New integrated approach sought for the law and public health

Public input is being sought on ways to better integrate service delivery between law enforcement and public health in a bid to help those most at risk in the community.

The Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES) will today launch a state-wide public consultation and Issues Paper on the topic.

Former chief magistrate Michael Hill will join Tasmania Police Deputy Commissioner Scott Tilyard and TILES’ researchers for the event at the University’s Sandy Bay Campus.

TILES’ senior researcher Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron said there have been various discussions in recent times on how to better integrate service delivery across law enforcement and public health.

“Policy makers, practitioners and academics have been conscious of situations where vulnerable people (whether a child, a person living with a mental illness, a person with addictive behaviours, or without an abode) had ‘fallen through the cracks’, she said.

“There have been instances where vulnerabilities had been mis-identified, or where siloed delivery of support services hindered or could not meet the circumstances of the person needing those services.

“Through the consultation, we are seeking input from service providers and community members across the state about possible collaborative models.”

Dr Bartkowiak-Theron said one suggestion put forward in establishing new modes of service delivery is based on Collective Impact.

The Collective Impact model argues for not only a better collaboration of services, but an actual integration of services which would oversee the delivery of actions and assessments.
People are being encouraged to respond to the issues being discussed in the paper.

For more information on the consultation process visit


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**Media opportunity:**

**What:** Launch of TILES’ community consultation and Issues Paper - Law Enforcement and Public Health

**Who:** TILES’ senior researcher Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron, TILES’ director Associate Professor Roberta Julian, TILES’ research associate Dr Danielle Campbell and former chief magistrate Michael Hill.

**When:** Thursday, 23 November, 9am-1pm (**best times for media interviews – 10.30-10.45am; or midday -1pm**)

**Where:** University Staff Club, Dobson Road, Sandy Bay Campus.

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