

NSP Snapshots Study

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There were **1034 service contacts** in this round that answered the Snapshots survey.

738 (71%)
Access Health St
Kilda

46 (4%)
Carrington Health
Box Hill/CHOPER

130 (13%)
North Richmond
Community Health

56 (6%)
cohealth
Braybrook

64 (6%)
Healthworks
Footscray

Since Stage 4 COVID-19 restrictions began,
44% of contacts reported that their drug use **remained stable**

11% use
decreased
a lot



20% use
decreased
a little

16% use
increased
a little



8% use
increased
a lot

24%
Range: 19-44%



of contacts had experienced
interactions with police

*Ranges between sites

Of overall sample:

51 (5%)
nothing
happened

74 (7%)
were issued
a warning



Contacts were fined for:

- for breaching curfew: **36 (3%)**
- being out of the house for a non-essential reason: **29 (3%)**
- for being more than 5km from home: **23 (2%)**
- not wearing masks: **18 (2%)**

Contacts were arrested for:

- drug-related charges: **8 (1%)**
- other charges: **10 (1%)**

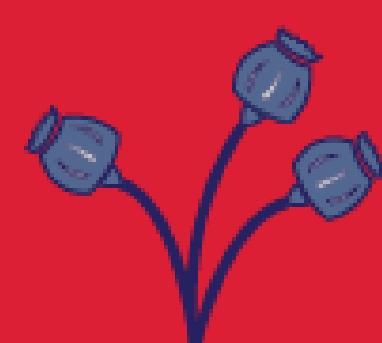
*Multiple responses could be recorded

Last drug injected:

Sept 2020:

June 2020:

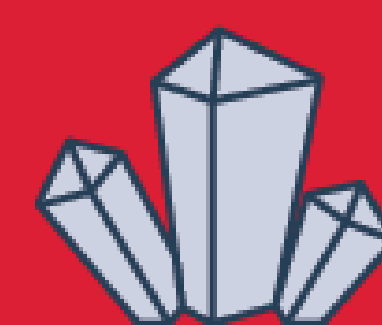
Heroin



51%

53%

**Meth/
amphetamines**



43%

39%

PIEDs



3%

3%

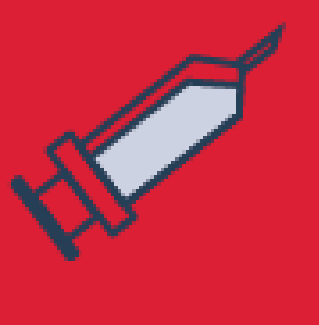
Pharmaceuticals



2%

2%

Other



1%

2%

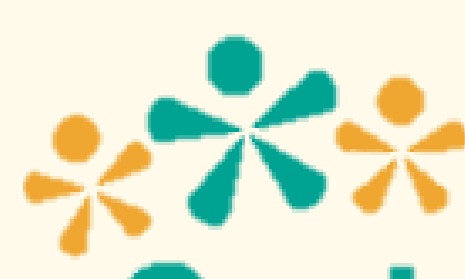
Other: cocaine, MDMA, mixtures | PIEDs: Performance or Image Enhancing Drugs



Access Health
and St Kilda 24/7
Needle and
Syringe Program



Burnet Institute
Medical Research. Practical Action.



**Carrington
Health**



Centre for
Research Excellence
into Injecting Drug Use

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care for all



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north richmond
community health

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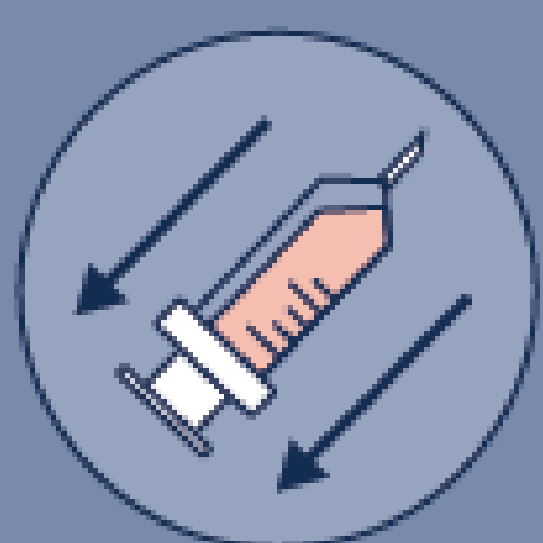
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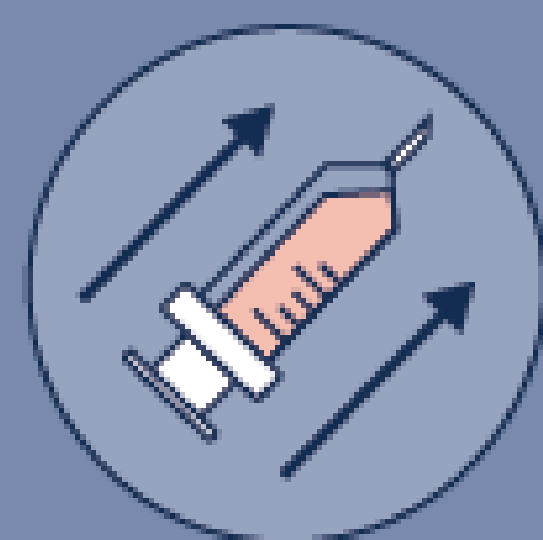
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29% drug use
decreased

