

Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative: Report II Summary

This report presents the summary findings of the second phase of a longitudinal evaluation of the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative Stage One (HASI). HASI is jointly funded by NSW Health and the NSW Department of Housing (DoH). A three-way partnership between the two government departments and non-government organisations (NGOs), 'HASI is designed to assist people with mental health problems and disorders requiring accommodation (disability) support to participate in the community, maintain successful tenancies, improve quality of life and most importantly to assist in the recovery from mental illness'.¹

This evaluation is based upon qualitative and intellectual and physical disability as well as a substance use disorder.

Mental health, physical health and service use

- The program has resulted in intensive monitoring of mental health and provided continuity in access to mental health professionals.
- 66 per cent of clients reported that their mental health had improved, although the rate of improvement had slowed between the first and second evaluation phases.

¹ NSW Health & NSW Department of Housing (2005), *Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) resource manual* (draft version 1.7), Sydney: NSW Health & NSW Department of Housing.

² Some of these findings were as follows: 85 per cent successfully maintained their tenancy; compared to the year prior to involvement in HASI, clients were having fewer and shorter hospitalisations admissions; and most clients reported improved family relationships.

