

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Alcohol Admissions

- 1. How many presentations at Northern Territory hospitals were alcohol-related in the 2021/22 financial year? How many of these were admitted?**

9,516 presentations (8.4% lower than in 2017-18)*.

3,404 presentations were admitted.

*data as recorded by 11 August 2022.

- 2. How many people presented to Northern Territory hospitals more than once in the last financial year to date for alcohol-related issues?**

5,473 in the 2021/22 financial year.

- 3. How many dedicated alcohol and other drug treatment beds are there in the Northern Territory and where are they located?**

There are 207 residential rehabilitation beds provided by non-government organisations in the NT. They are located in Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine.

- 4. How many dedicated alcohol and other drug health professionals are employed at Northern Territory hospitals and where are they located?**

The majority of alcohol and other drug professional are employed outside of hospitals in specialist community settings. The two specialist withdrawal units, Stringybark in Darwin and Integrated Withdrawal Assessment Service in Alice Springs, are considered inpatient services, but not in hospital settings.

Hospitals

Katherine	2 FTE
Alice Springs	1 Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Medical Specialist, Registrar/intern on rotation, 1 AOD Registered Nurse.
Royal Darwin	5 FTE in the Hospital Liaison team for RDPH. 19 FTE at the Stringybark withdrawal unit.
Tennant Creek	3 FTE
Gove	East Arnhem regional AOD team provide services.