NSP Snapshots Study

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Footscray

NSP

SHARPS

Braybrook

114 (24%) North Richmond

Box Hill/CHOPER Community Health

Mobile Health

68 (14%)

Outreach Service

Foot Patrol CBD

12% (n=51/431)

reported experiencing contact with police, with very few clients (n=10) reporting this impacting their use of NSP services.



Among clients reporting police engagement (n=51), most commonly this resulted in: »

Searched by police (n=10)

Questioned by police (n=10)





68% (n=266/421) of clients reported receiving government support payments, of which 47% of (n=123/264) clients reported having their payment reduced this year.

Among those clients (n=123), the impact of this was most commonly reported as difficulty/unable to:



Purchase food (63%)

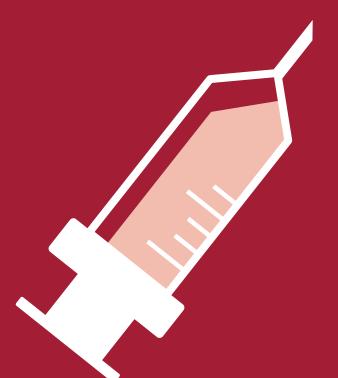


Pay bills (55%)



Pay rent/ mortgage (37%)

Last drug injected (449 respondents):



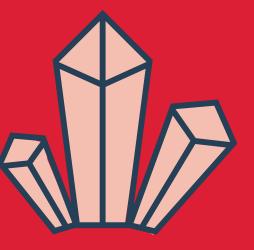
July 2021:

March 2021:

Heroin

49%

Methlines



30%

43%



4%



*Other: cocaine, MDMA, mixtures | PIEDs: Performance or Image Enhancing Drugs



























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Of 431 clients who responded to engagement with police in the last week, the prevalence of clients who experienced police contact at each site was:

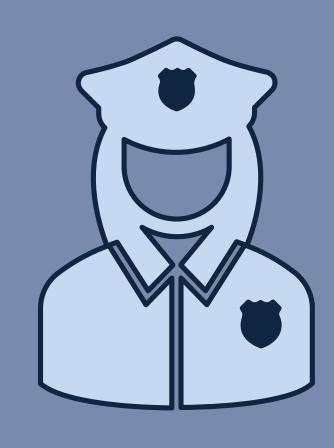
10% (m=5/50)



9% (n=6/70)



28% (n=16/57)



(n=<5/37)



13% (n=7/55)



17% (n=12/71)



(n=<5/68)



Of 421 clients who responded, the percentage of clients receiving government support payments by site:

55% (n=26/47)



72% (n=52/72)



96% (n=55/57)



62% (n=23/37)



62% (n=29/47)



54% (n=37/69)

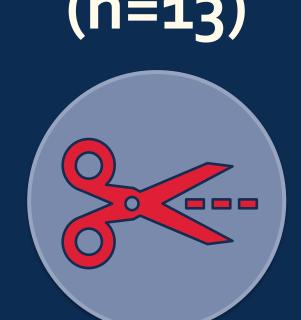


65% (n=44/68)



Of clients receiving government payments, the percentage of clients who reported a reduction in their payment, by site:

50% (n=13)



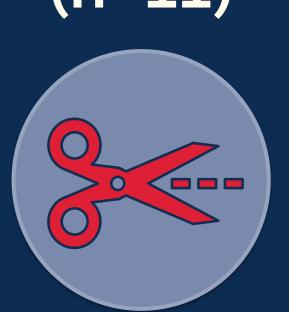
60% (n=31)



40% (n=22)



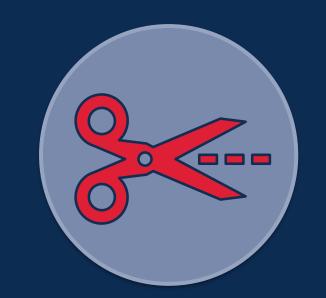
48% (n=11)



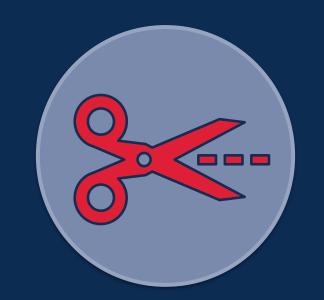
17% (n=5)



51% (n=19)



41% (n=18)



The last drug injected of clients who responded, by site:

21%

73%

51%

= Heroin, = Methamphetamine, = Other: PIEDs, pharmaceuticals, cocaine, MDMA, mixtures













