



Stable Housing Pilot Project Project Information

The Stable Housing Pilot Project intervenes in homelessness before it occurs.

With our partners, AccessHC have developed a world first screening tool which identifies homelessness early. The tool is supported by resources for clients and care providers alike and connected by tailored referral pathways, training and support for referrers. The project will be piloted in the cities of Boroondara, Manningham and Yarra. Through a research partnership we will test the project's efficacy and make adjustments to the project resources for a sustainable community-wide implementation.

The Pilot

We are seeking 8-12 varied community agencies to be involved in the pilot. Agencies will be provided with training sessions for their staff on identifying homelessness and using the At-Risk Tool. The tool will also be available online to aid referral.

On identifying a client at risk of homelessness, agencies can forward the At-Risk of Homelessness Tool to our partner Homelessness Services Agencies (HSA) who will contact the client and take action to maintain them in stable, sustainable housing. HSAs will record the referral, its appropriateness and any action taken. AccessHC will maintain regular contact with pilot sites and HSAs throughout the pilot to provide support and trouble shoot any issues.

Targets

Our project has three key performance measures:

- the number of participating agencies identified to take part
- a progressive uptake and use of the At-Risk Tool for referrals by clinicians to HSAs over the pilot period
- that 70% of referrals received by HSAs are appropriate

Long term Outcome

This project is designed to demonstrate the value of identifying and addressing homelessness before it occurs. The results of the pilot will be communicated through the health and social services sector using academic and industry publications, conferences and network meetings. Our ultimate aim is to see that use of the At-Risk Tool becomes common practice within health and social service agencies across Victoria.

More Information

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