



HASI Plus evaluation report

Helping people with mental illness live in their community



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About this report



This report is about a program for people with mental illness.

The program supports people to live in the community.



The program is called

Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative Plus

HASI Plus for short.



This report talks about what

- The program does well
- Could be done better.



This is called an **evaluation**.

About the HASI Plus program



NSW Health runs the HASI Plus program.



The program helps people who are leaving a hospital or prison.



The program gives people support so they can live in the community.



The support can be for

- 16 hours a day
- 24 hours a day

The support is 7 days a week.



The program offers people places to live in the community.

About the evaluation



Researchers from the **Social Policy Research Centre** did the evaluation of the program.

SPRC for short.



Researchers are people who find things out by

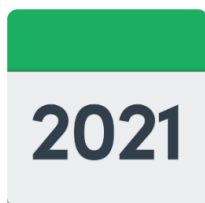
- Talking to people
- Looking at numbers
- Reading about other research.



NSW Health paid for the evaluation.



SPRC started the evaluation in 2018.



The evaluation finished in 2021.

How we did the evaluation



We talked to people who used the program.



We talked to their families and carers.



We talked to the support services that helped people in the program.



We looked at information about the people who used the program.



We looked at how much money the program cost.

What the program did well

These are things the program did well.



People in the program felt better.



People did not go to hospital as much.



People liked where they lived.



People liked the support they got from the program.



The staff in the different support services worked well together.

The program saved money for the government.



It was cheaper to support someone in the program than in hospital or prison.

How the program could be better

These are things the program could do better.



Help more people who are leaving prison.



Make sure that people from all parts of NSW can use the program.



Make sure that people in the program

- Choose their own goals
- Decide what they want to do.



Provide more help for people when they leave the program.



Make sure the program meets the needs of people from different cultures.

More information



If you want to know more about the evaluation you can go to our website.

Click on the website link [here](#).