

# Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

## Local Kings Cross Community Telephone Survey 2005

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### Residential Questionnaire

Hello, is this "CATI inserted phone number"

Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling on behalf of the University of NSW. We're doing a study on community health and safety in the Kings Cross area.

[Interviewer: if asked 'The National HIV Centre at the University of NSW' Contact: Allison Salmon - The National HIV Centre - 02 9385 0943]

**Field name:** QHCONT

**Content:**

0	=	Continue
22	=	Household refusal
14	=	Language problem
18	=	Wrong number
24	=	No responsive adult at home - respondent not known - household callback arranged (for a time within the survey period)
13	=	Outside area
6	=	Unsuitable

**Question:** Is your household located in the 2011 OR 2010 postcode area? CATI prompted the interview with the 2011 suburbs: Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay, Kings Cross, Woolloomooloo, Potts Point and the 2010 suburbs of Darlinghurst and East Sydney

**Field name:** Q2011

**Content:**

1	=	Yes (within either postcode)
2	=	No
8	=	Don't know
9	=	Refused

**Question:** Which postcode?

**Field name:** Q2010

**Content:**

1	=	2011
2	=	2010

**Question:** Do you live in either Darlinghurst or East Sydney (that is, on the Northern side of Oxford Street)?

**Field name:** Q2010s

<b>Content:</b>	1	=	Yes
	2	=	No
	9	=	Refused

**Question:** Have any members of your household been resident in the area for more than two months?

**Field name:** QRESIDE

<b>Content:</b>	1	=	Yes
	2	=	No (households providing this response were not included in the survey - i.e. no member of the household had been a <i>resident in the area</i> for more than 2 months)
	8	=	Don't know (households providing this response were called back)
	9	=	Refused (households providing this response were called back if the refusal was not adamant)

**Question:** I need to select a person from your household to answer the questions for the study. Would you tell me how many people in your household are AGED 18 OR OVER, AND HAVE LIVED IN THE AREA FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS ?

**Field name:** QHSIZE

<b>Content:</b>	Number of eligible people in the household		
	9	=	9 or more people
	23	=	If there is one eligible respondent who is not the speaker
	99	=	Refused question but wishes to continue
	22	=	Household refusal

[If necessary the interviewer explained that the respondent is chosen by computer program]

'Your phone number has been chosen at random from all possible telephone numbers in the Kings Cross area.' Could I speak to the {CATI inserted a randomly presented instruction for respondent selection based on the number of eligible people e.g. second oldest person}. If qhsiz = 99 (i.e. refused the question but wished to continue) CATI prompted for the next birthday person. Would that be yourself?

**Field name:** QPERS

<b>Content:</b>	1	=	Yes
	2	=	No
	22	=	Household refusal
	14	=	Language problem
	66	=	Person unavailable for rest of survey period
	6	=	Person unsuitable - explain in comments

Good morning/afternoon/evening, are you ... (RESPONDENT DESCRIPTION)? My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling on behalf of the National HIV Centre at the University of NSW. We're doing a study on community health and safety in the Kings Cross area.

Your help with this study is voluntary; it's about your views on solutions to drug use, your concerns, and your own experiences.

The interview should take around 10 minutes. You can stop at any time or simply refuse to answer any question if you prefer. Your answers will remain completely confidential and will not be stored with your phone number.

[CONTACT: Allison Salmon - The National HIV Centre - 02 9385 0943]

Can you help us with this study? [IF YES] Is it OK to talk to you now?

**Question:** QKX1.What, if any, are the MOST annoying things for you about the level of drug use in the Kings Cross area? [Do not read coded response - prompt: 'anything else?'] CATI provided for up to four responses.

