Methamphetamine Use In Tasmania: Key Indicators 2019

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Note: IDRS interviews people who frequently inject drugs and EDRS interviews people that regularly use psychostimulants or ‘party drugs’ in Hobart [1,2]. These interviews tell us only about trends in people that are heavily engaged in substance use, not changes in the general population.

Methamphetamine Use Trends in Samples of People Who Frequently Consume Drugs in Hobart

The overall proportion of IDRS and EDRS samples reporting methamphetamine use has changed little in the past 5 years. However, among people who frequently inject, the use of the high potency crystal form has been increasing. In particular, the median days used has increased substantially to approximately once every three days among this group.

Methamphetamine transactions regionally 2018/19

There may be regional differences in use as a larger proportion of transactions for sterile injecting equipment are for methamphetamine in the Northern parts of the state than in the South. This is important to note as IDRS and EDRS consumer data all come from the South of the state.

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