**Support for people with mental illness Evaluation Plan**

This is an Easy Read of   
Community Based Mental Health Programs Evaluation Plan  
for use with screen readers

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**More information:**

[**https://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/research/projects/evaluation-of-cls-and-hasi/**](https://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/research/projects/evaluation-of-cls-and-hasi/)



**About this Easy Read**

This is about a plan to do research.

The research is about mental illness.

Mental illness is common in Australia.

One in five people have a mental illness.

Some mental illnesses are:

* depression
* anxiety
* schizophrenia

People from the Social Policy Research Centre do the research.

The Social Policy Research Centre is called SPRC for short.

The research looks at programs that help people with mental illness.

**About the programs**

The research is about 2 programs by NSW Health.

Theprograms are called

Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI)

and Community Living Supports (CLS).

The programs provide services so people with mental illness can improve their lives.

The programs help people to reach their goals.

For example:

Do shopping or cooking

Move from hospital or prison back to home

Learn new skills

Find a job

Make new friends

Find other help, like drug or alcohol services.

**What this research does**

The research looks at what is good about the programs.

We look at the cost of the programs.

We want to find out how the programs can be better.

The research happens from November 2017 until January 2020.

**How we do the research**

Listen to people’s stories

Do phone interviews

Read documents

Look at other information about people in the programs such as:

how their mental illness can affect their physical health.

**We talk to different people**

People who use the programs

Families and carers

People who work for the programs

People from the government.

**Peer researchers**

Peer researchers have a lived experience of the topic they are researching.

In this research, peer researchers are people who have a mental illness.

Some peer researchers are Aboriginal.

Peer researchers help plan this research.

They help do the research.

They give advice about how to include different people in the research.