**Field name:** QKX1A  
QKX1B  
QKX1C  
QKX1D

**Content:** Coded response and/or typed answer

1	=	Not annoying/don't notice it
2	=	Risk of encouraging young people to inject
3	=	Risk of the spread of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis
4	=	Suffering/tragedy of drug users, feel sorry for them
5	=	Negative image of the area due to the presence of drug users
6	=	Drug related crime - to person and property
7	=	Drug related crime - corruption and organised crime
8	=	Inability of authorities to prevent drug use
9	=	Injecting in public places
10	=	Overdose situations
11	=	Inappropriate disposal of injecting equipment
12	=	Harassment or begging
13	=	Attracts drug users to the area
14	=	Attracts dealers to the area
888	=	Don't know
999	=	Refused

**Question:** Here are some proposed solutions to problems with drug use. Please tell me whether you, {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} with each one. **[Interviewer:** prompt for 'strongly' agree or disagree; 'Is that strongly or just (agree/disagree)?']

**Field name:** QMSC13A More media campaigns to prevent drug use.  
 QMSC13B More police action against drug traffickers  
 QMSC13C Police allowing the use of small quantities of drugs such as heroin or cocaine  
 QMSC13D More doctors prescribing methadone or similar treatments  
 QMSC13E Making places available where drug users can inject their drugs  
 QMSC13F Making heroin use legal.  
 QMSC13G Doctors prescribing heroin and cocaine to people addicted to these drugs  
 QMSC13H More education in schools to prevent drug use  
 QKX13I Continuation of needle and syringe programs in NSW (These health programs provide sterile needles and syringes to people who inject drugs to prevent HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis.)  
 QKX13J Increased needle and syringe programs in Kings Cross

**Content:**

1	=	Strongly Agree
2	=	Agree
3	=	Neither agree nor disagree
4	=	Disagree
5	=	Strongly Disagree
8	=	Don't know (Don't read out)

**Question:** QMSC14a Have you personally ever seen an INAPPROPRIATELY discarded syringe in your local area, for example a syringe dropped in the street or a park etc?

**Field name:** QMSC14a

**Content:**

1	=	yes
2	=	No
8	=	Don't know
9	=	Refused

If qmsc14a=1, ask qmsc14b

**Question:** QMSC14b When was the last time you saw an INAPPROPRIATELY discarded syringe in your local area?  
 [Prompt If necessary]

**Field name:** QMSC14B

**Field type:** Numeric

**Content:**

1	=	Within the Last 24 Hours
2	=	Within the Last Week
3	=	Within the Last Month
4	=	Within the Last Year
5	=	More Than A Year Ago
6	=	Never
8	=	Don't Know
9	=	Refused

If qmsc14a=1 and qmsc14b<4, ask qmsc14c.

**Question:** QMSC14c. How often over the last month have you seen an INAPPROPRIATELY discarded syringe in your local area? [prompt: if can't say, encourage best guess]

**Field name:** QMSC14C

**Field type:** Numeric

**Content:** Number of times in last month

888 = Don't Know

999 = Refused

**Question;** QMSC15a. Have you ever seen anyone injecting drugs in a public place in your local area?

**Field name:** QMSC15A

**Content:** 1 = Yes

2 = No

8 = Don't know

9 = Refused

If qmsc15a=1 go to qmsc15b

**Question:** QMSC15b When was the last time you saw someone injecting in a public place in your local area? [Prompt If Necessary]

**Field name:** QMSC15B

**Content:** 1 = Within the Last 24 Hours

2 = Within the Last Week

3 = Within the Last Month

4 = Within the Last Year

5 = More Than A Year Ago

6 = Never

8 = Don't Know

9 = Refused

If qmsc15a=1 and qmsc15b is less than 4, ask Qmsc15c

**Question:** QMSC15c. How often over the last month have you seen someone injecting drugs in a public place in your local area? [Prompt: If Can't Say, Encourage Best Guess]

