PIE D S users’ health care- creating health resources for PIE Ds users in Melbourne

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Background: PIE Ds users generally do not access health care due to negative experiences. Engagement in health care would have beneficial health outcomes for PIE Ds users, so creating these appropriate health resources would be a crucial step to engaging PIE Ds users into health care.

Description of model of care/intervention: As a first step to engaging PIE Ds users into health care, we have tried to increase the number of resources that can deliver this health care, in particular medical services. We will describe our recruitment process and partnership with different organisations including APSAD, VHITTAL, Department of Health to help achieve this goal.

Effectiveness: We have started to recruit interested doctors and within 12 months, will have an increase in resources for PIE Ds users to go to for their health care.

Conclusion and next steps: It had been difficult to find the right doctors to provide health care for PIE Ds users in Melbourne. New doctors not working in the area of AOD medicine were recruited and education provided to increase the referral resources for PIE Ds users. This process will need to continue for PIE Ds users to have easier access to health services. We would then be able to promote this widely to PIE Ds users so that they can reduce any harm from their PIE Ds use. With the availability of extra health services, we intend to publicise PIE Ds health care through consumer events and doctors’ events as well as raising awareness through journals and newsletters.

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