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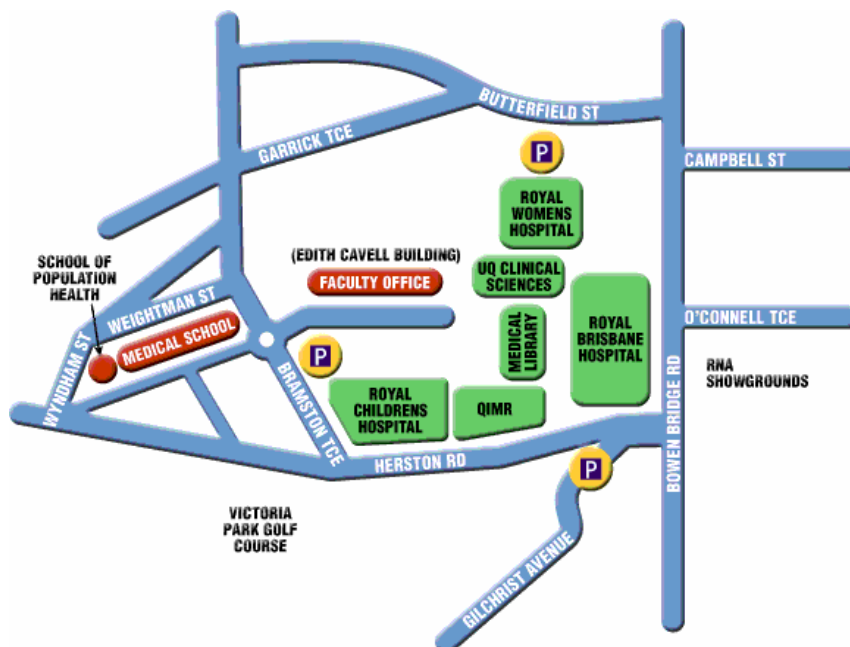
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<p><i>Tackling Drugs: Changing lives in Queensland prisons.</i></p> <p>TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 2-3 pm</p> <p>Jeff Powis, Manager, Drug Strategy Unit, Queensland Corrective Services</p>	<p>There is a widespread recognition of significant linkage between drug use and criminality with 60 to 80 per cent of offenders reporting that drug use contributed to their offending behaviour. Managing high numbers of offenders who regularly use illicit substances, or who use licit substances to harmful levels presents a major challenge to correctional administrators. It requires a delicate balancing act to deliver harm minimisation treatment approaches within a harsh and zero-tolerance environment. A new Queensland Corrective Services Drug Strategy has been developed and will deliver a range of supply reduction, demand reduction and harm reduction initiatives while recognizing that abstinence is not necessarily an offender's preferred option. This presentation will overview some of the issues and considerations that constantly challenge correctional policy makers and will talk to some strategy initiatives.</p>
<p><i>A Pilot Study of After-Hours Needle and Syringe Dispensing Machines in Queensland.</i></p> <p>TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 10-11:30 am</p> <p>Andrew Conroy, Research Officer, Queensland Needle and Syringe Program, Queensland Health.</p>	<p>After-hours needle and syringe dispensing machines (NDM) have been piloted in Queensland on a limited basis in 2005 and 2006. After-hours NDM are intended to complement rather than replace staffed needle and syringe programs. The purpose of the pilot was to assess whether after-hours NDM can enhance access to sterile injecting equipment.</p> <p>For injectors to have optimal access to injection equipment it is ideal for programs to be available outside regular business hours, which is a significant budgetary challenge. In regional areas there are additional challenges. Injectors may have to travel long distances to acquire equipment, and where local programs do exist concerns about anonymity can deter them from presenting to programs.</p> <p>After-hours NDM provide a practical means of responding to these challenges. They can be available when other programs may be closed or inaccessible. For any real enhancement to occur, however, it is important that NDM operation does not detract from the established modes of program delivery.</p> <p>An evaluation has been completed of the first phase of this pilot. This presentation will examine the evaluation methodology and key findings.</p>
<p><i>The Statewide Rollout of Indigenous Risk Impact Screen and Brief Intervention (IRIS)</i></p> <p>TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER, 10-11 am</p> <p>Coralie Ober, Research Fellow, Queensland Alcohol and Drug Research and Education Centre, University of Queensland.</p>	<p>Until the development of IRIS there was a lack of a culturally appropriate risk screening instrument that met the specific needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in respect of drugs and alcohol, mental health and environmental factors. The screening tool and brief intervention were developed for the identification and initial intervention for Indigenous populations. This presentation will give an overview of the IRIS and detail the process of its introduction across Queensland.</p>
<p><i>Good Sports</i></p> <p>TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER, 10-11 am</p> <p>Kerry McAllister, State Manager (QLD) Good Sports</p>	<p>This presentation covers a new initiative of the Australian Drug Foundation, the Good Sports Program – an alcohol management program primarily designed for community sports clubs. The presentation will focus on ADF research and statistics around sport and alcohol and outline the program's objectives and benefits for local clubs and communities.</p>

<p><i>SmokeCheck: Training healthworkers to deliver an Indigenous Tobacco Brief Intervention.</i></p> <p>TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 10-12 noon</p> <p>Pele Bennet, Indigenous Project Officer Centre for Drug and Alcohol Studies ADTRU, Biala</p>	<p>This presentation will be an overview of training health workers statewide to deliver an Indigenous Tobacco Brief Intervention.</p>
<p><i>Is the RRISK worth It? Working in partnership to reduce adolescent risk taking</i></p> <p>TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 11 – 12noon</p> <p>Reyna Dight, Co-ordinator, Alcohol Projects Health Promotion Unit, Population Health, Planning and Performance, North Coast Area Health Service Lismore.</p>	<p>Adolescent risk taking associated with alcohol, drugs, driving and celebrating may result in unacceptably high levels of injury and trauma.</p> <p>RRISK (Reduce Risk, Increase Student Knowledge) is a health promotion program that addresses risk-taking behaviour amongst year 10/11 students in 26 high schools in northern NSW since 1999. It is managed by an intersectoral partnership representing health, education, road safety and local government.</p> <p>The program includes a well-designed, multi-strategic full-day seminar, preceded and followed by a range of in-school activities. A comprehensive outcome evaluation, funded by NSW Motor Accident Authority, has demonstrated that RRISK is positively influencing student knowledge, attitudes and behaviours.</p> <p>The presentation will provide an overview of the RRISK program, reflections on the successful intersectoral partnership and results from the pre/post evaluation of student knowledge, attitudes and behaviour.</p>
<p><i>Trends in Queensland Illicit Drug Markets: Findings of the 2006 Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) and Party Drugs Initiative (PDI)</i></p> <p>TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER, 10-11.30 am</p> <p>Dr Stuart Kinner, NHMRC Research Fellow</p>	<p>The Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS) and Party Drugs Initiative (PDI) are annual, national drug monitoring projects that serve as a strategic early-warning system for emerging trends and patterns in illicit drug use and associated harms. This presentation will provide an overview of findings from the 2006 Queensland IDRS and PDI. Topics covered will include: demographic characteristics of illicit drug consumers; patterns of drug use and associated health harms; treatment seeking behaviour and engagement with the health sector; price, purity and availability of illicit drugs commonly used in Queensland and criminal justice indicators of illicit drug market activity. Findings from 2006 will be compared with previous years to identify trends in illicit drug markets; policy implications of these trends will be considered.</p>