

# 4 Treatment programs

While the concept of an episode of care is intuitively sound, it is not easy to define clear boundaries for episodes, nor to unambiguously partition concurrent treatments. Furthermore, episode cessation is not always clear-cut. For these reasons, the data for main service provided and other treatments is not entirely consistent across agencies.

Opioid treatment episodes are excluded.

Note: There were 15,383 open episodes. These have not been included in this report as the clients were still in a treatment program and the report counts closed episodes only.

## 4.1 Main service provided and other services provided.

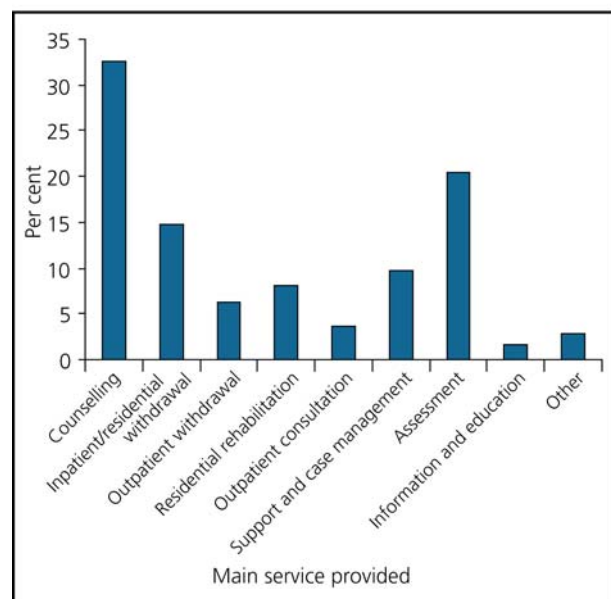
For the main service provided covered by the Minimum Data Set, 33% of closed episodes were for counselling, 20% for assessment, 15% for inpatient withdrawal, 8% for residential rehabilitation, 6% for outpatient withdrawal, 10% for support and case management and 2% for information and education.

In addition to the main service provided, any other services provided to the client for their nominated principal drug of concern were identified. As clients can have concurrent main service episodes open at the same time and services available vary widely among agencies, this data item is difficult to interpret reliably. With these caveats in mind, for 77% of closed episodes, no other services were provided to the client, while for 33% of episodes, the client also received counselling.

**Table 4.1 Closed episodes by main service provided, NSW, 2005/2006**

Main service provided	Number	Per cent
Counselling	14,198	32.6
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	6,382	14.7
Outpatient withdrawal	2,707	6.2
Residential rehabilitation	3,535	8.1
Outpatient consultation	1,571	3.6
Support and case management	4,256	9.8
Assessment	8864	20.4
Information and education	738	1.7
Other	1,251	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,502</b>	<b>100</b>

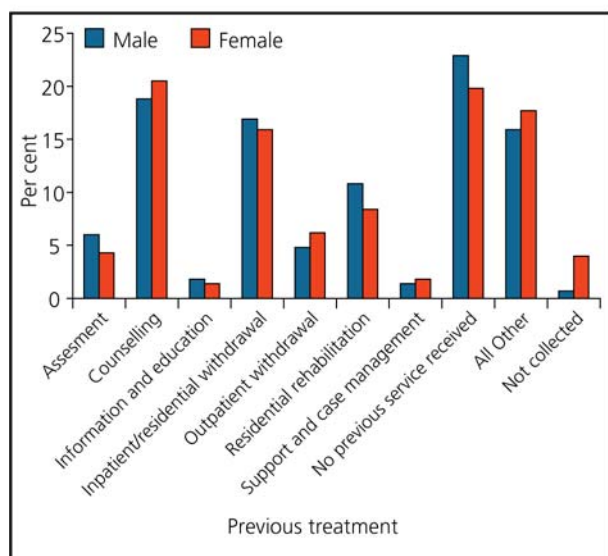
**Figure 4.1 Closed episodes by main service provided, NSW, 2005/06**



## 4.2 Previous treatment by sex

Agencies also recorded any previous drug and alcohol treatments reported by the client. For nearly 22% of closed episodes, clients indicated that they had received no previous drug and alcohol treatment.

**Figure 4.2 Closed episodes by previous treatment by sex, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=20 where sex is not stated.

**Table 4.2: Closed episodes by previous treatment by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

Previous treatment	Per cent		
	Males	Females	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
Assessment	6.0	4.3	5.5
Counselling	18.8	20.5	19.4
Information and education	1.8	1.4	1.7
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	16.9	15.9	16.6
Outpatient withdrawal	4.8	6.2	5.3
Residential rehabilitation	10.8	8.4	10
Support and case management	1.4	1.8	1.6
No previous service received	22.9	19.8	21.9
All other	15.9	17.7	18.2
Not collected	0.7	4.0	1.8
<b>Total (closed episodes)</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>43,482</b>

(a) Includes N=20 where sex is not stated.

