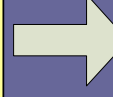
Prisoner Tests positive whilst In N12 DFIS Maintenance



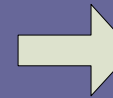
FIRST POSITIVE: If a prisoner produces a positive urine test whilst in N12, they will be breached according CSA 2006, however the prisoner will remain in N12.



SECOND POSITIVE:
A second positive urine test will also attract breach proceedings and the prisoner will be returned to unit N9 with the full sanctions of their SAMP, There SAMP will also be extended as per the conditions of the Plan, however will be allowed to participate in the DFIS.



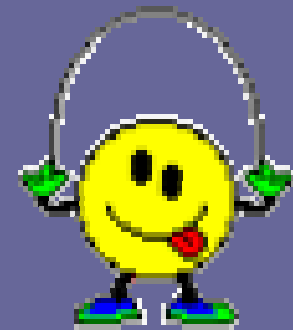
The prisoner in N9 will then be given the opportunity to remain remain drug free for a further 5 weeks as from the date they returned the positive urinalysis. Once they have completed this period the prisoner will be moved again to unit N12 and have there SAMP suspended for the second time.



Should the prisoner return 3 or more positives urinalysis tests during the DFIS, they will be removed from the Scheme. The prisoner will be required to remain in N9 and serve out the duration of their SAMP. The prisoner will not be able participate or receive any further incentives or enter into the DFIS for the Duration of their SAMP.

Indigenous Peer Education Program (Trial)

- Conducted at Lotus Glen
- One coordinator & 6 peer workers
- Peer interaction commenced August 2006
- Information/support provided for:
 - Induction sessions
 - Shop front
 - Peer listening
 - Letter writing





THANK YOU

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