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local communities ending homelessness

# VI-SPDAT

# **Prescreen for Individuals**

Vulnerability Index
Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool



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ice only The tool, based on people's disclosed information, assists in prioritising the most vulnerable and to rapidly resolve crisis. This tool is further used to provide appropriate housing, healthcare and community services to individuals and families according to their current circumstances.

Organisations also use the collective, de-identified data to advocate for the change and resources needed to end homelessness in our communities, based on the needs of the people who experience homelessness and housing stress in the community





# Administration

Agency name		Interviewer name		Survey location	
Survey date	Survey time: am/pm	Team name	0	Survey postcode	
A. Demograp	hics		ice o		
First name		Nickname	,	Last name	
In what language d	o you feel best able to e	xpress yourself?			
Date of birth	Age	Centrelink Reference	e Number	Consent to participa	te NO
Do you identify as ☐ Aboriginal	☐ Torres Strait Islan	der 🔲 Bot	h [	<b>긔</b> Neither	☐ Declined
	If 60 year	rs or older; or Indigen	ous and 50 years o	r older, then score 1.	Score
B. History of housing and homelessness					
1. Where do you slo	eep most frequently? <mark>(M</mark>	ark only <u>one</u> )		0011	
□ Beach/Riverbed □ Boarding House, Hostel □ Bushland □ Car □ Caravan Park (sp. □ Carpark □ Community house, I rent □ Construction Site	Centre DV Refu Emerger Accom Hospital Hotel/M sing that Own/M	cohol Treatment ge ncy/Crisis modation l lotel hat I Mortgage	☐ Juvenile Detenti ☐ Mental Health F ☐ Park/Parklands ☐ Prison ☐ Private Housing Rent ☐ Public Housing t Rent ☐ Squat/Cave ☐ Streets	acility	
For Community Housing that I Rent, House that I Own/Mortgage, Private Housing that I Rent or Public Housing that I rent or Supported Accommodation score 0. For all other responses, score 1.					





2a. Are you sleeping rough right now? ☐Yes ☐No ☐Declined					
2b. Where have you slept in th	ne past week? (Mark all that apply	·)			
□ Beach/Riverbed □ Boarding House/Other Hostel □ Bushland □ Car □ Caravan Park (specify) □ Carpark □ Community housing that I rent □ Construction Site	□ Diversion Centre       □ Juvenile Detention       □ Supported Accommodation         □ Drug/Alcohol Treatment       □ Mental Health Facility       □ Tent         □ Centre       □ Park/Parklands       □ Toilets         □ DV Refuge       □ Prison       □ Train/Bus Station         □ Emergency/Crisis       □ Private Housing that I       □ Watch House/Po         Accommodation       Rent       □ With Friends/Fan         □ Hospital       □ Public Housing that I       Temporarily (Co         □ Hotel/Motel       Rent       □ Other (specify)         □ House that I       □ Squat/Cave       □ Other (specify)         □ Own/Mortgage       □ Streets       □ Declined			ce Cells ily	
3. What is the total length of time you have ever lived on the streets or in emergency accommodation?  years months				Declined	
4. How long has it been since you lived in permanent, stable housing (with a secure lease/tenancy)?  □ Never lived in my own place years months				Declined	
5a. In the last year, how many times have you been homeless?  times				Declined	
5b. Of these times you have been homeless in the past year, how many of these times (1 or more days) have you been sleeping rough?					Declined
For 6 or more consecutive months of homelessness and/or 3+ episodes of homelessness, score 1.					Score
6 a) What age were you when you first slept on the streets or in emergency accommodation?					
Age or approximate age: Never slept on the streets or in emergency accommodation				Declined	
b) If you were with your family at the time, what age were you when you first slept on the streets or in emergency accommodation without a parent/guardian?  Age or approximate age:				Declined	





# C. Risks

Questions	Response		Declined
7. In the past six months, <u>how many times</u> have you			
a) Received health care at Accident and Emergency at the hospital?		times	
b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital?		times	
c) Been hospitalised as an inpatient in a medical, surgical or maternity unit?		times	
d) Been hospitalised as an inpatient in a specialised mental health care facility?		times	
e) Used a crisis service, including any phone hotlines?		times	
f) Talked to the police because you witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told you that you must move along?		times	
g) Stayed one or more nights in a watch house or prison, whether that was a short-term stay, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between?		times	
If the total number of interactions equals 4 or more times, score 1	for <b>Emergency</b>	Service Use.	Score
Questions	Yes	No	Declined
For Questions 8 and 9, do not ask if partner is present			
8. Are you currently being harmed or at risk of being harmed by another person such as a spouse, parent, relative or friend?		P	
9. Have you experienced violence or threats of violence, such as punching, kicking, attempted strangulation, use of weapons or controlling behaviour, in the last six months, that has had an impact on feeling safe?	90		
If "Yes" to Q. 8 score 1, and add a score of 2 if "Yes" to Q. 9 for Current Safety and	Imminent Risk	of Violence.	Score
10. Have you been physically harmed or verbally abused during a period of homelessness?			
11. Have you thought about, threatened to, or tried to harm yourself or anyone else in the last year?			
12. Have you ever thought that you could be a danger to other people's safety?			
13. When it comes to homelessness services or housing, do you feel you have ever been discriminated against because of things like your age, race, appearance, disabilities, gender identity or sexual orientation?			
If "Yes" to Q. 10 or Q. 11, assess for immed If "Yes" to any of the above			Score