**Field name:** QMSC15C

**Field type:** Numeric:

**Content:** Number of Times in Last Month

888 = Don't Know

999 = Refused

**Question:** QKX2. Have you ever been asked on a street in Kings Cross if you wanted to buy drugs?

**Field name:** QKX2

**Field type:** Numeric

**Content:**

1	=	Yes
2	=	No
8	=	Don't know
9	=	Refused

If qkx2=1 ask qkx3

**Question:** QKX3. When was the last time you were asked on a street in Kings Cross if you wanted to buy drugs?

**Field name:** QKX3

**Content:**

1	=	Within the Last 24 Hours
2	=	Within the Last Week
3	=	Within the Last Month
4	=	Within the Last Year
5	=	More Than A Year Ago
88	=	Don't know
99	=	Refused

If qkx2=1 ask qkx4

**Question:** QKX4. What type of drugs were you asked to buy the LAST TIME you were asked?

**Field name:** QKX4

**Content:**

1	=	Marijuana (pot, weed, smoke)
2	=	Heroin (smack, horse)
3	=	Cocaine
4	=	Speed
5	=	Ecstasy
6	=	Anything/everything
7	=	Other - type in below
88	=	Don't know
99	=	Refused

**Field name:** QKX4OTH

**Content:** Typed answer in response to QKX4

**Question:** QKX5. Do you PERSONALLY know anyone who has been the victim of an assault on a street in Kings Cross in the last six months?

**Field name:** QKX5

**Content:**

1	=	Yes
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2 = No  
 8 = Don't know  
 9 = Refused

**Question:** QKX6. Do you PERSONALLY know anyone whose house in the Kings Cross area has been broken into in the last six months?

**Field name:** QKX6

**Content:** 1 = Yes  
 2 = No  
 8 = Don't know  
 9 = Refused

I would like to remind you that you can stop at any time or simply refuse to answer a question should you prefer.

**Question:** "What are the problems from crime or people creating a public nuisance in your neighborhood?"

The following crime problems are listed and multiple responses are allowable:

- Car theft
- Other theft
- Louts/youth gangs
- Prowlers/loiterers
- Drunkenness
- Vandalism/graffiti/damage to property
- Dangerous/noisy driving
- Illegal drugs
- Sexual assault
- Other assault
- Problems with neighbours/domestic problems Other Have no problems

**Question:** QKX7. As far as you know, has anyone among your family, friends, relatives or work colleagues ever injected illegal drugs?

**Field name:** QKX7

**Content:** 1 = Yes  
 2 = No  
 8 = Don't Know  
 9 = Refused

**Question** QMSC16. Have you ever injected heroin (or any other similar drug)?  
 INTERVIEWER: add any substantive additional responses to this question.

**Field name:** QMSC16

**Field type:** Numeric

**Content:** 1 = Yes  
 2 = No  
 8 = Don't Know  
 9 = Refused

**Field name:** QMSC16A

**Content:** Typed answers - additional responses to Qmsc16

The NSW State government has set up an experimental Medically Supervised Injecting Centre. This is a centre where people who inject drugs could go to inject themselves under supervision, with access to clean needles and syringes. People attending the centre supply their own drugs, which they have to buy illegally.

**Question:** QMSC17a . Before today, have you ever heard of medically supervised drug injecting centres, safer drug injecting rooms or legal 'shooting galleries'?

**Field name:** QMSC17A

**Field type:** Numeric

**Content:**

1	=	Yes
2	=	No
8	=	Don't know
9	=	Refused

**Question 2000:** *Would YOU be more likely to inject heroin (or any other similar drug) if you had access to a medically supervised drug injecting centre?*

**Question:** QMSC18. Have YOU be more likely to inject heroin (or any other similar drug) since you have had access to a medically supervised drug injecting centre?

**Field name:** QMSC18

**Field type:** Numeric

**Content:**

1	=	Yes
2	=	No
8	=	Don't know
9	=	Refused

If qmsc18=1 or qmsc18=8, Interviewer asks QMSC18Y:

**Question:** 'Why do you say that? Type in response

**Field name:** QMSC18Y

**Field type:** Character

**Content:** Typed answer

888 = Don't know

**Question:** QMSC19. In your opinion what are the advantages, if any, of a medically supervised drug injecting centre? [Do not read coded responses - Prompt: 'anything else?'] Four fields were provided for answers.

