



REPORTING STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

One of the biggest threats to the health and human rights of people who use drugs and those living with blood borne viruses (BBVs) is stigma and discrimination. Research shows that stigma and discrimination has a direct correlation with negative health and well-being outcomes. When experiences of stigma and discrimination lead to non-disclosure of BBV status, deference or avoidance of treatment, and keeping away from other social services the result is decreased service access and poorer quality service delivery.

NUAA is collecting information on drug users' experience of stigma and discrimination; how drug users are discriminated against and who is discriminating against us. The information will be used in a larger campaign that will look at trying to change attitudes toward drug users.

In the majority of cases, this form cannot support individual complaints, and for this reason we ask you not to include your own or anyone else's personal or identifying information. The individual information provided in this questionnaire cannot be followed up, actioned, or pursued by NUAA in any way other than utilising the findings to assist us to address patterns of discrimination towards people who use drugs and help with guiding us in our future work. However, if you would like information on complaints processes and support services please advise the NUAA staff.

Thank You

1. Approximately when did the incident(s) occur? _____

2. Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

3. What 'type' of person discriminated against you; (for instance police, doctor, FACS worker)?

4. Tell us in your own words what happened (you can add more paper if necessary or turn over the page)

5. Did you make a complaint? Yes _____ No _____

5a. If 'no', why not? _____

6. How did this discrimination make you feel? _____

7. Did the discriminatory incident(s) change your behaviour or make you do anything differently; for instance, I won't go back to that service again, or I won't tell a doctor the truth again, etc.