

Counselling for people using methamphetamines

PROGRAM EVALUATION KEY FINDINGS

August 2021

The Ministry of Health (MoH) process and outcomes evaluation of the *Counselling for People Using Methamphetamines* program found that treatment services were successfully implemented through evidence of:

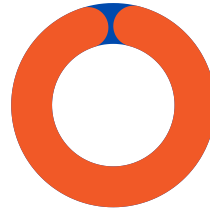
SUCCESSES



Established referral pathways



Strong community engagement and linkages



Services operating at capacity



Positive impacts for clients

Factors that impacted on access and treatment outcomes included:

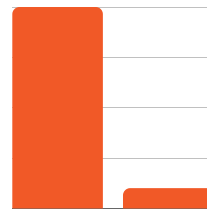
CHALLENGES



Attracting and retaining the target population



Distance/transport barriers to service delivery



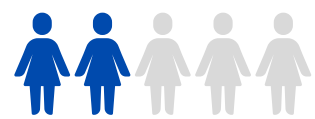
Service demand greater than resources



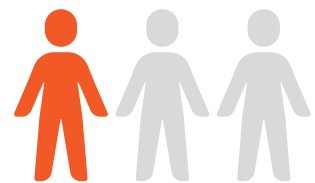
Low amount of client outcomes data

Recommendations for improvements to the program include:

- Expand program reach and resources (MoH)
- Develop new reporting guidance/resources (MoH)
- Formalise partnerships
- Explore telehealth options for service delivery
- Increase collection of client outcomes data



Over 2 in 5 clients were from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background



Over 1 in 3 clients had a history of injecting drug use



Over 7 in 10 clients were living on a temporary benefit or pension



Over 1 in 4 clients were under the age of 25

Service locations