## 4.3 Source of referral by sex

Thirty-eight per cent of closed episodes were for clients who referred themselves to treatment. 18% of closed episodes were for clients diverted from the police, court or criminal justice setting, 7% were referred by a general practitioner or medical officer and 10.6% were referred by a non-residential drug and alcohol treatment facility.

**Table 4.3: Closed episodes by source of referral by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

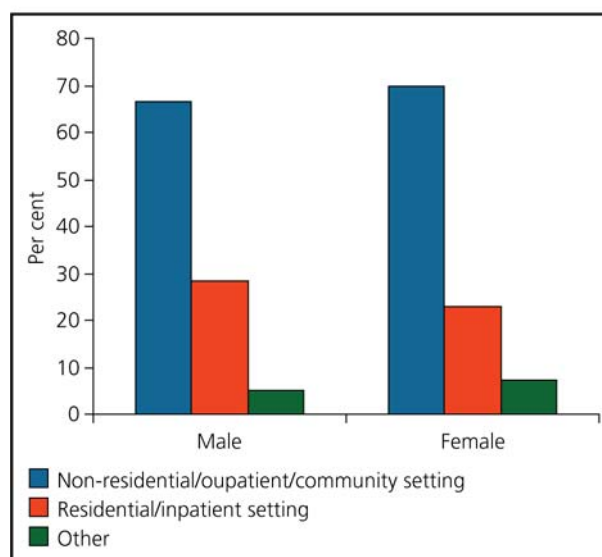
Source of referral	Males		Females		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Self	10,972	37.4	5,697	40.3	16,669	38.3
Family member/friend	1,622	5.5	736	5.2	2,358	5.4
General practitioner	1,039	3.5	649	4.6	1,688	3.9
Medical officer/specialist	733	2.5	532	3.8	1,265	2.9
Other hospital	1,040	3.5	674	4.8	1,714	3.9
Psychiatric hospital	245	0.8	137	1.0	382	0.9
Residential alcohol and other drug treatment agency	1,303	4.5	636	4.5	1,939	4.5
Other residential community care unit	216	0.7	125	0.9	341	0.8
Residential community mental health care unit	130	0.4	77	0.5	207	0.5
Non-residential alcohol and other drug treatment facility	2,977	10.2	1,639	11.6	4,616	10.6
Non-residential community health care	354	1.2	284	2.0	638	1.5
Non-residential community mental health centre	488	1.7	291	2.1	779	1.8
Police diversion	141	0.5	37	0.3	178	0.4
Court diversion	3,284	11.2	757	5.3	4,041	9.3
Other criminal justice setting	3,109	10.6	712	5.0	3,821	8.8
Education institution	88	0.3	78	0.6	166	0.4
Family and child protection service	59	0.2	218	1.5	277	0.6
Medically supervised injecting centre	10	0.0	2	0.0	12	0.0
Other non-health service agency	505	1.7	308	2.2	813	1.9
Needle and syringe program	13	0.0	9	0.1	22	0.1
Workplace (EAP)	66	0.2	10	0.1	76	0.2
Other	852	2.9	509	3.6	1,361	3.1
Not stated	84	0.3	35	0.2	119	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43,482</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Includes N=20 where sex is not stated.

## 4.4 Treatment delivery setting by sex

Sixty-seven per cent of closed episodes were for clients who were treated in a non-residential treatment delivery setting, while 27% were treated in a residential setting.

**Figure 4.4 Closed episodes by treatment delivery setting by sex, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=20 where sex is not stated.

