

ATDC Budget Priority Statement 2022–23 additional information

This additional data supports the funding priority '**Community-based withdrawal beds**' outlined in the ATDC Budget Priority Statement 2022–23 available on the ATDC website: atdc.org.au/bps-2022-23

Residential rehabilitation beds and withdrawal beds in Tasmania

Year	Community-managed residential rehabilitation beds	Residential beds ¹	IPWU ² beds
2010	South The Tasmanian Bridge Program (Salvation Army) Hobart 12 beds	41	10
	North Missiondale (Launceston City Mission) Evandale 24 beds		
	North-west Serenity House (Launceston City Mission) Sulphur Creek 5 beds (some unfunded)		
2015	South Velocity Transformations (Pathways Tasmania) Hobart opens additional 12 beds	53	10
2016	North-west The Tasmanian Bridge Program (Salvation Army) Ulverstone opens additional 12 beds	65	10
2018 ³	South The Tasmanian Bridge Program (Salvation Army) Hobart additional 16 beds	94	10
	North Missiondale (Launceston City Mission) Evandale additional 10 beds		
	North-west Serenity House (Launceston City Mission) Sulphur Creek additional 6 beds (now all funded)		
2020	South COVID-19 pandemic restrictions reduce Hobart IPWU capacity	94	6
	South Velocity Transformations (Pathways Tasmania) Hobart women's facility additional 8 beds	102	6
	South Detox@home trial funding announced	102	6
Dec 2021	South COVID-19 pandemic restrictions ease, restoring some Hobart IPWU capacity	102	9
	South The Tasmanian Bridge Program (Salvation Army) Hobart currently 28 beds		
	South Velocity Transformations (Pathways Tasmania) Hobart currently 20 beds		
	North Missiondale (Launceston City Mission) Evandale currently 34 beds		
	North-west The Tasmanian Bridge Program (Salvation Army) Ulverstone currently 12 beds		
North-west Serenity House (Launceston City Mission) Sulphur Creek currently 8 beds	South 48 North 34 North-west 20	South 9 North 0 North-west 0	
2022	South COVID-19 contingency plan could see IPWU capacity shrink to 6	114	6–9
	North-west Serenity House (Launceston City Mission) relocating to Burnie additional 12 beds		

1 While Serenity House provided beds in 2010, some of these were drawn from Launceston City Mission's own cash reserves. When funding for 6 beds was announced in 2018, this allowed the organisation to reconfigure and thus add an additional three beds. Serenity currently provides 8 beds at the Sulphur Creek facility.

2 Inpatient Withdrawal Unit (IPWU)

3 Please see above to explain the slight discrepancy in numbers of beds.

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Policy and funding announcements

Since 2008 there have been four reviews of the alcohol and other drug service system. A consistent theme across all is a focus on the provision of residential rehabilitation beds and improved access to withdrawal management services.

2008 *Future Service Directions*⁴ released, this plan:

- identifies as a priority the development of withdrawal management services for the north and north west of Tasmania;
- recommends greater access to residential rehab beds; and
- recommends alternative and diverse best practice detox models.

2014 *Review of Drug Use and Service Responses in North West Tasmania*⁵ released, this review:

- recommended that clients from the north west have better access to detox services; and
- prompted commencement of funding for transport for clients from the north of the state to IPWU.

2018 *A single Tasmanian alcohol and other drugs (AOD) service system framework (Siggins Miller report)* released, which:

- identified a significant under-supply of residential rehabilitation beds; and
- resulted in announcement of funding for 25 more residential rehab beds.

2020 **COVID-19 pandemic restrictions:**

- reduced IPWU capacity from ten beds down to six, located in Hobart.

2020 *Reform Agenda for Alcohol and other Drug Sector in Tasmania*⁶ released, which:

- identifies a need for better integration between withdrawal management and residential rehabilitation; and
- resulted in funding announcement for Detox@Home trial in the south of Tasmania.

2021 **COVID-19 pandemic restrictions eased:**

- restoring some IPWU capacity, with a current capacity of nine beds, located in Hobart.

⁴ Department of Health and Human Services, 2009. *Future Service Directions*. accessed online 25/11/2021, found here:

https://www.health.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/38578/ATOD_Future_Service_Directions_-_A_Five_Year_Plan.pdf

⁵ Tasmanian Health Organisation- South, 2014. *Review of Drug Use and Service Responses in North West Tasmania*. accessed online 25/11/2021, found here:

https://www.health.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/174848/Final_Report_Review_of_Drug_Use_in_NW_Tasmania.pdf

⁶ Siggins Miller, 2017. *A single Tasmanian alcohol and other drugs (AOD) service system framework*. accessed online 25/11/2021, found here:

https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/340129/Final_Report.pdf