

ED Alcohol Trauma data as a tool to reduce victimisation.



Presentation Overview

- The big picture / Can do.
- Positive Consequences.
- Practical - Can do / How to



WHY:

50-70% of calls for assistance to Police are alcohol related.
40% of assault victims presenting at ED report the matter to Police
Police have about ½ the picture.

Sandra Allmark at Wellington ED has been collecting alcohol related trauma data. That data contributes to the big picture with specific mapping of offences with victim and offender information.

Information shared with Police and Council can be used to positively contribute victim reduction strategies.

When these agencies work together there is a measurable reduction in assaults reported to Police and a reduction in presentations in ED.

CPTED solutions (council) and targeting to risk (Police).

Estimates in 2004 put each trauma victim presenting in ED at a cost to the hospital of @\$600.

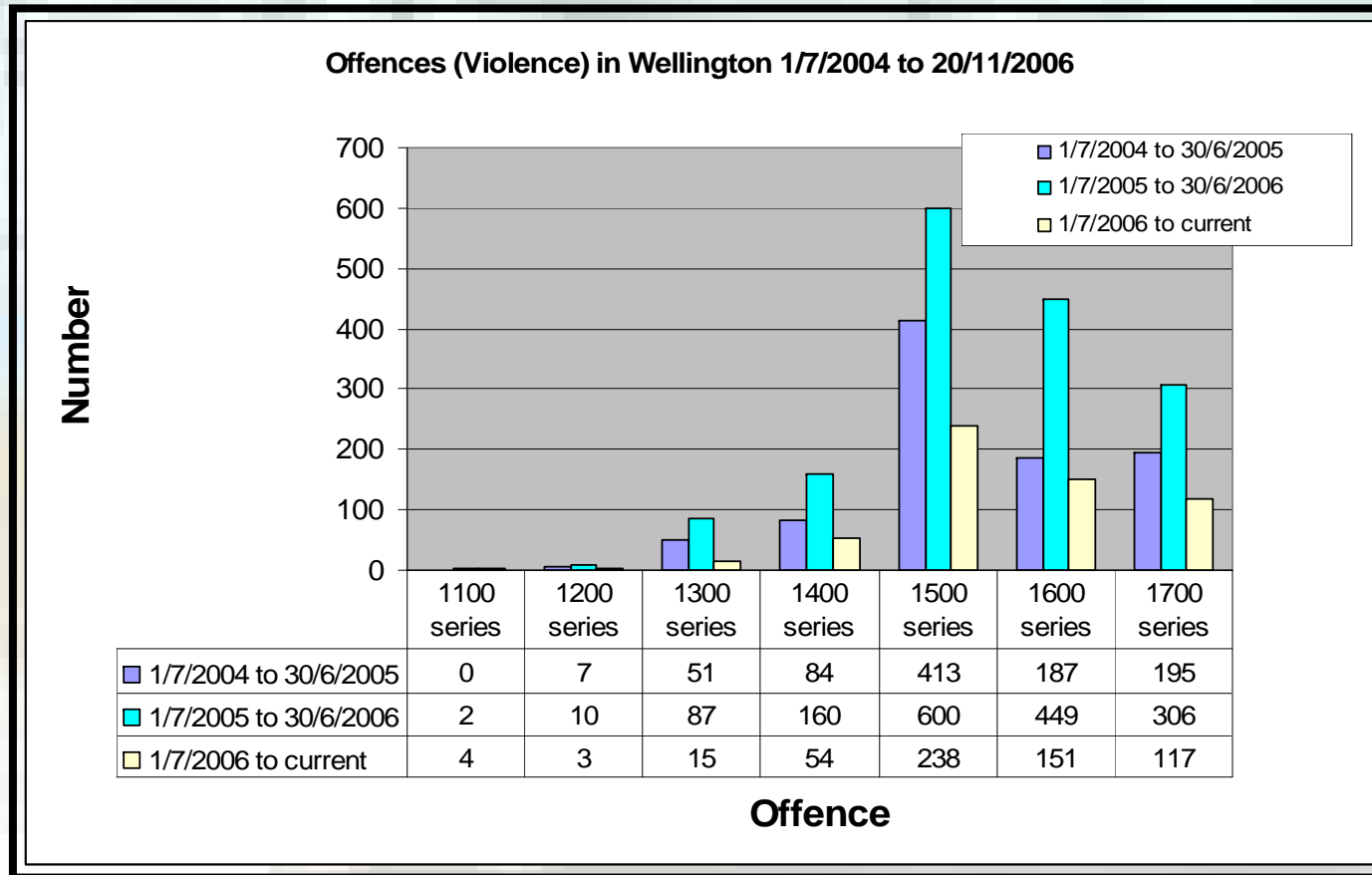


Positive Consequences

- Potential to reduce Assaults / sexual assaults / fights / disorder and create a safer community in partnership.
- Reduced work load in ED & Police. Save time and \$.
- Meeting KPI's / KRA's working with outside agencies to reduce victimisation. (we look good)



Measurable Reduction in violence offences in Wellington.



Questionnaire

- **NHI**
- **Assault questions**
- Please note that any information you provide will be kept strictly anonymous. We are doing some research around attacks in and around Wellington.
- Date/Time of assault ____/____/____
- Is this presentation a result of physical or sexual assault
- Where did the attack occur- In and around own home In or near place of work
- In and around sports ground In and around place of public entertainment (eg Courtney Place Pub Nightclub Street
- Can you name the pub, nightclub, street or sports ground _____
- Do you know the person(s) who did this to you - Yes No No comment
- If Yes what is their relationship to you - Spouse/partner Ex partner Family/Whanau Friend/Acquaintance Work colleague/work mate Security/Bouncer/Police
- Did you yourself have any alcohol just before the assault took place – None at all Yes one or two drinks Yes quite a lot
- As far as you know, at the time of the assault was the person/people that assaulted you affected at all by alcohol - Yes No Don't know
- What were you assaulted with – Fist/Foot Thrown into object Bottle/drinking glass Knife/screwdriver/stabbing weapon stick/club Other weapon _____ (specify)
- Do the police know about this Yes No
- If no, is there any particular reason why the police don't know or will not be informed about the assault? (Select from below)
- Too trivial/not worth reporting Police can't do anything , private/personal family matter Shame/embarrassment Dealt with assault myself

Where too and how.

Create culture in ED – positive can do, pro active work. Realise that there is more than a reactive ability.

Make Alcohol trauma data collection a part of Business as usual.

Incorporate alcohol questions into the Social history of the patient as a matter of course.

(use questionnaire)

Collate and map data.

Share.

Expect strategies to be implemented to achieve results and hold partner agencies accountable.



Summary

- Be part of the solution
- Develop a change vision & strategy.
- Create new culture – ensure success.
- Accountability - be relentless.
(consider a formalised agreement – roles and responsibilities defined)