Questions	Yes	No	Declined
14. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult for you to rent a place to live?			
If "Ye	es", score 1 for	Legal Issues.	Score
15. Does anybody force or stand over you to do things that you do not want to do?			
16. Is there anyone who has threatened you or whom you are afraid of?			
If "Yes" to any of the above, sco	re 1 for <b>Risk of</b>	Exploitation.	Score

ii Tes to any of the above, scor	C I TOT MISK OF	Exploitation.	Score
D. Socialisation and Daily Functioning			
Questions	Yes	No	Declined
17. Is there anyone who thinks you owe them money, such as a past landlord, business or bookie?			
18. Do you have any money coming in on a regular basis, through a job, government benefit, cash in hand work, or anything like that?			
19. Do you ever gamble with money that you cannot afford to lose or have debts associated with gambling?			
If "Yes" to Q17 or 19 or "No" to Q18, score	1 for <b>Money N</b>	lanagement.	Score
20. Are you usually bored or on most days lacking planned things that you enjoy?			
If "Yes", score 1 for	Meaningful D	eaily Activity.	Score
21. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a toilet, getting food and clean water and other things like that?	<b>P</b> .		
lf.	"No", score 1 f	for <b>Self-Care.</b>	Score
22. Is your current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted?			
If "Yes", score	1 for <b>Social R</b>	elationships.	Score





# E. Wellness

Questions	Yes	No	Declined
23. Do you have now, have you ever had, or has a health care provider ever told you you have any of the following medical conditions:	u that		
a) Cellulitis			
b) Kidney disease/end-stage renal disease or dialysis			
c) Liver disease, cirrhosis, or end-stage liver disease			
d) Heart disease, arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat			
e) Emphysema/ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)			
f) Diabetes			
g) Cancer			
h) Hepatitis C			
i) Chronic digestive condition			
j) Epilepsy			
Score 1 for EAC	H question ans	wered "Yes"	Score
24. Do you have now, have you ever had, or has a health care provider ever told you you have any of the following medical conditions:	u that		
a) History of frostbite, hypothermia, or immersion foot			
b) HIV+/AIDS	Q.\\	$\bigvee$ $\Box$	
c) History of heat stroke/heat exhaustion			
d) Asthma			
e) Tuberculosis			
f) Dental problems			
g) Foot/skin infections			
h) Scabies			
i) Dehydration			
j) Convulsions			
k) Other (specify):			





Questions		Yes	No	Declined
25. Do you avoid or are you unable to go for care when you are not	feeling well?			
		If "	Yes" Score 1	Score
26. If "No" to Q.25, where do you usually go for health care or whee Hospital  Community Health Cer  Specialist Homeless He  GP  Other Specialist Health  Other Specialist Health	ealth Service	□ (Specify) Who		
Questions		Yes	No	Declined
27. Have you ever had to leave housing, crisis accommodation, or owere staying because of your physical health?	other place you			
28. Do you have any physical disability that would limit the type of could access, or make it hard to live independently, because yo help?				
29. FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS ONLY: Are you currently pregnant?				
	If "Yes" t	o any of the ab	ove, score 1	Score
Add scores from Q. 23, 25	, 27 to 29 for tota	al score for <b>Phy</b>	sical Health	Score
30. Have you ever had problematic drug or alcohol use, abused drug or been told you do – including any issues with using medicines weren't supposed to or using over-the-counter medications to	s in a way you			
31. Have you consumed alcohol and/or drugs almost every day or eather past month?	every day for			
32. a) Have you injected drugs in the last 6 months?				
b) If so, are you aware of safe injecting practices?				
33. Have you blacked out because of your alcohol or drug use in th	e past month?			
34. Have you ever been treated for drug or alcohol problems and redrinking or using drugs?	eturned to			
35. Has your drinking or drug use led you to being kicked out of an accommodation or program you were staying at in the past?	y housing,			





36. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford your housing?			
If "Yes" to any of questions 30 to 32(a) or 33 to 36,	score 1 for <b>Sub</b>	ostance Use.	Score
Questions	Yes	No	Declined
37. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following:	1	1	
a) Anxiety (other than PTSD)	_U		
b) Depression	4		
c) Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)			
d) Bipolar Disorder			
e) Schizophrenia			
f) Psychosis			
g) Borderline Personality Disorder			
h) Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)			
i) Eating disorder			
j) Other mental health condition (specify)			
38. a) Have you ever been taken to a hospital against your will for a mental health reason?			
39. Have you ever gone to the <i>Accident and Emergency</i> at the hospital because you weren't feeling 100% well emotionally or because of your nerves?			
40. a) Have you voluntarily spoken with a psychiatrist, psychologist or other mental health professional in the last 6 months because of your mental health?			
41. Have you ever had a serious brain injury (ABI) or head trauma?			
42. Have you ever been told you have a learning disability or developmental/intellectual disability?			
43. Do you have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for you to live independently because you'd need help?			
If "Yes" to any of the above,	score 1 for <b>Me</b>	ental Health.	Score
If respondent scored at least 1 for <u>each</u> of the 3  Note: The 3 Wellness Indicators are Physical Health, Substan	score 1 for <b>Tr</b>	i-Morbidity.	Score





Questions	Yes	No	Declined
44. Are there any medications a doctor said you should be taking that you are not taking as advised because:		1	
a) You sell them instead of taking them			
b) You misuse them	CD.		
c) You have had them taken or stolen from you			
d) You forget to take them			
e) You are unable to store them			
f) You are unable to afford them			
g) You do not agree that you need them			
h) You do not like the side effects			
i) For any other reason			
If "Yes" to any of the abov	e, score 1 for <b>N</b>	/ledications.	Score
45. YES OR NO: Have you experienced any recent or past abuse or trauma?			
If yes, have you sought help for it?			
If "Yes", to Q. 45 scor	e 1 for <b>Abuse a</b>	and Trauma.	Score

# **Additional Questions**

Your Gender is best described as  Female  Male Sistergirl	Intersex variation:  Yes  No Declined	☐ Unsure☐ Prefer not to say	
□ Brotherboy □ Transgender □ Gender diverse □ Non-binary □ Questioning/Unsure □ Prefer not to say	Your Sexual Identity  ☐ Asexual ☐ Bisexual ☐ Gay ☐ Heterosexual	y is best described as	☐ Queer ☐ Questioning/Unsure ☐ Prefer to self-describe (specify)
☐ Prefer to self-describe (specify) ☐ Declined	☐ Lesbian ☐ Pansexual		☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Declined





What country were you born in?  Australia  New Zealand  United Kingdom  China India Philippines Vietnam Italy South Africa Malaysia Other (specify) Declined	What is your ancestry / ethnic cultural background? (Mark all that apply)  Australian Indigenous Australian Irish Scottish Italian German Chinese Greek Vietnamese Hmong Kurdish Maori Lebanese Other (specify) Declined	status?  Australian  Australian  Visitor Visa  Working a  Studying a  Family and	Permanent Read Skilled Visa and Skilled Visa and Training Vi I Spousal Visa and Humanitari asa and citizen acify)	esident sa
How do you make money? (Mark all that apply)  Aged Pension Any other pension/allowance Begging Carer Allowance Carer Payment Disability Support Pension Family Tax Benefit Maintenance (Child Support) New Start/Unemployment Benefit No Income Parenting Payment Rent Assistance Sex Work	□ Special Benefit Payment □ Student Allowance □ Work, Big Issue Vendor □ Work, Employee □ Work, Self-Employed □ Worker's Compensation □ Youth Allowance – Living at Home □ Youth Allowance – Living Away from Home □ Other (specify) □ None of the Above □ Declined	☐ Public Trus☐ Carer☐ Relative	<i>cify)</i>	
Questions	76,	Yes	No	Declined
46. Are you a current serving member of the	e Australian Defence Force?			
47. Have you ever served in the Australian D				
48. a) Have you ever been in foster care, out of home care or institutional care as a child?				
b) Have you ever been in institutional ca				
49. Have you ever been in youth detention				
50. Please specify if you have any pets:				





# **Follow-up Questions**

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	Place: Time::am/pm or
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	Phone: Email:
What do you need to be safe and well?	

# **Scoring Summary**

Domain	Subt otal	
A. Demographics	/1	
B. History of Housing and Homelessness	/2	
C. Risks	/7	
D. Socialisation and Daily Functions	/4	
E. Wellness	/17	
Grand Total	/31	
Grand Total /31		



