

Saving Lives - updated results from the MSIR

30 June 2018 - 30 June 2021



252,961 visits to the MSIR

Three quarters of MSIR clients are male, and the average age is 42 years. About one-in-six identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and more than one-in-three are homeless or unstably housed.



4,441 overdose incidents safely managed inside the MSIR

The majority of overdoses are managed using assisted breathing with oxygen. More serious overdoses require naloxone, an opioid antagonist medication that reverses the effects of heroin.



More than 71,667 health and social support services provided onsite

NRCH and partner organisations are providing an increasing number of co-located health and social support service opportunities in the MSIR, including primary care, oral health, hepatitis testing and treatment, and legal services. Also provided are alcohol and other drug treatment and housing support services (detailed below).



1,944 homelessness support services provided

A Launch Housing outpost worker has been providing onsite homelessness support services at the MSIR since September 2019.



204 clients treated for Hepatitis C onsite

Over seven hundred clients have been screened for Hepatitis C using point-of-care testing within the MSIR with 204 clients commencing Hepatitis C treatment onsite.



More than 200 people successfully commenced opioid agonist treatment (OAT) with 2,670 referrals to external health and social support

MSIR doctors have been delivering opioid agonist treatment for clients looking for support in managing addictions. The MSIR also provides a critical gateway to other health and social services for people who inject drugs.