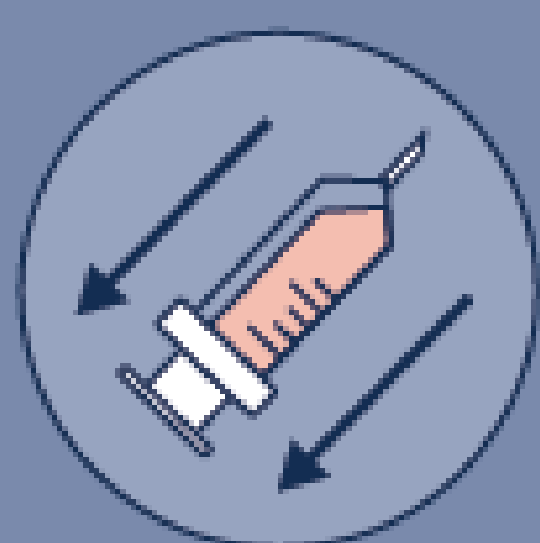


46% drug use
remained stable

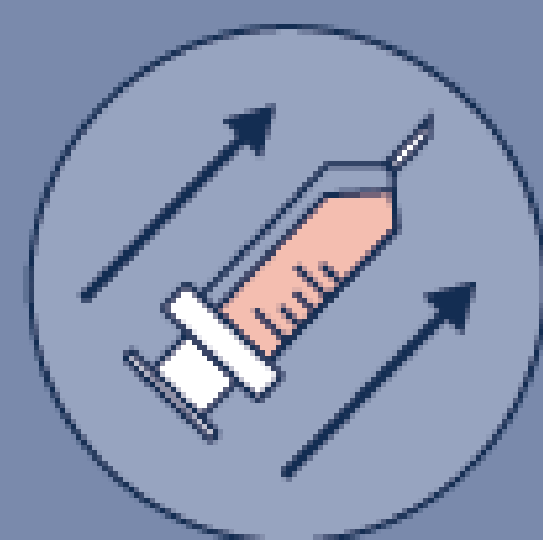


24% drug use
increased

44% drug use
decreased

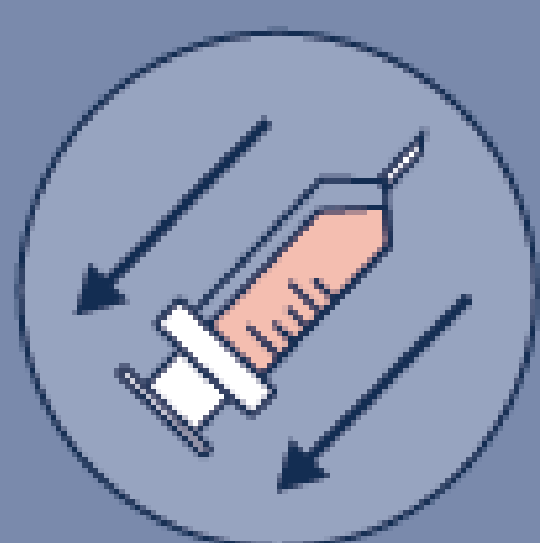


33% drug use
remained stable

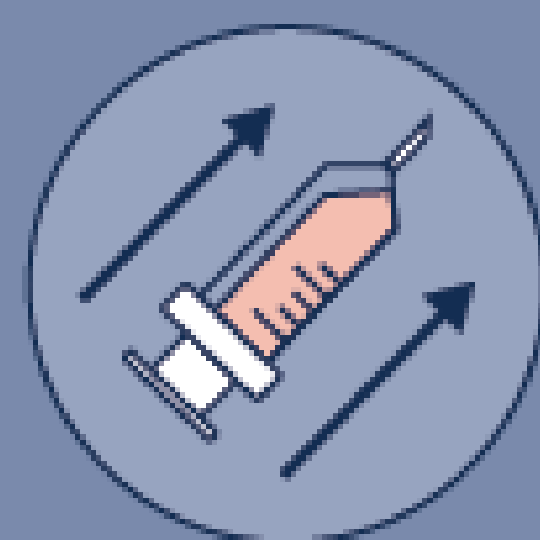


18% drug use
increased

25% drug use
decreased

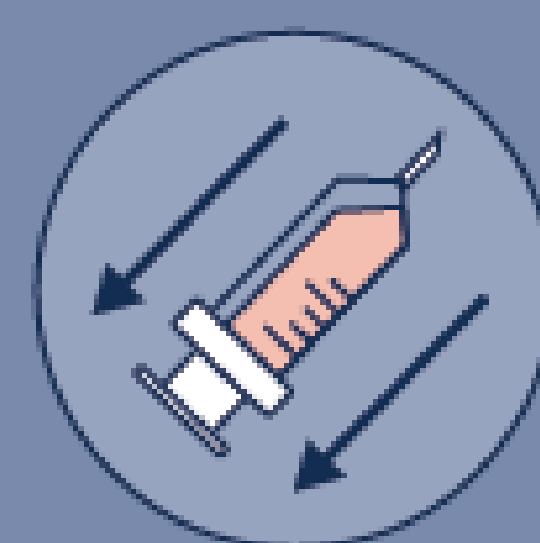


39% drug use
remained stable

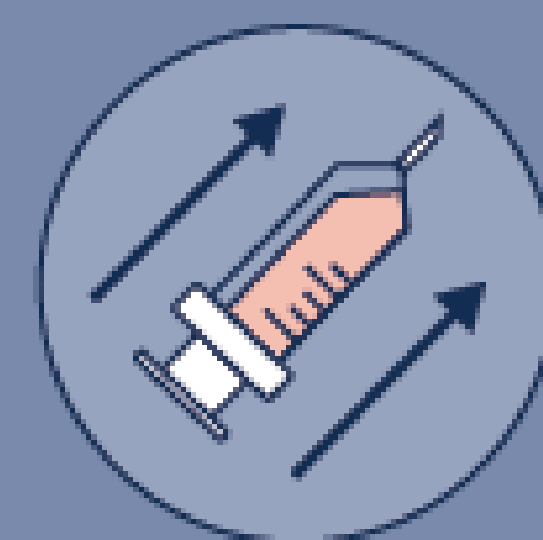


