NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & PHARMACY FITPACK SCHEME

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A Brief History of the NSP

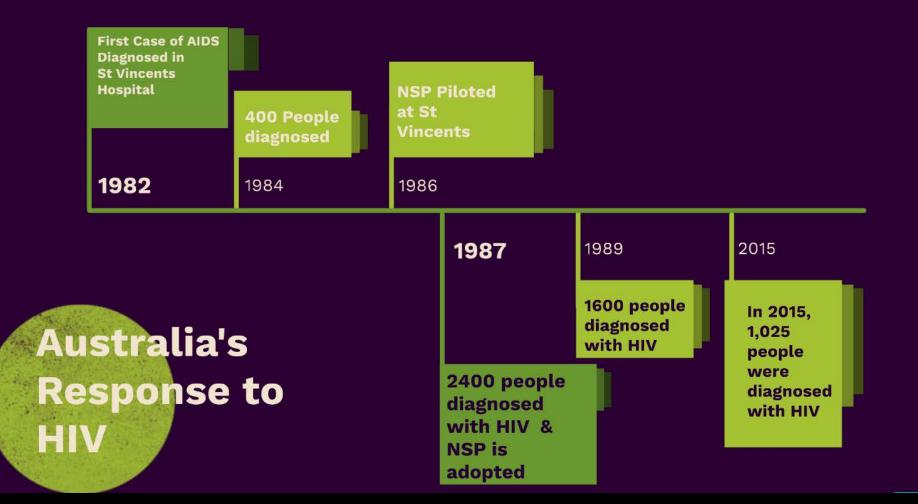
The Needle Syringe Program in a Pharmacy Setting

Case Study

The Needle Syringe Program

NSP in Community Pharmacies Incentives of providing NSP in Community Pharmacy





The Needle Syringe Program

• Aims: to reduce the transmission of BBVs among PWIDs.

Reflect on this... Needle syringe programs save lives.

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• **Objective:** to minimise risk behaviours that have the potential to transmit BBVs.

Other important benefits:

Reduction in other injecting related injuries Less difficulty/pain injecting Provides support and access to healthcare for many marginalised clients

Why do we need NSP's?





Hep C Prevention

Promotion of safe disposal Education and support Peer support Referral and welfare

HIV Prevention

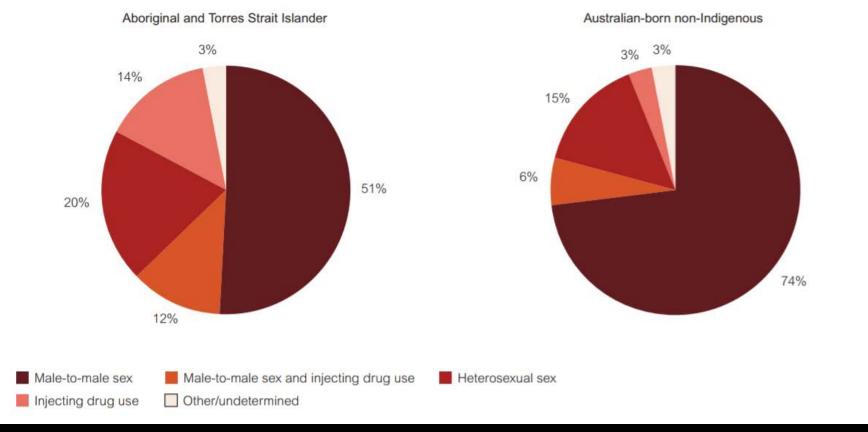
- Early adoption of NSP across Australia (bipartisan political approach in 1988)
- Increased investment in and accessibility of NSP
- High rates of testing



From 2000-2009 there has been 32,050 cases of HIV prevented

Injecting drug use as an HIV risk factor

Figure 1.1.16 Newly diagnosed HIV and HIV exposure category, 2012–2016, by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status



