QuIHN hepatitis C Community Peer Support Project

Helping people in Queensland who inject drugs to navigate their hepatitis C testing and treatment journey



Peer workers engaged people at risk of hepatitis C and linked them to community-based hepatitis C testing and treatment services, as well as facilitated their engagement with health workers.

One of the peer workers who identified as a First Nations person focused on engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at risk of hepatitis C.

Outcomes

Five part-time peer workers employed over two years:

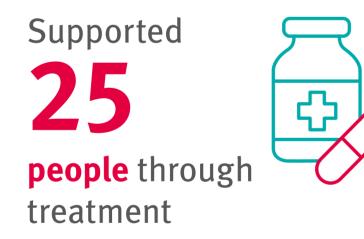




hepatitis C point-of-care tests over 9 months



Client feedback on utilising peer support was positive and highlighted the benefits of peers in the QuIHN workforce.





to five services in Southeast Queensland

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Images: Sophie and Colin are two of QuIHN's peer workers.

Learnings

- Our community-based peer project raised awareness of the **value of peers and their role in supporting people** in the community to access hepatitis C testing and treatment.
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Our model involved peer supervision sessions which were provided in partnership with the Queensland Injectors Voice for Advocacy and Action (QuIVAA). These led to a **valuable mentoring and support network for peers.** An EC Australia project Learn more burnet.edu.au/ec-australia





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