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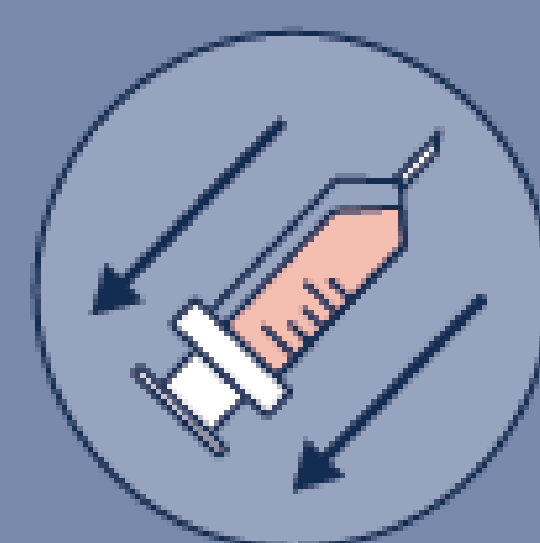


46% drug use
remained stable



25% drug use
increased

51% drug use
decreased



37% drug use
remained stable



13% drug use
increased

n=150
(22%)



n=9
(20%)



n=52
(44%)



n=11
(20%)



n=12
(19%)



of contacts had experienced interactions with police

Last drug injected:

*Other: PIEDs, pharmaceuticals, cocaine, MDMA, mixtures

43%
50%
6%*

34%
61%
4%*

82%
16%
<5*

77%
21%
<5*

63%
27%
<5*