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| Needle and Syringe Program34070 |
| Outcome objective: Victorians are connected to culture and communityOutput group: Drug ServicesOutput: Drug Prevention And Control |

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## 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.
NSP aims to reduce the transmission of blood-borne viruses such as HIV and hepatitis B and C, and reduce unsafe injecting practices amongst consumers.

## 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

N/A

### 4b. Program requirements and other policy guidelines

* [Policy and funding guidelines for health services](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/policy-and-funding-guidelines-for-health-services)

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* [Clinical Treatment guidelines for Methamphetamine dependence and treatment](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/researchandreports/clinical-treatment-guidelines-for-methamphetamine-dependence-and-treatment-2007)

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* [Protocol between Drug Treatment Services & Child Protection for working with parents with alcohol & other drug issues](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/researchandreports/Protocol-between-drug-treatment-services-amp-child-protection-for-working-with-parents-with-alcohol-amp-other-drug-issues--August-2002)

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## 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 |
| **Counting rule** | Needle and Syringe Program Data Collection |
| **Data source(s) collection** | * Needle and Syringe Program Data Collection
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| **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

The reporting requirements for this service are:

| **Data collection name** | **Data system**  | **Data set**  | **Reporting cycle** |
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| Needle and Syringe Program Data Collection | Manual Data Collection  | Needle and Syringe Program client survey data set  | Monthly |

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