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# WMH-Emergency

## Alcohol and Other Drug Program

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# ED Projects - Victoria

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- Provision of funding from the Department of Health until June 2017 to support the better management of AOD related emergency department presentations.
- Increasing understanding of the benefits of early intervention, particularly during periods of crisis.
- Flexible funding structure to allow hospitals to respond to the needs of the local community.
- Funding has been provided to 15 metropolitan and 6 rural hospital EDs that experience high levels of AOD related presentations.
- Overall aim is to improve the quality of care for people presenting with AOD related problems and to provide timely access to appropriate AOD assessment and treatment.



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# ED AOD Program

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- WMH has no other AOD or Addiction Medicine services.
- Previous reliance on mental health services for support / treatment of those with AOD related problems.
- Very different field of health care.
- Significant gaps in service provision prior to the implementation of this project.
- Employment of a dual diagnosis specialist nurse to develop and run this program.



# ED AOD Program

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- Once someone is identified to have harmful alcohol or other drug use a referral can be made to the ED AOD Program.
- Referrals can occur for either inpatients or outpatients.
- Referrals are accepted for anyone who has presented to the WMH-ED within a one week period.
- Provision of comprehensive dual diagnosis assessments for inpatients and outpatients.
- Provision of short term follow up to establish linkages with community providers.



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# ED AOD Program


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- Focus of program via primary and secondary consultation:
  - Managing intoxication.
  - Withdrawal management.
  - Comprehensive AOD assessments.
  - Dual Diagnosis assessments.
  - Treatment recommendations.
  - Short term follow up.
- Community development.
- Health Promotion.
- Harm reduction.



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**Emergency Department  
Alcohol and Other Drug  
Program**

**Do you use alcohol or other  
drugs?**

**Are you concerned about your  
alcohol or other drug use?**

**Is your attendance to the  
emergency department is  
related to your alcohol or other  
drug use?**

**If you have answered yes to any of these  
questions you can request to see the Alcohol and  
Other Drug Specialist Nurse in the Emergency  
Department.**

**Speak to your nurse for further information.**



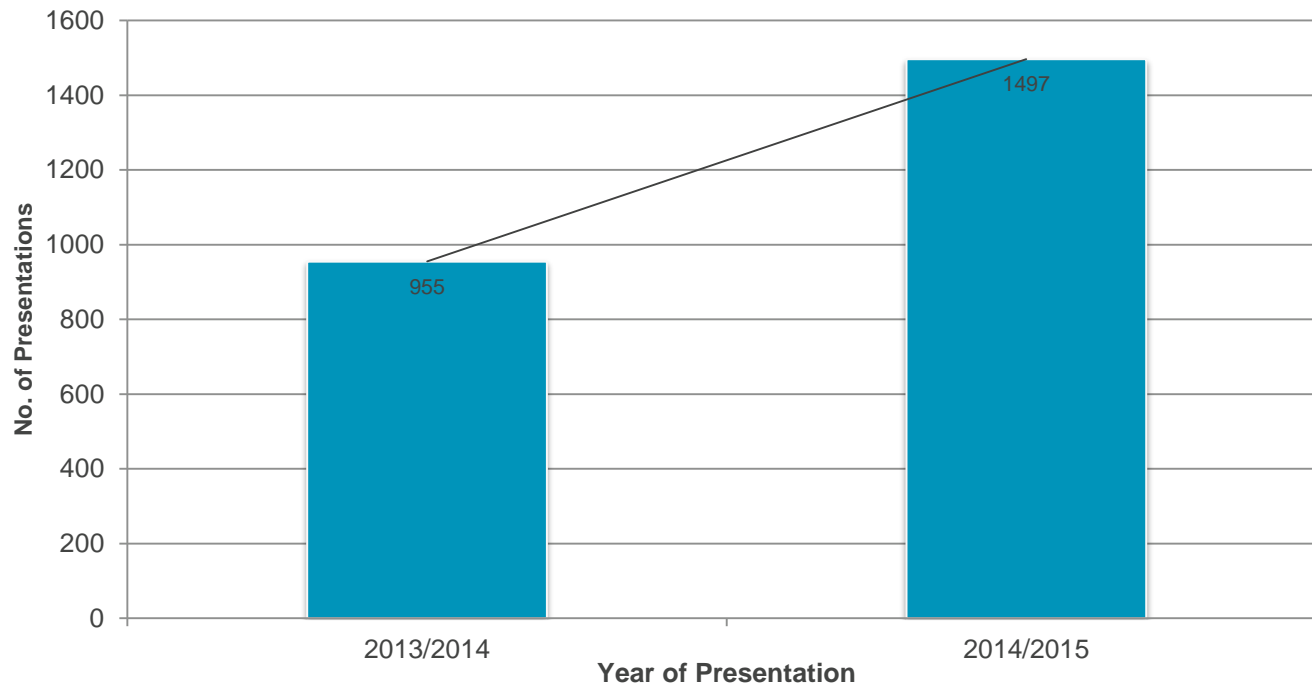


# Overall Presentations



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Total Number of ATOD Related Presentations  
2013/2014 vs. 2014/2015