**Table 4.4: Closed episodes and treated delivery setting by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

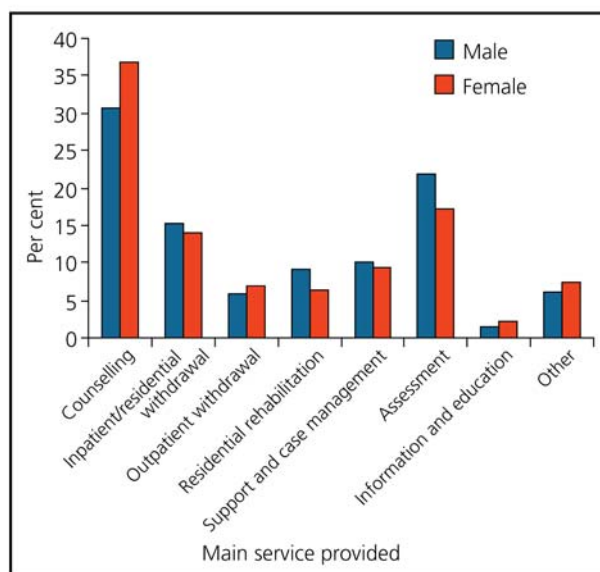
Treatment delivery setting	Males		Females		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Non-residential/outpatient/community setting	19,468	66.4	9,883	69.9	29,351	67.5
Residential/inpatient setting	8,339	28.4	3,262	23.0	11,601	26.7
Other	1,523	5.2	1,007	7.1	2,530	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43,482</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Excludes N=20 where sex is not stated.

## 4.5 Main service provided by sex

Among closed episodes for female clients, 36.8% received counselling, 17.2% received an assessment, 13.9% received an inpatient withdrawal and 6.9% received an outpatient withdrawal and 6.3% received residential rehabilitation. Among closed episodes for male clients, 30.6% received counselling, 21.9% received assessment and 15.1% received inpatient withdrawal and 9.0% received residential rehabilitation.

**Figure 4.5 Closed episodes by main service provided by sex, NSW, (a) 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=20 where sex is not stated.

**Table 4.5: Closed episodes by main service provided by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

Main service provided	Male		Female		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Counselling	8,986	30.6	5,210	36.8	14,196	32.6
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	4,415	15.1	1,963	13.9	6,378	14.7
Outpatient withdrawal	1,731	5.9	976	6.9	2,707	6.2
Residential rehabilitation	2,634	9.0	898	6.3	3,532	8.1
Support and case management	2,919	10.0	1,335	9.4	4,254	9.8
Assessment	6,425	21.9	2,432	17.2	8,857	20.4
Information and education	439	1.5	298	2.1	737	1.7
Other	1,781	6.1	1,040	7.3	2,821	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43,482</b>	<b>100</b>

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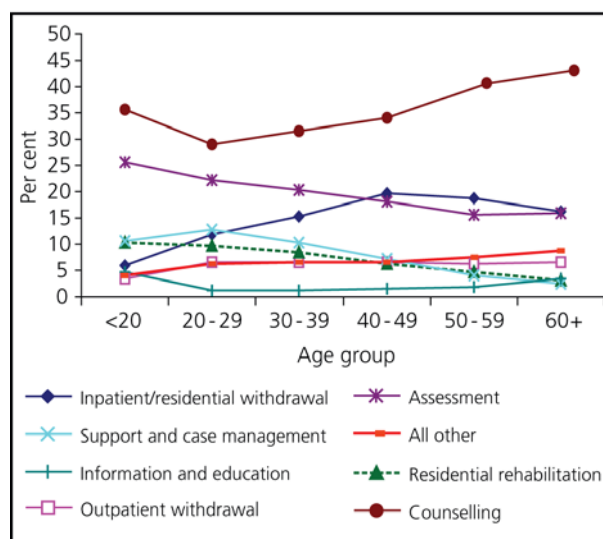
## 4.6 Main service provided by age

The average age for clients whose main service provided was information and education was 33.8 years, 36.9 for inpatient withdrawal, 35.1 years for counselling, 35.0 years for outpatient withdrawal, 32.8 years for assessment, 31.0 years for support and case management and 31.6 years for residential Rehabilitation.

**Table 4.6a Average age by main service provided by age group, NSW, 2005/06**

Main service provided	Average age
Counselling	35.1
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	36.9
Outpatient withdrawal	35.0
Residential rehabilitation	31.6
Support and case management	31.0
Assessment	32.8
Information and education	33.8
Other	34.6

**Figure 4.6a Average age by main service provided by age group, NSW, 2005/06**



**Table 4.6b Closed episodes by main service provided by age group, NSW, 2005/06**

Main service provided	Age group (years)						Total	Per cent
	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+		
	Per cent						Number	Per cent
Counselling	35.5	29.2	31.6	34.1	40.6	43.2	14,198	32.6
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	5.8	12.0	15.3	19.6	18.9	16.4	6,382	14.7
Outpatient withdrawal	3.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.5	2,707	6.2
Residential rehabilitation	10.3	9.8	8.3	6.3	4.8	3.2	3,535	8.1
Support and case management	10.7	12.7	10.2	7.3	4.1	2.6	4,256	9.8
Assessment	25.5	22.2	20.2	18.0	15.7	15.9	8,864	20.4
Information and education	4.8	1.2	1.2	1.7	2.0	3.3	738	1.7
All other	4.1	6.4	6.7	6.5	7.6	8.9	2,822	6.5
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>13,694</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>43,502</b>	

