

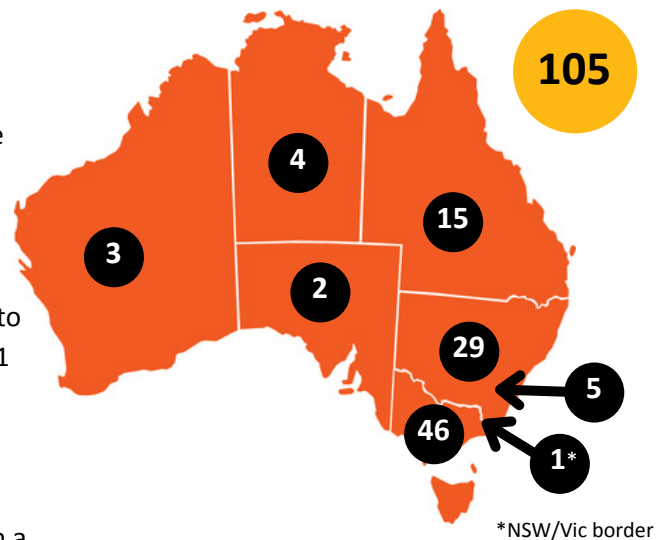
Health justice landscape

November 2022 snapshot

There are 105 health justice services currently operating across Australia in which legal help is provided in healthcare settings and teams. These services include both formal health justice partnerships and outreach, integrated or hub services that combine legal assistance and healthcare.

We are now seeing the impact that we had been expecting to see of COVID-19, with our current information suggesting 21 partnerships ceased or became inactive since March 2020. However, the overall number remains relatively stable with new partnerships commencing and others coming online.

The pandemic continues to affect how partnerships work: in a recent survey almost half of health justice partnerships (49%) reported that their ability to provide assistance face-to-face in health or community service settings is currently restricted or reduced due to COVID-19.



14 services involve Aboriginal community controlled health or community organisations

Health settings

- 47** services are present in hospitals
- 36** in community settings
- 24** in primary health settings (other than Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander health services)

Legal partners

- 28** partnerships involve legal aid commissions
- 79** involve generalist or specialist community legal centres
- 2** involve other types of legal services



57 services target those experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence



28 services target those experiencing mental ill-health or dealing with alcohol or addiction

Note a partnership may involve multiple types of health, legal and other partners, may be present in multiple types of settings and may target multiple groups of clients.

All figures are to the best of Health Justice Australia's knowledge, based in information that has been provided by services through surveys and/or ongoing interaction. Numbers may fluctuate as services evolve or when additional data or corrections are received.

We are keen to maintain the accuracy of our records, so if you are involved in a health justice service and would like to check or update any details we may hold, please contact us at healthjustice@healthjustice.org.au.

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