



Treatment

**Rights Responsibilities Costs and
Benefits**



Rights

- **Rights of a citizen to health care**
- **Not dependent on other activities or areas of a persons life.**
- **Examples and judgement calls which challenge.**
- **Complications that come with problematic AOD use.**



Responsibilities

- **Responsibilities of the person requiring treatment.**
 - Frequently disregarded due to AOD use.
- **Responsibility of society.**
 - Context of our environment
 - Treatment is an entitlement to any citizen who has need.
 - Society's views and expected outcomes often conflicting



Costs

- **Costs to the individual**
- **Harm to life across all aspects**
 - **Health**
 - **Family relationships**
 - **Legal consequences**
 - **Employment and education**
 - **Accommodation**
 - **Financial**
- **Costs to families must also be recognised**



Costs

- **Cost to society – both of treating and of not treating**
- **Treating a person**
 - **Restore person to active participation**
 - **Restore to contributing to community**
 - **Saves costs in range of areas (health legal)**
 - **Increases productivity**

Evidence to support cost benefits of treatment



Costs

- **Costs of not treating**
 - **Disregard of the health needs of a citizen**
 - **Stigmatisation**
 - **Increasing costs of enforcement and other health costs.**
 - **Increasing harm to the community**
 - **Loss of productivity**
 - **Legal consequences which compound harm**



Barriers and consequences

- **What prevents people accessing treatment**
 - **Even when it is a right!**
 - **Stigma and shame**
 - **Legal consequences of their drug use**
 - **Illegal activities which may be exposed.**



Question to consider

- **What outcomes does our society want?**
- **What needs to change?**