**Table 4.6c Closed episodes by main service provided by sex and age group, NSW, 2005/06**

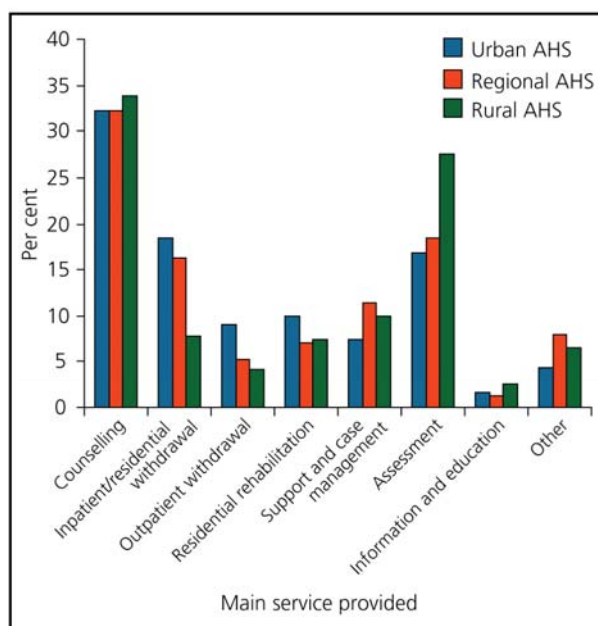
Main service provided	Age group (years)						Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	< 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Number	Per cent
<b>Males</b>	<b>Per cent</b>						<b>Number</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
Counselling	33.6	28.6	30.2	31.2	35.4	35.0	8,986	30.6
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	5.4	11.4	15.6	21.0	21.8	19.8	4,415	15.1
Outpatient withdrawal	3.0	6.4	6.1	6.1	5.4	6.5	1,731	5.9
Residential rehabilitation	11.5	10.2	9.2	7.3	5.9	4.2	2,634	9.0
Support and case management	11.0	12.6	10.1	7.5	4.7	3.5	2,919	10.0
Assessment	28.0	23.6	21.3	19.4	17.9	18.7	6,425	21.9
Information and education	4.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	3.3	439	1.5
All other	3.3	6.0	6.2	6.1	7.8	9.0	1,781	6.1
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>9,475</b>	<b>9,282</b>	<b>5,516</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>29,330</b>	
<b>Females</b>	<b>Per cent</b>						<b>Number</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
Counselling	39.7	30.4	34.6	39.9	49.1	55.9	5,210	36.8
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	6.6	13.1	14.7	16.7	14.3	11.1	1,963	13.9
Outpatient withdrawal	3.9	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.9	6.6	976	6.9
Residential rehabilitation	7.7	8.8	6.5	4.4	2.9	1.7	898	6.3
Support and case management	10.1	13.0	10.3	6.8	3.1	1.1	1,335	9.4
Assessment	20.2	19.0	17.9	15.3	12.3	11.5	2,432	17.2
Information and education	6.3	1.4	1.2	2.4	3.2	3.2	298	2.1
All other	5.5	7.5	7.7	7.0	7.3	9.0	1,040	7.3
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>4,212</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>14,152</b>	
<b>Persons</b>	<b>Per cent</b>						<b>Number</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
Counselling	35.5	29.2	31.6	34.1	40.6	43.2	14,198	32.6
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	5.8	12.0	15.3	19.6	18.9	16.4	6,382	14.7
Outpatient withdrawal	3.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.5	2,707	6.2
Residential rehabilitation	10.3	9.8	8.3	6.3	4.8	3.2	3,535	8.1
Support and case management	10.7	12.7	10.2	7.3	4.1	2.6	4,256	9.8
Assessment	25.5	22.2	20.2	18.0	15.7	15.9	8,864	20.4
Information and education	4.8	1.2	1.2	1.7	2.0	3.3	738	1.7
All other	4.0	6.5	6.7	6.4	7.6	9.0	2,822	6.5
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>13,694</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>43,502</b>	

(a) Included N=20 sex is not stated/unknown.

## 4.7 Main service provided and geographic location

Counselling represented 33% of closed episodes, comprising 34% of rural AHS episodes, 32% regional AHS episodes and 32% of urban AHS episodes. Other main services provided included assessment (20%), inpatient and education (2%) and residential rehabilitation (8%). 18% of regional AHS closed episodes were for assessment, while assessment represented 17% of urban AHS and 28% of rural AHS closed episodes. Residential rehabilitation represented 10% of urban AHS closed episodes, 7% of closed episodes for regional AHS and 8% of closed episodes for rural AHS.

