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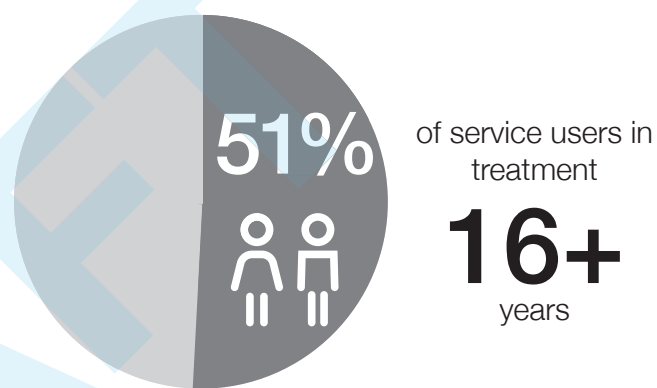
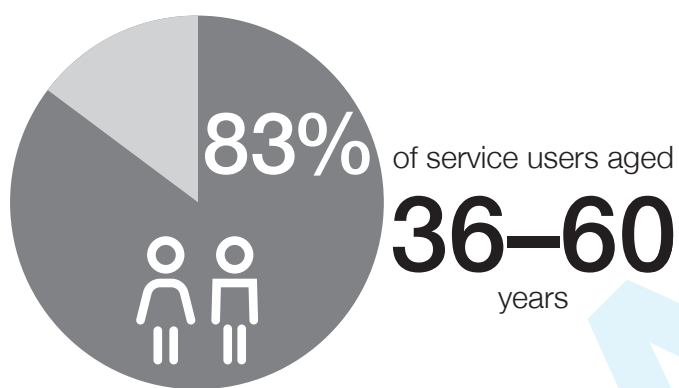
Profile of Treatment

Progressive Realisation of the Right to Adequate Health for Service Users



Progress over four data sets: 2012, 2017, 2018, 2019/20

Key Findings



Poor quality of life controlled and trapped



Failure to improve quality of life

Internalised low expectation of anything being different

Normalisation of mistreatment, poor treatment and non-evidence based treatment



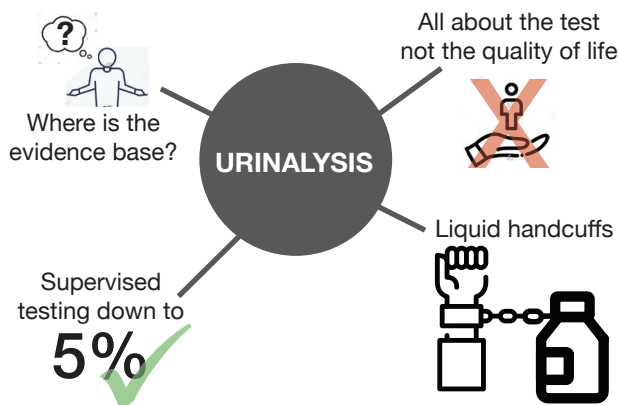
Linked to power, sanction and control

Harmful and undignified life



Instruments of care

urinalysis 'keeping people on track', controlling



Complaints – nobody makes them formally – why is this?

76% never made a complaint



don't know how to make a complaint **52%**



69% don't know what a **CARE PLAN** is

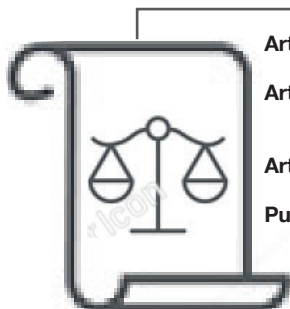
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Locating The Service User Experience In A Human Rights And Equality Context

Right to adequate health



Human rights policy/instruments



Article 25 UN Declaration of Human Rights

Article 12 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Article 11 European Social Charter

Public Sector Duty: Article 42 of Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014

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Recommendations

1 Meaningful relationship with your doctor



2 Cessation of use of urinalysis



3 Choice of treatment

residential and community detox

Suboxone

methadone detox

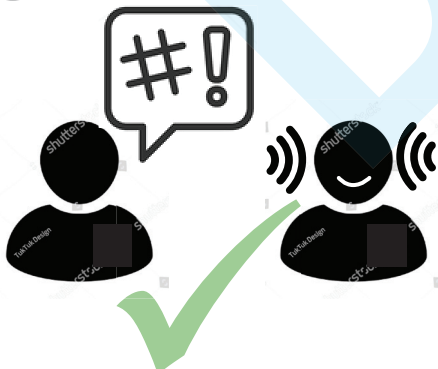
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methadone tablets

methadone

maintenance

4 Effective complaints procedures



5 Quality of Life

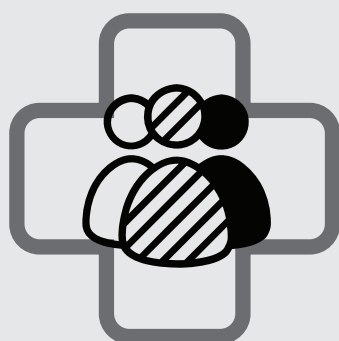


Includes focus on social re-integration, building social capital of patient while on MMT as part of treatment and not after treatment

6 Culture of dignity, respect and equality



for service users in the development and delivery of their care plans and treatment



HSE design and promote dispensing and treatment structures that:

- are person-centred
- are flexible
- recognise the diversity of service users

Structures should aim to facilitate service users to engage in:

- employment
- training and education
- carrying out family and caring duties

