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Introduction / Issues OR Introduction and Aims: In March 2019 the Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Sector Network published the Queensland Alcohol and other Drugs Treatment and Harm Reduction Outcomes Framwork (THROF). The THROF is the first of its kind in Australia and provides a common scaffolding from which Queensland alcohol and other drugs (AOD) treatment and harm reduction services can measure their impact. It suggests a series of outcome indicators that, when measured and considered in the context of each other and specific treatment types, help to inform service quality.

Method / Approach OR Design and Methods: The THROF was developed by a partnership of statewide AOD policy, sector and workforce development organisations based on direct input, feedback and research from AOD treatment providers from across Queensland as well as clients from AOD services. The Queensland AOD Sector Network brought together sector leaders from across the state in June 2018 to vote for endorsement of the framework before it’s release in 2019.

Key Findings OR Results: Measuring outcomes in alcohol and other drugs treatment extends beyond client level change. In addition to the inclusion of client outcome indicators, it was essential to include organisational indicators, and system indicators, which also influence and predict service quality. Most outcome indicators described by service providers were considered by service providers as universal to all treatment types. A range of tools are considered appropriate for measuring outcome indicators in the Queensland context.

Discussions and Conclusions: There has been strong interest from service providers in implementing the framework within their service. The Queensland AOD Sector Network is supporting implementation throughout 2019/20.

Implications for Practice or Policy: There is an opportunity to build on this work and produce similar sector led frameworks in each state and territory.

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