**Figure 4.7 Closed episodes by main service provided by geographic location, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Geographic location is derived based on agency Area Health Service. **Urban** AHS include Central Sydney, Northern Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Western Sydney. **Regional** AHS include Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra, South Western Sydney and Wentworth. **Rural** AHS include Far West, Greater Murray, Macquarie, Mid North Coast, Mid Western, New England, Northern Rivers and Southern.

**Table 4.7 Closed episodes by main service provided by geographic location, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**

Main service provided	Urban AHS		Regional AHS		Rural AHS		Total	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Counselling	4,509	32.2	5,822	32.3	3,867	33.8	<b>14,198</b>	<b>32.6</b>
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	2,578	18.4	2,916	16.2	888	7.8	<b>6,382</b>	<b>14.7</b>
Outpatient withdrawal	1,270	9.1	952	5.3	485	4.2	<b>2,707</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Residential rehabilitation	1,393	9.9	1,281	7.1	861	7.5	<b>3,535</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Support and case management	1,053	7.5	2,055	11.4	1,148	10.0	<b>4,256</b>	<b>9.8</b>
Assessment	2,368	16.9	3,335	18.5	3,161	27.6	<b>8,864</b>	<b>20.4</b>
Information and education	221	1.6	235	1.3	282	2.5	<b>738</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Other	614	4.4	1,448	8.0	760	6.6	<b>2,822</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,006</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>18,044</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>11,452</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43,502</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Geographic location is derived based on agency Area Health Service. Urban AHS include Central Sydney, Northern Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Western Sydney. Regional AHS include Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra, South Western Sydney and Wentworth. Rural AHS include Far West, Greater Murray, Macquarie, Mid North Coast, Mid Western, New England, Northern Rivers and Southern.

## 4.8 Main service provided and principal drug of concern

Figure 4.8a illustrates closed episodes by main service provided within each principal drug of concern category. For example, 37% of closed episodes for clients presenting for treatment for alcohol received counselling.

**Figure 4.8a Closed episodes by main service provided by principal drug of concern, NSW, 2005/06**

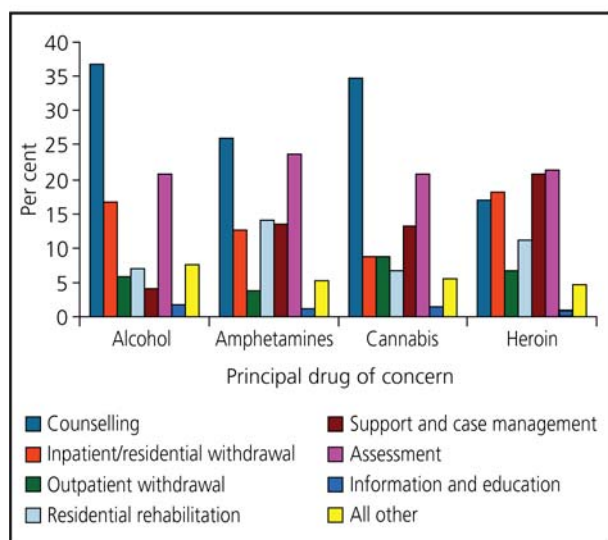
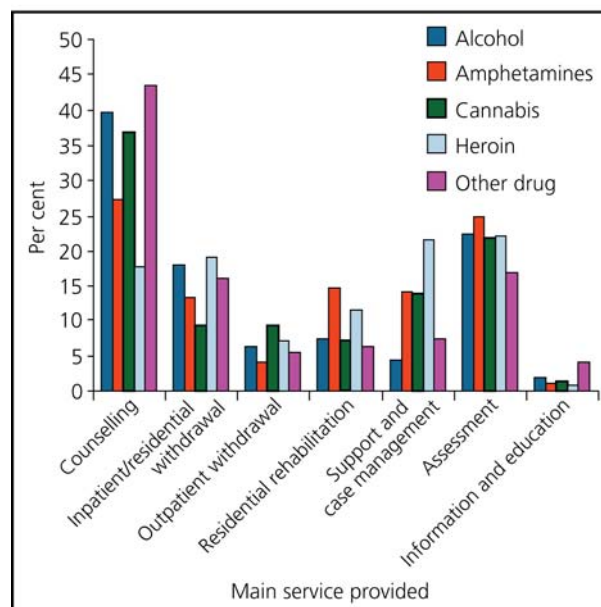


Figure 4.8b shows closed episodes by principal drug of concern within each main service provided category. For example, among closed episodes for a client where the main service provided was inpatient/residential withdrawal, 18% was for alcohol and 19% was for heroin.