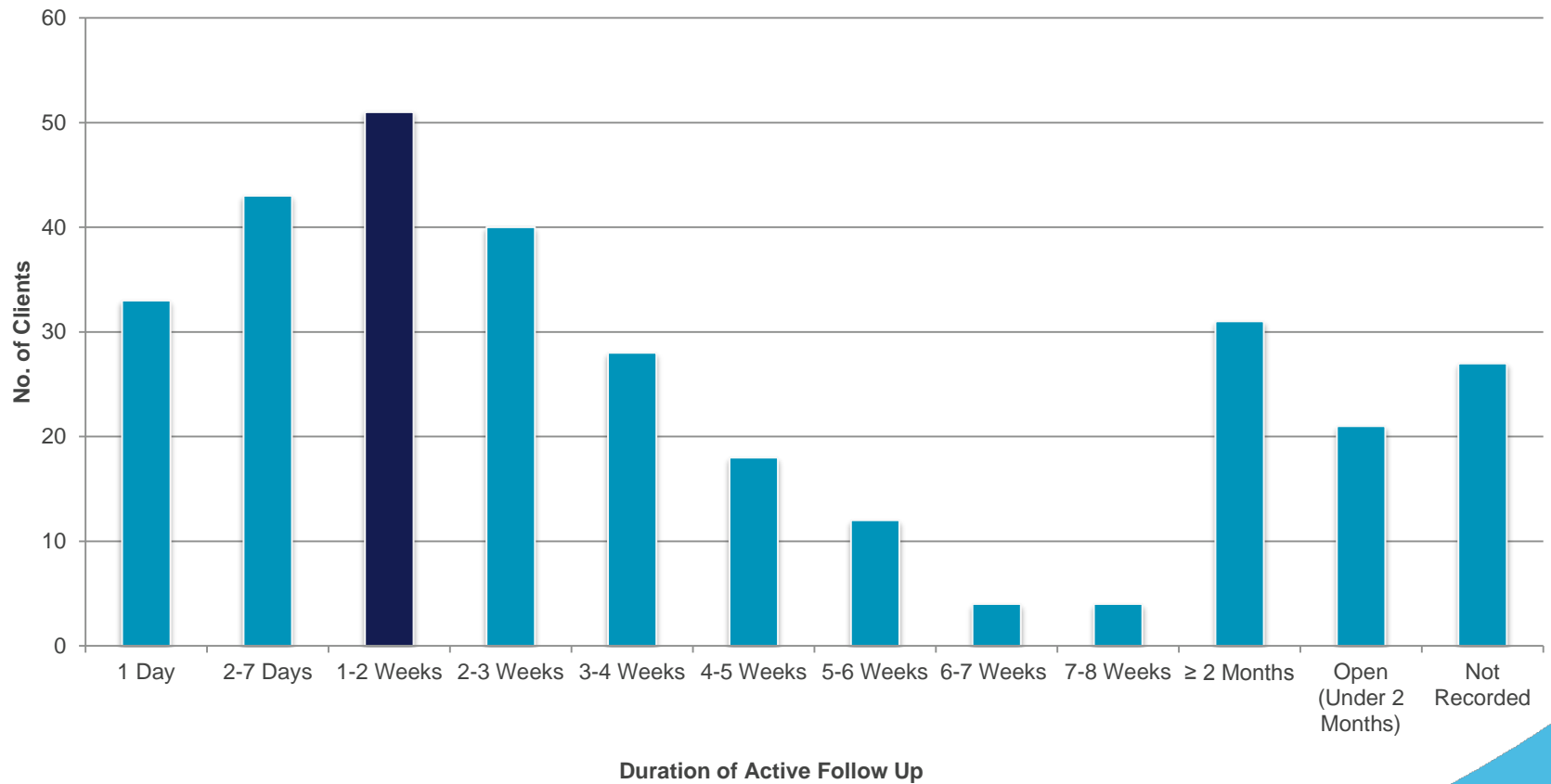






# ED AOD Program Referrals

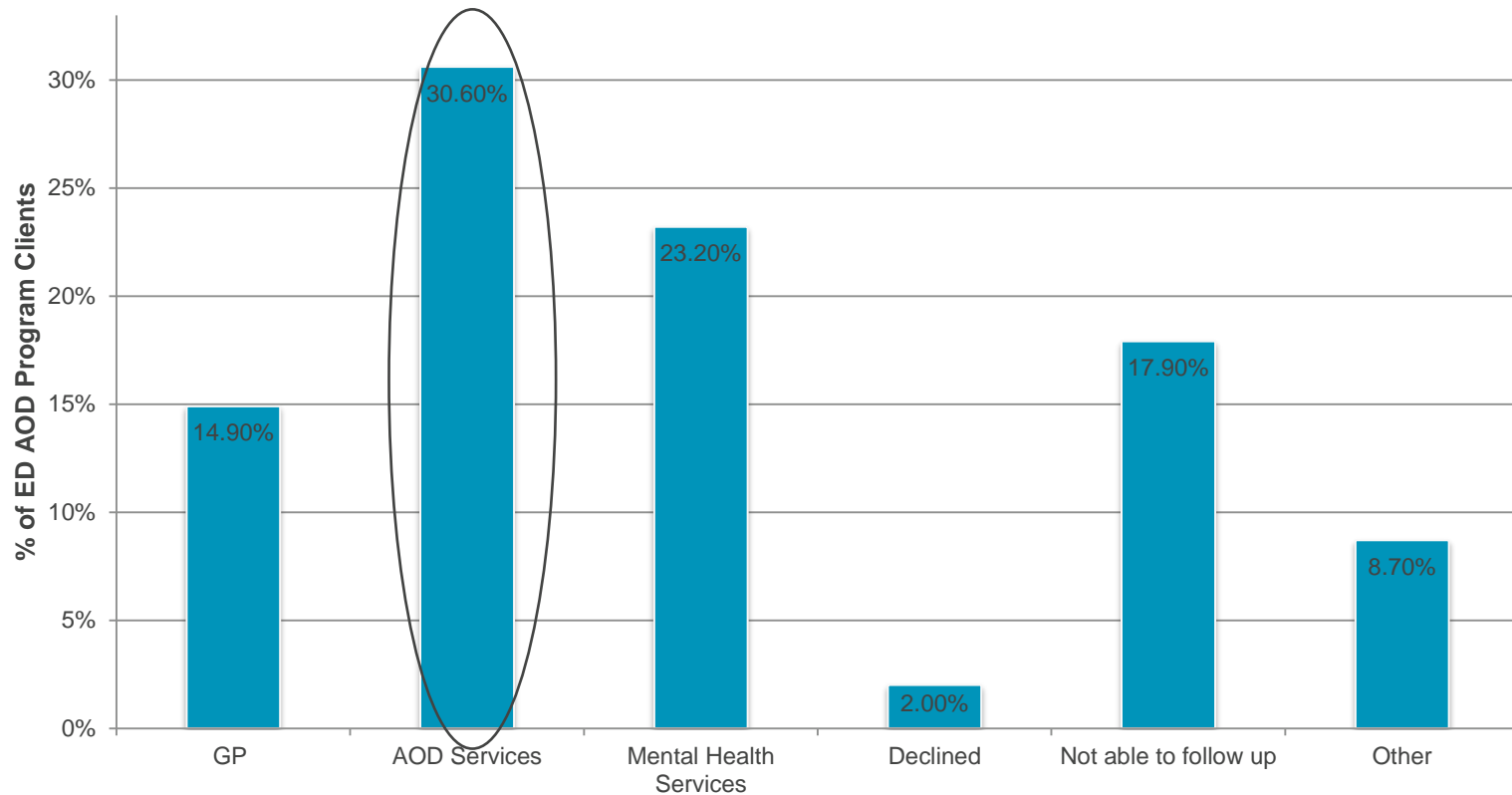
Length of Involvement - ED AOD Program  
2014/2015





# ED AOD Program Referrals

Major Follow Up Services  
Specific Areas





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# Desired Outcomes

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- Reduction in rates of recurring presentations.
- Increased rates of access into treatment.
- Improved adherence to NEAT targets in the ED.
- Increased staff confidence in responding to and working with people with AOD related problems.
- Improved relationships between general health, mental health and alcohol and other drug service providers.

# Questions?

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