

BRIDGING THE GAP FORUM

Hosted in partnership with Cairns Sexual Health, Hepatitis Queensland facilitated a virtual forum for organisations to provide updates and the latest information about their clients and communities during these challenging times. The strength and resilience shared across service providers demonstrated unity and crisis leadership working through this pandemic. Here are some of the insights and learnings shared in the forum. You can view the recording by clicking [here](#).



SPEAKERS FROM



- Cairns Sexual Health Service
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- Queensland Injectors Health Network (QuIHN)
- Institute for Urban Indigenous Health
- Prison Health Services at West Moreton Hospital & Health Service
- Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM)
- Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service

SHARED LEARNINGS



- Allow flexibility with appointments for patients post COVID-19 by continuing to offer telehealth services
- Services identified an emergence of new leaders that pivoted to manage the changing landscape
- Cultivate the innovation that developed throughout this period and implement it post COVID-19
- Integrate services in a meaningful way (social health & well being, mental health)
- Make sure people are not left behind
- Apply a systems approach in the response to the pandemic
- Prepare for a second wave of neglected disease post lock down (liver disease and complications, mental health)
- COVID-19 task force led by ASHM provided consistent and evidence-based messaging to the health workforce, sector partners and community