**Figure 4.8b: Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by main service provided, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=2,822 treatment episodes for client seeking other treatment.

**Table 4.8 Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by main service provided, NSW, 2005/06**

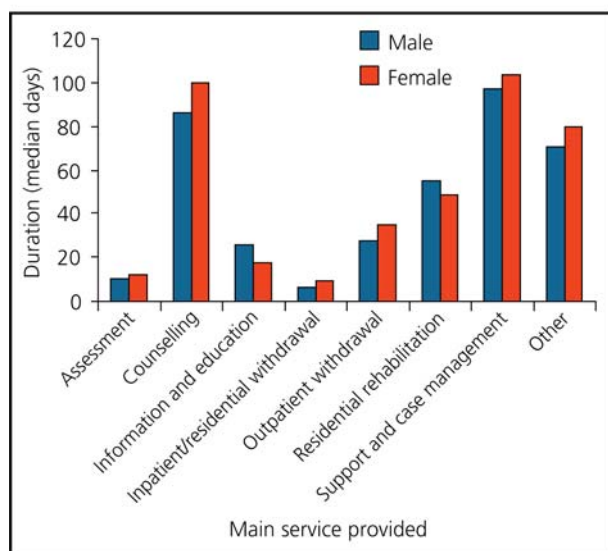
Main service provided	Alcohol	Amphetamines	Cannabis	Heroin	Other drug	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
Per cent						
Counselling	39.7	27.4	36.8	17.8	43.5	34.9
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	18	13.4	9.3	19.1	16	15.7
Outpatient withdrawal	6.2	4.1	9.4	7	5.6	6.7
Residential rehabilitation	7.5	14.7	7.2	11.5	6.4	8.7
Support and case management	4.4	14.2	14	21.6	7.5	10.5
Assessment	22.4	25	21.8	22.2	17	21.8
Information and education	1.8	1.2	1.4	0.9	4	1.8
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total (numbers)</b>	<b>16,296</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>8,087</b>	<b>6,291</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>40,680</b>

(a) Excludes N=2,822 treatment episodes for client seeking other treatment.

## 4.9 Duration of main service provided, sex and age

Regardless of main service provided, the median number of days for a closed episode is 56 days. For males the median number of days for counselling was 86 days, 100 days for female; 27 days for male outpatient withdrawal episodes and 35 days for female.

**Figure 4.9a Duration (median days) of closed episodes by sex, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Note that service contacts are not collected for episodes in a residential setting.

**Table 4.9a Duration (median days) of closed episodes by sex, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**

Main service provided	Males	Females	Total Average
Assessment	10	12	11
Counselling	86	100	93
Information and education	25	17	21
Inpatient/residential	7	10	8
Outpatient withdrawal	27	35	31
Residential rehabilitation	55	48	52
Support and case	97	103	100
Other	70	80	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	

(a) Note that service contacts are not collected for episodes in a residential setting.

**Table 4.9b Duration (median days) of closed episodes by age group, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**

Main service provided	Age group (years)						Total
	< 20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60+	
	<b>Median days</b>						
Assessment	8	12	10	10	10	5	10
Counselling	73	87	93	97	98	99	95
Information and education	14	23	21	26	19	49	22
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	8	8	7	7	7	16	8
Outpatient withdrawal	22	27	27	32	45	45	30
Residential rehabilitation	36	53	54	65	57	39	53
Support and case management	108	89	100	112	127	102	105
Other	53	71	76	71	69	127	71
<b>Total (days)</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	

(a) Note that services contacts are not collected for episodes in a residential setting.

## 4.10 Duration of main service provided and principal drug of concern

Among the main service provided covered in the Minimum Data Set, the median days of alcohol counselling episodes was 87 days. The median duration of alcohol outpatient withdrawal episodes was 28 days and the median days of residential rehabilitation was 52 days.

**Table 4.10 Duration (median days) of closed episodes by main service provided and principal drug of concern, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**

Main service provided	Alcohol	Amphetamines	Cannabis	Heroin	Total
Median days					
Assessment	10	10	8	12	10
Counselling	87	97	81	125	92
Information and education	23	29	17	28	26
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	8	7	7	8	8
Outpatient withdrawal	28	28	32	29	29
Residential rehabilitation	52	48	49	61	50
Support and case management	76	74	87	120	82
Other	69	51	57	113	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	

(a) Note that service contacts are not collected for episodes in a residential setting.

