

TASMANIA CONSULTATION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Invitation

We would like to invite you to take part in a Tasmania-wide consultation on the topic of law enforcement and public health. The Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES - University of Tasmania) has put together an issues paper which presents a number of themes and issues intended to facilitate a state-wide, community-wide, cross-sector discussion about better ways to deliver services to all Tasmanians.

2. What is the purpose of this consultation?

The purpose of this consultation, via the issues paper, is to present the synergies of law enforcement and public health, and the idea of collective impact, as pathways to explore the opportunities for Tasmania and introduce new ways to think about collaboration in the field. The paper explores the potential benefits, as well as the challenges, in the implementation of a Collective Impact initiative in law enforcement and public health in Tasmania.

3. Why have I been invited to participate?

You are invited to take part in this consultation either as a community member, or as a practitioner working in all sectors of government. You may participate in a personal or professional capacity. Your input, in any way or form (online via the survey, by email or by postmail) in this process, can provide the more tangible building blocks to address service-delivery issues, the joint work of agencies in the field as well as at the policy level.

Filling in this survey is voluntary; there are no consequences if you decide not to participate.

Note that submitting a response by the post, email or online will be considered as your consent to participate.

You may submit several responses throughout the consultation.

4. What will I be asked to do?

The Issues Paper is a first step towards creating a safe space to explore new options for service delivery, coming from the very individuals and organisations involved in that process. It presents existing concepts and models of agency collaboration and integration. With the view to exploring opportunities for Tasmania, initiatives from elsewhere are presented with solution oriented therapeutic service delivery at their core. There are a number of questions posed by this Issues Paper to guide your response. You may choose to answer, all, some, or none of them (there may be some issues that you would like to discuss, but that we have not raised in our paper). Please explain the reasons for your views as fully as possible.

5. Are there any possible benefits from participation in this study?

In 2016, TILES conducted a workshop during the annual national Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs conference, held in Hobart. Many service delivery providers, from government and non-government areas, came to discuss issues and emerging themes. This Issues Paper builds on these discussions, and at the request of practitioners and policy makers, starts an overall, practical, state-wide call to action, on how to engage with new experiences of collaborative service delivery across Tasmania.

TILES considers the current Tasmanian situation as a time of great opportunity to give a further voice to our collective experiences, insights and aspiration of the sector and more importantly for the clients at

the receiving end of our service delivery. In light of consultations with stakeholders, TILES would like to offer, as a facilitator of discussions, and via this Issues Paper, an opportunity for our state, for all service providers, and for community members, to explore possible collaborative models and communication networks that value 'safe to fail, safe to learn' environments, in order to improve the local context for clients as individuals, families and communities as well as organisations and staff that are striving for these outcomes.

6. Are there any possible risks from participation in this study?

As this consultation consists of a survey about how to better integrate service delivery, there is no foreseeable risk in you filling in the proposed survey.

7. What if I change my mind during or after the study?

You are free to withdraw at any time while filling in the survey, and you can do so without providing the research team with any explanation.

If, while filling in the survey, you decide that you do not want to participate in the research, simply close your browser.

If you decide to delete your personal details from your response, but still want to lodge your response, we will be able to de-identify your answers *after* you have submitted your answers. Please send an email to leph.tiles@utas.edu.au to that effect.

8. What will happen to the information when this study is over?

All research data will be securely stored on the chief investigator's password protected computer, and any hard copy of this material will be kept on UTas (TILES) premises, in the chief investigator's office, in a locked cabinet, for five years from the publication of the study results, and will then be destroyed.

TILES will publish a report at the end of 2018 on the TILES website, on the TILES research theme webpage (<http://www.utas.edu.au/tiles/research/research-themes/law-enforcement-and-public-health>) . Results of the consultation will also be submitted to government.

9. How will the results of the study be published?

A summary of results will be published via a report published on the TILES website. A public announcement will also be made via the media. The research team will also disseminate research results via a number of academic publications and conference presentations. TILES briefing papers can all be found on the TILES website (featured in our letterhead).

10. What if I have questions about this study?

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the investigators, should you have any question about this research. Their contacts are as follows.

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This study has been approved by the Tasmanian Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study, please contact the Executive Officer of the HREC (Tasmania) Network on (03) 6226 7479 or email human.ethics@utas.edu.au. The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive complaints from research participants. Please quote ethics reference number H0016982.

This information sheet is for you to keep. Please note that filling in and submitting your answers online constitute consent to participate.