Kirby Institute 2017 Surveillance report

• 50%-60% of PWID in Australia have Hep C

> From 2000-2009: 96,667 cases of hepatitis C have been prevented

Hep C Prevention

- Steady decline in new infections since 2003:
 - About 90% of new Hep C infections are transmitted through shared injecting equipment
 - Increased investment in the NSP
 - Increased access to drug treatment

NSPs are Australia's most successful strategy for preventing BBV transmission among PWID

Global availability of NSP in the Community and in prisons

Among 158 countries and territories:

- 93 support harm reduction in policy or practice
- 90 have NSP
- 8 have NSP in prisons

NSP available in the community NSP available in the community & prison NSP not available

Global availability of opioid substitution therapy in the community and in prisons

Among 158 countries and territories:

- 80 have OST programs
- 52 have OST in prisons
- 10 have drug consumption rooms

OST available in the community OST available in the community and prison OST not available

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Australian results: NSP



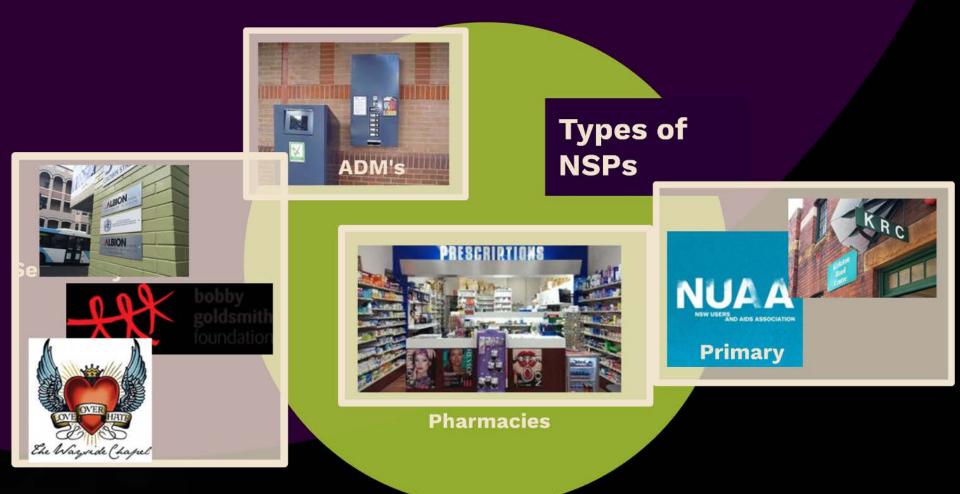
Financial: an outlay of \$243 million on NSP initiatives resulted in a net financial cost saving of \$1.03 billion

Quantity and quality of life benefits by 2010:

- an estimated 650 fewer people living with cirrhosis
- 90 hepatitis C-related deaths will have been prevented
- 4500 AIDS-related deaths will have been prevented

What do you think?

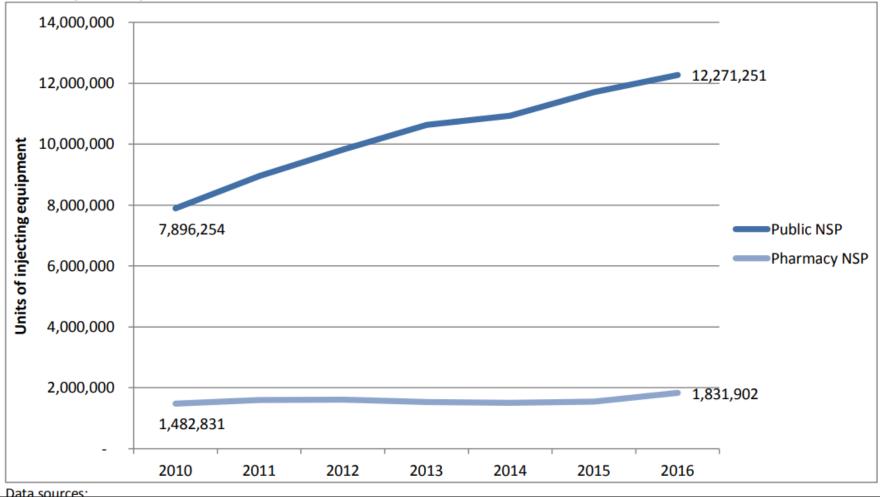
Do NSPs increase needles and syringes being disposed inappropriately in the comunity?