## 4.11 Referral to another service by sex

The data item referral to another service was developed to capture the continuum of care provided to clients. However, its use has been inconsistent among service providers so caution must be applied to interpreting the table below.

Over 56% of closed episodes involved clients who received a formal written referral to another agency upon ceasing their service episode.

**Table 4.11 Closed episodes by referral to another service by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

Referral to another service	Male		Female		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
General practitioner	742	2.5	525	3.7	1,267	2.9
Medical officer/specialist	291	1.0	178	1.3	469	1.1
Other hospital	203	0.7	126	0.9	329	0.8
Residential drug and alcohol	5,088	17.3	2,175	15.4	7,263	16.7
Other residential community care(including mental health)	342	1.2	115	0.8	457	1.0
Non-residential community care (including mental health)	4,782	16.3	2,807	19.8	7,589	17.5
Psychiatric hospital	69	0.2	34	0.2	103	0.2
No referral	15,251	52.0	6,956	49.2	22,207	51.1
Other	2,302	7.8	1,113	7.9	3,415	7.9
Not Stated/inadequately described	260	0.9	123	0.9	383	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43,502</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Includes N=20 where sex is not stated/unknown.

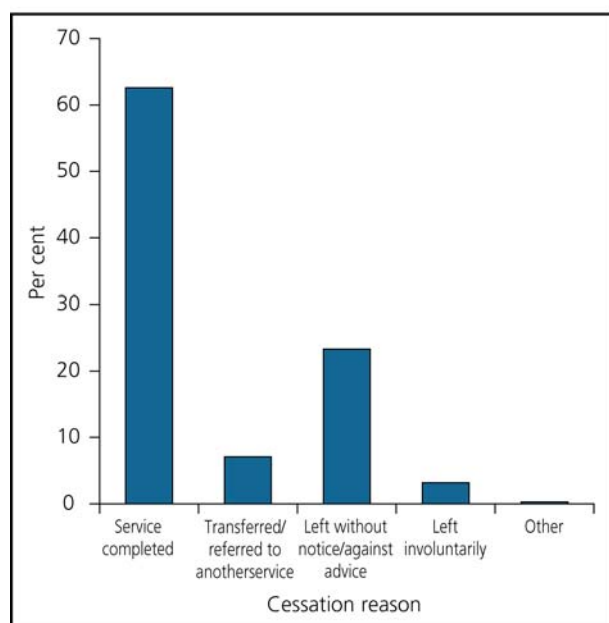
# 5 Reason for cessation

Note: The *NSW Minimum Data Set (MDS) for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services* does not contain information about treatment outcomes. The data item reason for cessation of service episode indicates the reason a client ceased a particular episode, which may be a phase of treatment within a continuum of care. Indicating that a client 'completed treatment' must therefore be interpreted with caution.

## 5.1 Reason for cessation

The reason 63% of closed episodes were ceased was because the client had completed treatment. It should be noted that completion includes termination due to mutual agreement.

**Figure 5.1 Closed episodes by reason for cessation, NSW, 2005/06**



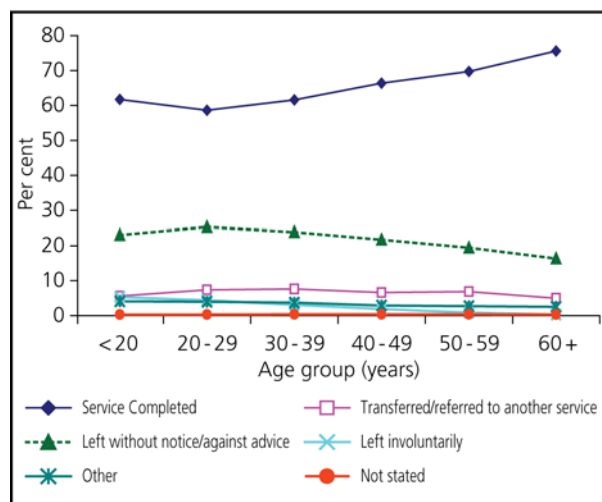
**Table 5.1 Closed episodes by reason for cessation, NSW, 2005/06**

Cessation reason	Per cent
Service completed	62.6
Transferred/referred to another service	7.1
Left without notice/against advice	23.3
Left involuntarily	3.2
Other	3.5
Not stated	0.3
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>

## 5.2 Reason for cessation and age

The completion rate for closed episodes for 20-29 year olds was 59%, 62% for 30-39 year olds, 66% for 40-49 year olds, 70% for 50-59 year olds and 76% for clients aged 60 years and older.

