

CHANGES TO NSPs

HOBART & GLENORCHY

Dear Friends

Recently you may have heard some talk about changes happening to the NSP outlets currently operated by TasCAHRD. This letter is to advise you of changes that will be happening from the end of June 2011.

The Tasmanian Council on AIDS, Hepatitis and Related Diseases (TasCAHRD) has decided to cease its direct involvement in the delivery of the Needle and Syringe Program. This does not mean a reduction in NSP services in Hobart or Glenorchy. From the end of June this year, Anglicare will be taking over the operating of both outlets. Anglicare has previously run the Glenorchy outlet for 4 years and has recently increased its focus on drug and alcohol related services.

The change does not mean TasCAHRD has lost interest in the issues affecting people who inject drugs. TasCAHRD will be continuing to work behind the scene and supporting NSPs across Tasmania, particularly in regard to hepatitis and HIV prevention.

What do the Changes Mean for You?

In Hobart:

The outlet will be relocating to **18 Watchorn Street**, Hobart. The entrance to the outlet will be located off the Anglicare car park, separate to the main entrance of Anglicare office. A vending machine is also being installed to allow after hour's access to some equipment.

In Glenorchy:

The outlet will continue to operate from its current location at 2 Terry Street, Glenorchy.

There may be some minor changes to opening hours but, as usual, we will keep you in the loop.

When will the changes happen?

The change over for both outlets will take place from Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July.

In Hobart, this will mean both the TasCAHRD and Anglicare outlets will be operational and the TasCAHRD outlet will be close from the Friday afternoon (1st July). From Monday 4th of July, only the Anglicare outlet will be operating in Hobart.

TasCAHRD and Anglicare are working together with DHHS to minimise any impact on people accessing the outlets. We appreciate your patience during this change.

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