Forensicare

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROGRAM (CIP)

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROGRAM (CIP)?

The Community Integration Program (CIP) is a voluntary, short term (6-12 weeks), assertive outreach program that assists people with serious mental health issues and complex needs in their transition from prison back into the community. Working with the client's clinical team to plan for their release, CIP aims to create connections between clients and community-based mental health services prior to, and following, their release.
CIP prioritises working with people at high risk of community service disengagement or mental health relapse following release from prison.

WHERE IS CIP BASED?

The Community Integration Program is based at the following prison locations:

- Melbourne Assessment Prison
- Metropolitan Remand Centre
- Ravenhall Correctional Centre
- Dame Phyllis Frost Centre
- Port Phillip Prison

CIP REFERRAL CRITERIA

Prisoners referred to the CIP should satisfy ALL of the following criteria:

- They have ongoing mental health needs that will require involvement from community based mental health services upon release from prison, and meets the criteria for these services.
- They have a history and/or are at risk of community based service disengagement upon release from prison.
- They are due for release from prison within 6 – 8 weeks.
- The prisoner is aware the program is voluntary, has agreed to participate and is willing to engage in the program.
- The prisoner has identified high risk and complex reintegration needs.

HOW CAN I MAKE A REFERRAL TO CIP?

Referrals to CIP should be made using the CIP referral form. Please complete all parts of the form, providing as much information as possible. Please ensure that you have the person's consent before making the referral, given that CIP is a voluntary service.

The referral form should then be emailed to CIP@forensicare.vic.gov.au

CIP Referral

Any queries regarding referrals or the program should be directed to:
CIP Program Manager
03 83632628