**Field name:** QMSC19A

QMSC19B

QMSC19C

**QMSC19D****Field type:**

Character

**Content:**

Typed answer, however, the following codes were used if applicable:

- |     |   |   |
|-----|---|---|
| 1   | = | Helps control the spread of HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis C or other diseases                    |
| 2   | = | Provides information/help/counselling for drug users                                    |
| 3   | = | Prevents needle sharing   |
| 4   | = | Reduces the problems associated with people injecting drugs on the street               |
| 5   | = | Reduces the problems associated with the inappropriate disposal of needles and syringes |
| 6   | = | Reduces the risk of overdose  |
| 7   | = | Make it safer for drug users  |
| 8   | = | Cuts down on crime in the area  |
| 9   | = | Takes drug users off the street/away from the community                                 |
| 10  | = | No advantages   |
| 888 | = | Don't know  |
| 999 | = | Refused   |

**Question:** QMSC20. In your opinion what are the disadvantages, if any, of a medically supervised drug injecting centre? [Do not read coded responses - Prompt: `anything else?']

**Field name:**

QMSC20A  
QMSC20B  
QMSC20C  
QMSC20D

**Content:**

Typed answer, however, the following codes were used if applicable:

- |     |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 1   | = | Doesn't address the drug problem                                      |   |
| 2   | = | Encourages or condones injecting drug use                             |   |
| 3   | = | Adds to the problem of inappropriately discarded needles and syringes |   |
|     | 4 | =   | Attracts drug dealers to the local area |
| 5   | = | Costly  |   |
| 6   | = | Brings more crime to the area   |   |
| 7   | = | Attracts drug users to the local area                                 |   |
| 8   | = | Encourages or condones injecting drug use among young people          |   |
| 9   | = | No disadvantages  |   |
| 888 | = | Don't know  |   |
| 999 | = | Refused   |   |

**Question:** QMSC21a. What do you think are the most important considerations in deciding where to put a medically supervised injecting centre [Do not read coded responses - Prompt: `anything else?']

**Field name:**

QMSC21P1  
QMSC21P2

**QMSC21P3****QMSC21P4****Field type:**

Character

**Content:**

Typed answer, however, the following codes were used if applicable:

1	=	Not close to places where children/young people are (schools, playgrounds, parks, sports areas etc.)
2	=	Not in residential streets or areas
3	=	In areas of high drug use
4	=	Areas that are well lit
5	=	In shopping areas
6	=	Not in shopping areas
7	=	In a well policed area
8	=	In or near a hospital or medical centre
9	=	In the Main street
10	=	NOT in the Main street
11	=	No important considerations
12	=	Opposed to centres - do not put them anywhere
888	=	Don't know
999	=	Refused

**Question 2000:** *Do you know the planned location of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) the NSW Government is going to set up?*

**Question:** QMSC21b. Do you know the location of the experimental Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) the NSW government has set up?

**Field name:** QMSC21B**Field type:** Character**Content:**

Typed answer, however, the following codes were used if applicable:

1	=	Kings Cross
11	=	Darlinghurst
111	=	66 Darlinghurst Rd
2	=	Sydney
888	=	Don't know
999	=	Refused

If the value of (qmsc21b)<>111, the interviewer read " The government has established the medically supervised injecting centre in Kings Cross at 66 Darlinghurst Rd [Opposite the Railway Station]".

**Question 2000:** *Do you {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} that the centre should be established in Kings Cross?*

**Question:** Do you {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} with the establishment of the centre in Kings Cross? [Interviewer prompt:

'Strongly' Agree/Disagree]. Is that strongly or just (agree/disagree)?

