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| DecorativeNeedle and Syringe Program  34070 |
| Outcome objective: Victorians are healthy and well  Output group: Drugs Services  Output: Drug Prevention and Control |

# 1. Service Objective

To make available sterile injecting equipment for injection drug users, promote safe disposal, promote safer injecting practices and provide information, education and referral.

The Victorian Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) is a public health initiative that aims to minimise the spread of blood-borne viruses such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis B and C among people who inject drugs and into the wider community. In Australia, NSPs have prevented thousands of cases of infection among people who inject drugs and, in turn, protected the wider community.

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# 2. Description of the service

The program operates through a range of different service providers, including:

* funded NSPs whose primary function is to provide a full suite of NSP services, including harm reduction information, advice and referrals
* community health services
* hospital accident and emergency units
* municipal councils
* drug treatment agencies
* youth organisations
* participating pharmacies.

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# 3. Client group

The client group this activity is targeted at is people who use injecting drugs.

# 4. Obligations specific to this activity

In addition to the obligations listed in the Service Agreement, organisations funded to deliver this activity must comply with the following:

## 4a. Registration and Accreditation

* Funded AOD treatment services in Victoria must comply with the requirements of any relevant accreditations and standards. They must be, or able to be, accredited within generic accreditation frameworks by a certified entity. More information is available on the [department’s AOD service quality and accreditation webpage.](file:///\\N060\group\Drug%20Policy%20and%20Services\Delivery%20&%20Performance\Service%20agreement%20activity%20descriptions%20project\Guidelines\aod-services-accreditation-requirements-sep-2017-pdf.pdf) Or copy link in the browser <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs/aod-service-standards-guidelines/aod-service-quality-accreditation>

## 4b. Program requirements and other policy guidelines

* All AOD program requirements are contained in the AOD program guidelines. These are available on the [department’s website.](file:///\\N060\group\Drug%20Policy%20and%20Services\Delivery%20&%20Performance\Service%20agreement%20activity%20descriptions%20project\Guidelines\Alcohol%20and%20other%20drugs%20program%20guidelines-part%202-program%20and%20service%20specifications.docx) <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs/aod-service-standards-guidelines/aod-program-guidelines>

# 5. Performance

Funding is subject to achieving the performance targets specified in Schedule 2 of the Service Agreement. Performance is measured as follows:

## Key performance measure 1: Number of Contacts

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| Aim/objective | To ensure that the service provider has delivered the quantity of services recorded in the service agreement. |
| Target | The performance measure target is provided in the Service Agreement. |
| Type of count | Cumulative  Non-cumulative |
| Counting rule | All matter regarding reporting for the Needle and Syringe program can be found at <www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs/funding-and-reporting-aod-services/reporting-for-aod-services/nspis> |
| Data source(s) collection | Needle and Syringe Program Data Collection |
| Definition of terms | A service contact is defined as a contact between a client and service provider which results in a dated entry being made in a client record. Is contact face to face, telephone |

# 6. Data collection

| Data collection name | Data system | Data set | Reporting cycle |
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| Needle and Syringe Program Data Collection | NSPIS-AR or paper based data collection | Needle and Syringe Program client survey data set | Monthly |

The reporting requirements for this service are:

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