Primary & Secondary - 337
Vending machine & chutes- 261
Pharmacies- 525

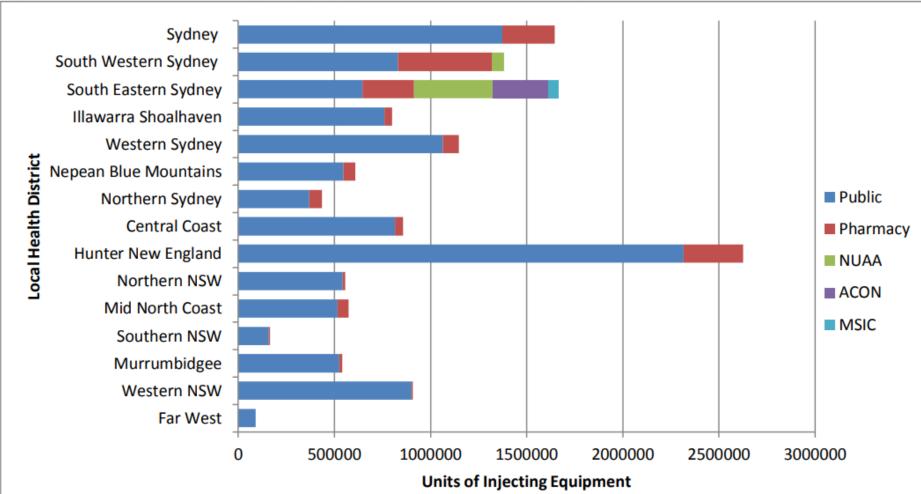
Pharmacies 15% of distribution

Figure 30: The total number of units of injecting equipment distributed in NSW by the public NSP and the Pharmacy NSP Fitpack[®] scheme, 2010-2016



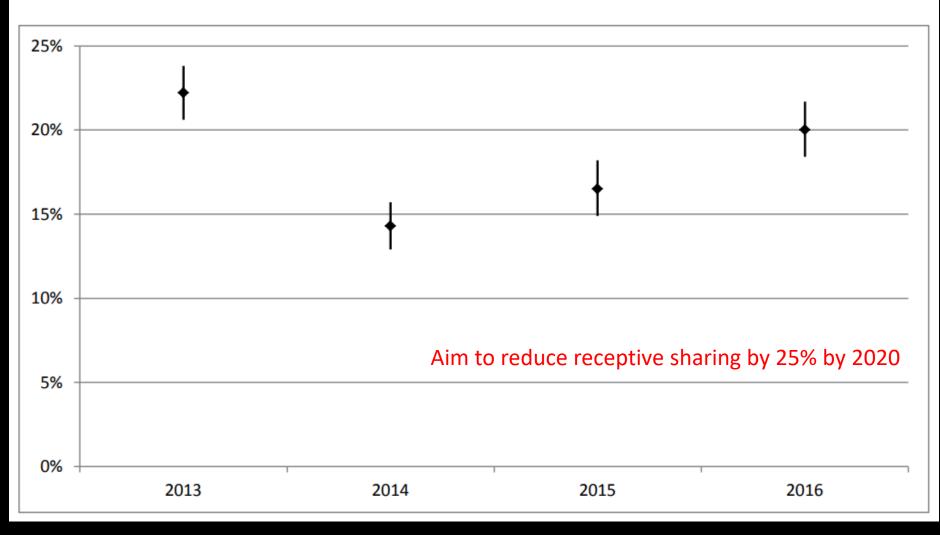
Variable uptake across state

Figure 31: Number of units of injecting equipment distributed in NSW by LHD in 2016