**Field name:** QMSC22A

**Field type:** Numeric

**Content:**

1	=	Strongly agree
2	=	Agree
3	=	Neither agree nor disagree
4	=	Disagree
5	=	Strongly disagree
8	=	Don't know - do not read
9	=	Refused

**Question:** Do you {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} that similar medically supervised injecting centres should be established in other areas of high drug use? [interviewer: prompt for `strongly' agree or disagree; `Is that strongly or just (agree/disagree)?

**Field name:** QMSC22B

**Content:**

1	=	Strongly agree
2	=	Agree
3	=	Neither agree nor disagree
4	=	Disagree
5	=	Strongly disagree
8	=	Don't know - do not read
9	=	Refused

**Question:** [INTERVIEWER: Did the respondent express views on WHERE or WHERE NOT in Kings Cross the MS Injecting Centre should be put?

**Field name:** QMSC22C

**Content:** Typed answer, however, the following code was used if applicable:

2 = No view expressed

**Question:** Now we have statements on medically supervised injecting centres. Would you tell me if you {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} with each one. [Interviewer prompt: 'Strongly' Agree/Disagree]. Is that strongly or just (agree/disagree)?

**Field name:**

QMSC23A	Medically supervised injecting centres will reduce the danger of overdose for people who use the centres
QMSC23B	Medically supervised injecting centres will make some people think it is legal to inject heroin anywhere
QMSC23C	These centres will improve the general health and well-being of people who use the centres
QMSC23D	These centres will encourage people to try injecting drugs
QMSC23E	These centres will help reduce the risk of people getting HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C from shared needles and syringes
QMSC23F	These centres will make it harder for police to enforce drug laws.
QMSC23G	These centres will attract drug users from outside the local area
QMSC23H	These centres will reduce the number of inappropriately

		discarded syringes
	<b>QMSC23I</b>	These centres will reduce the number of people injecting drugs in public
	<b>QMSC23J</b>	These centres will show people that injecting heroin or other drugs is dangerous and requires medical supervision
<b>Content:</b>	1	= Strongly agree
	2	= Agree
	3	= Neither agree nor disagree
	4	= Disagree
	5	= Strongly disagree
	8	= Don't know - Do not read
	9	= Refused

Now that you have heard some statements about the medically supervised injecting centre in Kings Cross, {I'd like to repeat two questions I asked you earlier}...

**Question 2000:** Do you {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} that the centre should be established in Kings Cross?

**Question:** Do you {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} with the establishment of the centre in Kings Cross? [Interviewer prompt: 'Strongly' Agree/Disagree]. Is that strongly or just (agree/disagree)?

**Field name:** QMSC24A

<b>Content:</b>	1	= Strongly agree
	2	= Agree
	3	= Neither agree nor disagree
	4	= Disagree
	5	= Strongly disagree
	8	= Don't know - Do not read
	9	= Refused

**Question:** Do you {CATI randomly inserts "Agree or disagree" OR "Disagree or agree"} that similar medically supervised injecting centres should be established in other areas of high drug use? [Interviewer prompt: 'Strongly' Agree/Disagree]. Is that strongly or just (agree/disagree)?

**Field name:** QMSC24B

<b>Content:</b>	1	= Strongly agree
	2	= Agree
	3	= Neither agree nor disagree
	4	= Disagree
	5	= Strongly disagree
	8	= Don't know - Do not read
	9	= Refused

Finally, a few questions about yourself, to make sure we've interviewed a wide cross-section of people.

**Question:** Could you please tell me how old you were last birthday? [IF REQUIRED: 'This information is for statistical purposes only'.]

