

# NSP Snapshots Study

## ACCESS HEALTH ST KILDA



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

Results from the third quarterly two-week snapshot: September 2020

The NSP Snapshots study aims to identify service use trends and describe service user experiences, needs and outcomes of Victorian Needle and Syringe Programs. This snapshot ran from 31 Aug – 13 Sept 2020.



738  
contacts



495  
contacts



657  
contacts

### Since Stage 4 COVID-19 restrictions began,

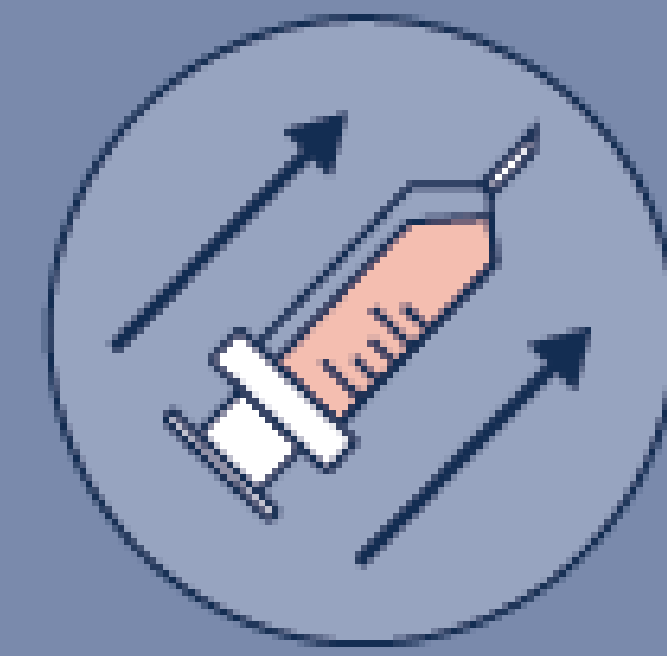
29% Use  
decreased



- 43% unable to afford
- 15% chose to reduce use
- 15% unable to travel to dealer
- 13% drug of choice is poor quality
- 8% drug of choice unavailable
- 6% other
- 4% started treatment

46% of  
contacts  
reported that  
their drug use  
remained  
stable

24% Use  
increased



- 25% more disposable income
- 31% drug of poor quality
- 43% other

22%



of contacts had experienced interactions with police

Of which:

21%  
nothing  
happened

30% were  
issued a  
warning



Some were fined:

- 18% for breaching curfew
- 11% being out of the house for a non-essential reason
- 11% being further than 5km from home
- 5% for not wearing masks

Some were arrested:

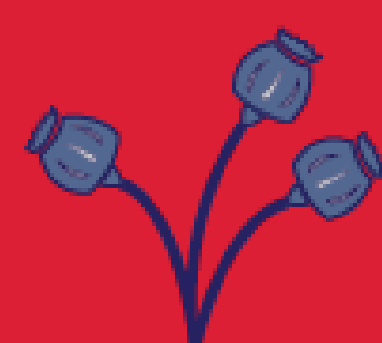
- 5% for a drug-related charge
- 6% for something else

### Last drug injected:

Sept 2020:

June 2020:

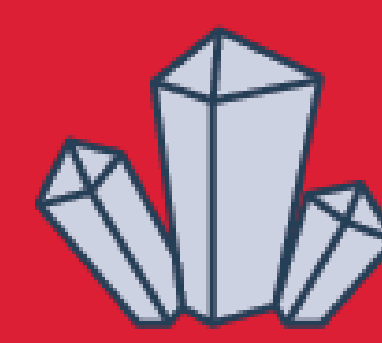
Heroin



43%

50%

Meth/  
amphetamines



50%

43%

PIEDS



3%

3%

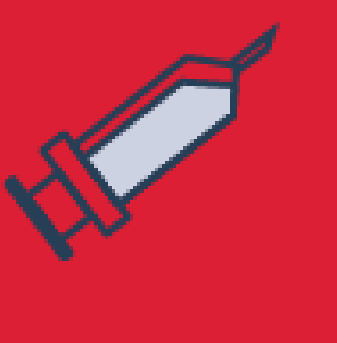
Pharmaceuticals



2%

2%

Other



1%

2%

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