

Saving Lives - updated results from the MSIR

30 June 2018 - 31 December 2022



369,514 visits to the MSIR

Three quarters of MSIR clients are male, and the average age is 43 years. About one-in-six identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and more than one-in-three are homeless or unstably housed.



6,782 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 119,000 health and social support services provided onsite

NRCH and partner organisations provide a range of co-located health and social support services onsite, 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).



2,633 homelessness support services provided

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



305 clients commenced Hepatitis C treatment onsite

Over 1,400 clients have been screened for hepatitis C using venepuncture or point-of-care testing in the MSIR, with 305 clients commencing treatment to cure hepatitis C.



More than 800 people successfully commenced opioid agonist treatment (OAT) with 3,343 referrals to external health and social support services

MSIR health practitioners 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 support services for people who inject drugs.