

DEVELOPING A THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM FOR FORENSIC PATIENTS WITH SEXUAL OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR

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AIMS

To conduct a scoping study to assist in modifying the existing sex offender programs to meet the specific need of Forensic Mental Health inpatients with a sex offender history.

BACKGROUND

- Justice Health
- Risk Assessments
- Prevalence in Long Bay Hospital
- Partnerships with Department of Corrective Services (DCS)
- Existing Offender Programs

METHOD

- Project Officer
- Scoping study
- Literature review
- Stakeholder analysis
- Steering committee
- Collaboration

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Meeting the specific needs of this patient population
- Developing specialist skills in forensic mental health nursing
- Equality in service provision for mentally ill patients

OUTCOMES AND EVALUATIONS

- Training program structure and outline developed
- Facilitators training manual developed
- Resources/information for patients

COSTING

Project officer:

- Experienced mental health nurse
- CNS level
- 3 month position, 1 day per week

IMPACT ON NURSING PRACTICE AND CONSUMER OUTCOMES

- Capacity building nursing staff
- Partnerships with DCS
- Increased scope of practice
- Changes in models of care
- Addressing sexual offending behaviour
- Decreased Recidivism rates

FUTURE SCOPE

- Support to implement program once developed
- Development of maintenance programs
- Benchmarking against other forensic services
- Service integration
- Other offender behaviour programs being developed by mental health nurses
- Development of comprehensive risk assessment

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