



Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Quarterly Report
July-September 2013

There have been 101 people referred for Alcohol Mandatory Treatment during the July-September 2013 quarter.

The Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Act commenced operation on 1 July 2013. Assessment and Treatment services are in operation in Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine and Alice Springs. The first patient was admitted to an assessment service on 12 July 2013. The trigger for referral to an Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Assessment service is a third episode of protective custody for alcohol intoxication within the previous two month period.

Assessment phase commences when the person is referred from protective custody. The patient is assessed by nursing and medical staff and offered treatment for alcohol withdrawal and comprehensive primary health care. There is a 96 hour period for the Senior Assessment Clinician to complete an assessment report to the Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal. Once lodged the Tribunal has 96 hours to convene and make a Treatment Order. These orders may be for periods of up to three months, and may be either Residential or Community Treatment Orders, or alternatively a Release Order is made.

Treatment phase involves ongoing management of drug withdrawal and treatment of primary health care needs as well as treatment of addiction. Re-linking patients with their family and support structures, behaviour and resilience therapy and reconnecting with employment and skills development are also key objectives of treatment.

Aftercare Plans come in to effect when the patient has completed their Treatment Order. They are developed when patients enter the treatment service and continue to be refined during their treatment. Patients on Aftercare Plans are monitored by case managers after completing mandatory treatment. The Aftercare Plan will typically link the person to ongoing support in the community including accommodation, primary health care, ongoing treatment for the management of addiction and other supports identified by the Senior Treatment Clinician.

People are released before or during treatment for a variety of reasons. These include being assessed as unable to benefit from a period of mandatory treatment, having mental health or other health issues that exclude them from the program or in some cases having been assessed as having sufficient community supports to not require mandatory treatment.

Admissions to AMT Health Services to the end of 30 September 2013				
	Darwin	Katherine	Alice Springs	Total
People currently in Assessment	6	3	6	15
People currently on a Treatment Order	28	9	24	61
People currently being supported through Aftercare	4	0	0	4
People released before or during treatment	12	2	6	20
People assessed with no order made		1		1
Total	50	15	36	101