**Field name:** QMSC5

**Content:** Age in years  
999 = Refused

**Field name:** QMSC6

**Content:** Age in age ranges  
If refused, the interviewer prompted with the following age ranges

1	=	18-19
2	=	20-24
3	=	25-29
4	=	30-34
5	=	35-39
6	=	40-44
7	=	45-49
8	=	50-54
9	=	55-59
10	=	60-64
11	=	65-69
12	=	70-74
13	=	75-79
14	=	80-84
15	=	85-89
16	=	90 years and over
99	=	Refused

**Question:** What is your sex? [OBSERVE OR ASK]

**Field name:** QMSC7

**Content:** M = Male  
F = Female

**Question:** Are you a parent or guardian of any children?

**Field name:** QMSC9

**Content:** 1 = Yes  
2 = No  
8 = Don't know [do not read]  
9 = Refused

If Qmsc9=1, ask qmsc10

**Question:** How old are your children? Provision was made for seven children.

**Field name:** QMSC10A,  
QMSC10B,

**QMSC10C,  
QMSC10D,  
QMSC10E,  
QMSC10F,  
QMSC10G**

**Content:**

1	=	0 to 6 years
2	=	7 to 13 years
3	=	14 to 18 years
4	=	Over 18 years
9	=	Refused

**Question:** How would you describe your current employment status? Are you ..? [Options 1 to 8 were read out. If more than one code applied, the lowest number was recorded]

**Field name:** **QMSC11**

**Content:** Typed answer, however, the following codes were used if applicable:

1	=	Employed full-time
2	=	Employed part-time
3	=	Unemployed
4	=	Home duties
5	=	Student and working
6	=	Student and not working
7	=	Retired
8	=	Unable to work due to health problems
999	=	Refused

**Question:** What is the highest level of education you have completed? [Responses were not read out but interviewer prompted when necessary]

**Field name:** **QMSC12**

**Content:** Typed answer, however, the following codes were used if applicable:

1	=	Never attended school
2	=	Some primary school completed
3	=	Completed primary school
4	=	Some high school
5	=	Completed School Certificate / Intermediate / Year 10 / 4 <sup>th</sup> form
6	=	Completed HSC / Leaving / Year 12 / 6 <sup>th</sup> Form
7	=	TAFE Certificate or Diploma
8	=	University, CAE or some other tertiary institute degree or higher
999	=	Refused

**Question:** QKX8a. In which suburb do you live? {LISTED:

**Field name:** **QKX8A**

**Content:** Typed answer, however, the following codes were used if applicable:

1	=	Elizabeth Bay
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2	=	Kings Cross
3	=	Potts Point
4	=	Rushcutters Bay
5	=	Woolloomooloo
6	=	East Sydney
7	=	Darlinghurst
99	=	REFUSED

**Question:** QKX8B. How far would you say you live from Kings Cross Station, as the crow flies? [in a straight line] [As a guide - the El Alamein Fountain is about 250 metres from the station. Accept measures in yards or other descriptions]

**Field name:** QKX8B

**Content:**

1	=	100 metres or less
2	=	100 to 250 metres
3	=	250 - 500 metres
4	=	500 - 750 metres
5	=	750 metres to one kilometer
6	=	1 to 1.5 kilometres
7	=	1.5 to 2 kilometres
8888	=	Don't know
9999	=	Refused

**Question:** QKX8c. How long have you been living in the Kings Cross/Darlinghurst area?

**Field name:** QKX8C

**Content:**

1	=	Less than 2 months [SHOULD NOT HAPPEN]
2	=	2 to 6 months
3	=	7 to 12 months (1 year)
4	=	13 months to 24 months
5	=	25 months to 5 years
6	=	More than 5 years
7	=	More than 10 years
8	=	More than 20 years
99	=	Refused

**Question:** QMSC25. How many residential telephone numbers do you have, not including mobile phone numbers, dedicated fax numbers or modem numbers?

**Field name:** QMSC25

**Content:** Number of residential phone numbers

88	=	Don't know
99	=	Refused

That's the last question. Thank you very much for your help with this study.

[Interviewer: read/use the following if the respondent asks for more information] Your answers will be pooled with those of other people, and will help us to understand the community's opinions on drug use and health and safety. Thanks again for your time, goodbye.