15-20% report receptive sharing

Figure 28: Receptive Syringe Sharing in previous month in NSW, 2013 - 2016 (%, 95% CI)



- Distribution of sterile injecting equipment through a variety of locations
- Contribue to the provision of educational information to people who inject drugs for the purpose of minimising the transmission of blood borne virus infections
- Promotion of safe sharps disposal
- Provision of information and referrals to other health and welfare services
- Reducing Stigma and Discrimination in your community

Pharmacy Fitpack Scheme

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Why join the Pharmacy Fitpack Scheme?

Program Incentive

Community
 Pharmacy entering
 the Fitpack Scheme
 eligible for \$385
 (GST incl.)

 Program incentive payments are provided for each Fitpack Exchange.

Available at: <u>https://www.guild.org.au/guild-branches/nsw/professional-services/</u> needle-and-syringe/register-to-participate



Guild of Australia

NSW PHARMACY NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

The Needle and Syringe Program is an evidence-based public health program, which aims to minimise the transmission of blood borne viruses amongst people who inject drugs.

Pharmacy Needle and Springe Program (PKBP) outlists are key combuton to Australia's network of Needle and Springe Program services, with community pharmacies representing over 50% of the needle and springe program outlists located in the community. The conversity pharmacy network is well placed to provide assistance in the distribution of stelle injecting equationers, advice and referand to networks revises.

The PNSP is fully funded by the NSW Ministry of Health and is administered by The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch).

NSW PHARMACY FITPACK SCHEME

Participation in the NSW Pharmacy Fitpack Scheme includes the following activities:

- The provision of Fitpacks* through sale or exchange to members of the public;
- The provision of other itmes of injecting equipment where requested and available;
- Provide access to a sharps disposal service to the community for the safe collection and return of Fitpacks¹;
- Contribute to the provision of educational information to people who inject drugs for the purpose of minimise the transmission of blood borne virus infections.

PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Participating program pharmacies may be eligible to receive the following program incentives, subject to satisfactorily meeting program requirements.

Program Participation - New NSP

Community pharmacies which are entering the Scheme may be eligible to receive a one-off introductory incentive upon registration. This program incentive is currently \$385 (GST Ind).

Fitpack* Exchange - Program Incentive

Program incentive payments are provided for each Fitpack* which has been exchanged by a participating program pharmacy. Further details on the Fitpack* exchange can be found in the program manual.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION - CONDITIONS

Community pharmacies who participate in the Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Program agree to to the following program terms and conditions.

- The pharmacy acknowledges that its nominated representative and/or pharmacy staff have read the 'Participant Information Statement' and Program Manual, which explain the aims and objectives of the Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Program (PMSP).
- The pharmacy agrees to establish and maintain the professional services in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the Program Manual.
- It is understood that the pharmacy can withdraw from the program at any time without any prejudice to its relationship with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch).
- 4. The pharmacy understands that eligibility to receive incentive payments as part of the program is subject to reporting against the set outcomes as determined in the program guidelines. This includes the satisfactory completion and provision of program documentation (6: Fitack* Exchance Locd).
- 5. The pharmacy's details will be publically listed as a participating pharmacy of the Program. The pharmacy also agrees that the disclosure of information pertaining to the pharmacy's involvement in the Program will be provided to the NSW Minimir of Health.
- 6. The pharmacy agrees that the information provided as part of the program will be used to prepare reports availating the outcomes against its set aims and objectives. It is also understood that these reports will be provided to the NSW Mirestry of Health and other key stateholders as required for research and evaluation purposes.

Blakes Pharmacy

"Consumers like coming here because they say we're nonjudgmental and we treat everyone with respect and that's what we're known for in our community" - Jenny





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