

Street Outreach, Housing, and Supportive Housing

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Question

- What does the research say about street outreach and housing as a solution to rough sleeping?

- Commonwealth Government
 - Brisbane Street to Home
 - Sydney Way2Home
- Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)
 - Assertive Outreach
- Brisbane Common Ground Evaluation (QLD Gov)
- Supportive Housing (AHURI)

Assertive Street Outreach

- Purposeful and persistent
- Ongoing
- Most vulnerable
- Responds to critiques about coercion and street clearing (Fitzpatrick & Jones 2005)

Assertive Street Outreach

- Resources promote engagement and enable autonomy and self-determination
- Not passive recipients: Interactional and dynamic process
- “I don’t like services that are pushy. Neami puts suggestions into your head, let you think it’s your idea, but it’s theirs. They let you work out what you want”. (Male service user, Sydney)
- Successes

Housing?

- Incongruent with program and macro objectives
- No systematic processes to ensure access; no sense of how street outreach clients would 'compete' with or be prioritised alongside other applicants

Housing Success

- Public and Political campaign: 50 Lives 50 Homes
- Public and political concern (Platform 70)
- Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan (Common Ground)

Housing?

Variable	Program entry	Round 1	Round 2
Secure housing	0	62	69
Rough sleeping	76	3	2
Homeless other	1	12	6

Housing successes

- Removing Barriers
- Rent deduction
- Stated intention to change (not measured by us)
- Continuous street outreach
- Neighbourhood problems

Support in Housing?

- Insufficiently planned or funded
- Relying on 'mainstream' institutions that were either non-existent or inappropriate (to need and circumstances)
- Undermines street outreach capacity

Supportive Housing?

- What is it?
- Who provides it, what do they provide, how long do they provide it for, and who pays?
- What does it try to do?
- Scattered-site or single-site?