**Figure 5.2 Closed episodes by reason for cessation by age group, NSW, 2005/06**



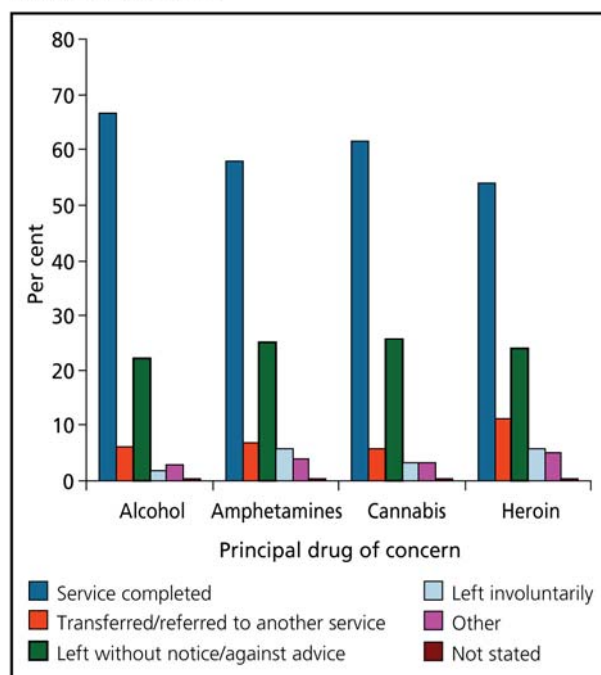
**Table 5.2 Closed episodes by reason for cessation by age group, NSW, 2005/06**

Age group	Service completed	Transferred/ referred to another service	Left without notice/ against advice	Left involuntarily	Other	Not stated	Total
	Per cent						
<20	61.7	5.6	23.0	5.3	4.1	0.3	100
20 - 29	58.6	7.4	25.3	4.4	4	0.3	100
30 - 39	61.6	7.6	23.8	3.1	3.7	0.4	100
40 - 49	66.5	6.6	21.7	1.9	2.9	0.4	100
50 - 59	69.7	6.9	19.4	0.9	2.7	0.4	100
60+	75.6	5	16.3	0.3	2.5	0.3	100
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>27,224</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>10,121</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>43,502</b>

## 5.3 Reason for cessation by principal drug of concern

Completion was 67% among closed episodes where the principal drug of concern was alcohol, 62% for cannabis, 54% for heroin 58% for amphetamines.

**Figure 5.3 Closed episodes by reason for cessation by principal drug of concern, NSW,<sup>(a,b)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

(b) Excluded N=5,973 treatment episodes for client seeking other treatments.

**Table 5.3 Closed episodes by reason for cessation by principal drug of concern, NSW, 2005/06**

Reason for cessation	Alcohol		Amphetamines		Cannabis		Heroin		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Service completed	11,770	66.7	2,750	58.0	5,271	61.6	3,544	53.8	23,335	100
Transferred/referred to another service	1,104	6.3	325	6.9	490	5.7	743	11.1	2,662	100
Left without notice/against advice	3,885	22.0	1,189	25.1	2,210	25.8	1,566	23.8	8,850	100
Left involuntarily	306	1.7	275	5.8	266	3.1	389	5.9	1,236	100
Other	515	2.9	194	4.1	289	3.4	331	5.0	1,329	100
Not stated	55	0.3	9	0.2	35	0.4	18	0.3	117	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,635</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>8,561</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>6,591</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>37,529</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Excluded N=5,973 treatment episodes for client seeking other treatments.

## 5.4 Reason for cessation by main service provided

Completion was 3% among closed episodes where the main service provided was information and education, 17% for inpatient withdrawal, 31% for assessment, 27% counselling and 4% for residential rehabilitation.

**Table 5.4 Closed episodes by main service provided, NSW, 2005/06**

Main service provided	Service completed	Transferred/ referred to another service	Left without notice/ against advice	Left involuntarily	Other	Not stated	Total
Assessment	31.3	0.0	2.6	0.0	4.6	0.0	8,864
Counselling	27.1	34.9	47.6	10.8	45.9	60.3	14,198
Information and education	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	738
Inpatient/residential withdrawal	16.6	9.0	12.7	13.9	5.7	2.6	6,382
Outpatient withdrawal	6.2	7.7	6.5	1.9	5.6	9.3	2,707
Residential rehabilitation	3.9	13.1	12.7	50.2	5.3	6.0	3,535
Support and case management	7.0	25.6	9.2	18.8	22.4	4.0	4,256
All other	5.1	9.7	8.6	4.7	10.4	17.9	2,822
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>27,224</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>10,121</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>43,502</b>

