

Colloquium 2015 Program

Prisons: Opportunities and challenges towards improving the health of people who inject drugs

9:00am Arrivals

9:15am Introduction
Professor Paul Dietze, Burnet Institute, Australia

Keynote Presentation

9:30am *Scotland's National Naloxone Programme: The Scottish Prison Service provision of naloxone-on-release*
Ms Kirsten Horsburgh, National Naloxone Coordinator, Scottish Drugs Forum, Scotland

10:10am Morning Tea

Session One – Chair: Professor Margaret Hellard, Burnet Institute

10:30am *Treatment of hepatitis within the Victorian prison system – a new model of care*
Professor Alexander Thompson, St. Vincent's Hospital, Australia

10:55am *Treatment and prevention of hepatitis C in the prison setting*
Professor Andrew Lloyd, University of New South Wales, Australia

11:20am *Evaluation of OST in prison on preventing drug related deaths following treatment release*
Professor Matthew Hickman, University of Bristol, England

11:45am *Through the eye of a needle behind bars: Human rights, incarceration, liquid and steel handcuffs*
Dr Eliot Ross Albers, International Network of People Who Use Drugs, England

12:10pm Panel Discussion

12:30pm Lunch

Session Two – Chair: Professor Stuart Kinner, Griffith University

1:15pm *Harm reduction in prison: How Australia compares to the rest of the world*
Professor Kate Dolan, University of New South Wales, Australia

1:40pm *The complexities of harm reduction in custodial settings*
Ms Larissa Strong, Department of Justice & Regulation, and Mr Rod Wise, Corrections Victoria, Australia

2:15pm *Prison needle exchange: Fact and fantasy*
Mr John Ryan, Pennington Institute, Australia

2:40pm *Using positive strategies as a pathway out of the criminal justice system*
Ms Carol Nikakis, Victorian Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders, Australia

3:05pm Panel Discussion

3:30pm Close

Speaker Biographies

Ms Kristen Horsburgh is the National Naloxone Coordinator at Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF). The SDF Team provides training and support for the national and local development of policy and practice for preventing overdose deaths in Scotland, through assisting the ongoing implementation of the Scottish Government-funded Take-Home Naloxone programme.

Dr Eliot Ross Albers has been an activist in the drug user rights movement for the best part of two decades and has a PhD in philosophy.

Professor Kate Dolan and colleagues started Australia's first needle and syringe program in 1986. Her PhD was on HIV in prisons. She conducts international research in Iran, Vietnam and Myanmar, is a consultant for United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and World Health Organization, and more than 150 publications.

Professor Matthew Hickman is a Professor in Public Health and Epidemiology at Bristol, and Honorary Public Health Consultant at Bristol City Council and Public Health England. His research program focuses on epidemiology and public health consequences of drug misuse including adolescent substance use, and epidemiology and prevention of hepatitis C (HCV) and drug related mortality.

Professor Andrew Lloyd is an infectious diseases physician, researcher and an NHMRC Practitioner Fellow. He is Director of the Inflammation and Infection Research Centre at the University of New South Wales. He leads a group studying epidemiological, clinical and basic science aspects of hepatitis C infection including in Hepatitis C Incidence and Transmission Study in prisons and an innovative nurse-led model of hepatitis treatment. He was awarded an Australia Medal for establishing the hepatitis service in New South Wales prisons.

Ms Carol Nikakis is the CEO of the Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. VACRO has a unique position within the Criminal Justice system, working with Corrections Victoria, the Courts, as well as offenders, both pre and post release. In previous roles, she was the CEO of Windana Alcohol and Drug Recovery.

Mr John Ryan has successfully advocated for policy change and increased funding for naloxone distribution to potential overdose witnesses, needle and syringe programs, and opioid substitution program access. A Churchill Fellow, he is currently a member of the Board of Harm Reduction International and the Victorian Premier's Ice Action Taskforce.

Ms Larissa Strong has been the Director - Justice Health (Victoria) for the last four years where she is responsible for health, and alcohol and other drug services, and programs across Victoria's prisons. She has more than twenty years' experience in social policy and program design.

Professor Alexander Thompson is Professor-Director of Gastroenterology at St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne (University of Melbourne) and holds an NHMRC Career Development Fellowship. His major research interest is the identification of host and viral determinants of the natural history and treatment outcomes of hepatitis B and C viruses. He was involved in the discovery of IL28B polymorphism as a predictor of treatment outcome in HCV.

Mr Rod Wise has more than 30 years' experience in corrections. His current role oversees the operation of Victoria's prisons, community corrections, prison industries, and education and training.

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