

Homeless Persons Program (HPP)

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Program	Homeless Person Program	
Program code	Multiple individual programs within HPP service subtype.	
Definition	<p>The RDNS Homeless Persons Program provides holistic health care to people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness, whilst facilitating access to mainstream services.</p> <p>Care is provided by a team of specialist community health nurses who work with and on behalf of marginalised people.</p>	
Responsibility	RDNS Homeless Persons Program.	
Referrals	<i>To</i>	HPP
	<i>From</i>	Multiple sources including other service providers (welfare, health etc).
Type of service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact at agencies frequented by homeless people or via outreach to people in parks/streets/squats/rooming houses/low cost accommodation. 2. Primary care including health assessment, clinical care, health education. 3. Referral to and liaison with other service providers. 4. Advocacy on behalf of homeless people individually and as a population group. 5. Health promotion. 	
Eligibility/criteria for accepting referral	People who are experiencing or who are at risk of homelessness.	
	<i>Overseas visitors</i>	Not applicable.
Health insurance	Not applicable.	
Fees	Nil	
Liaison charge	Nil	
Consumables	Provided by HPP at no cost to client.	
Continuity of care/Core	Not applicable.	
Access responsiveness	According to need with contact as soon as possible.	

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RDNS policy reference	Not applicable.
Contract/agreement	Some HPP staff positions are funded under FFS contracts.
<i>Contract responsibility</i>	CEO
<i>Contact responsibility</i>	HPP Manager. General Manager/Director of Nursing North and West Regions.
<i>Expiry date</i>	As per individual agreement.
Other programs permitted	CACP HITH HOC Interim Care Linkages PAC Palliative Care Share Care or TICPC RITH Transitional Care <u>NB</u> : FFS fee schedules take priority.
Comments	HPP funding sources include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS HACC • DHS IHSY • FFS
Reference/source of information	DHS/HPP service agreement.

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