

Background

FREO StreetDoctor is a dedicated mobile primary health care unit operating six (6) three hour sessions per week in the South Metropolitan Area Health region. The FREO StreetDoctor provides flexible and local primary health care at: Pioneer Park and St Patrick's Community Centre in Fremantle; Ottey Family and Neighbourhood Centre; South Lake; and outside the Willagee Library in Willagee.

The service is free, visible, easily accessible, culturally appropriate, non-judgemental and targets the following groups (in no particular order):

FREO StreetDoctor offers a comprehensive health service encompassing mental health, sexual health, social and physical needs.

Target Groups

- Young People
- Homeless
- Those with a diagnosed and undiagnosed illness
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)
- Low or no income
- Injecting drug users
- Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CaLD)

Reporting Period 1 July - December 2009 Data

FREO StreetDoctor saw 895 patients during the reporting period, this represents a 65% increase from the 589 patients seen over the same period in 2008. Of the 895 patients 20% self-identified as homeless, the majority of these were 'living rough'. It is important to note that many individuals do not self-identify as homeless if living in hostel accommodation.

Funding Sources

- Office of Aboriginal Health
- St John of God Health Care Inc
- Department of Health WA

The FREO StreetDoctor is also dependent on the generosity, donations and support of numerous community groups, individuals and private businesses.

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