

# National Housing Conference 2008



Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI)  
(NSW Health and Housing NSW in collaboration)

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# Introduction

- Need for action
- Objectives
- Complexities
- Lessons



Units at Grafton

Community housing tenants



# Background to Mental Illness

- 1.1 million people (2005/06)
- ¾ of homeless have a mental illness
- 2-3% will have severe mental illness
- 26,000 overnight admissions
- 2.3 million clinical interventions
- 55% defendants at Magistrates Court had a mental illness

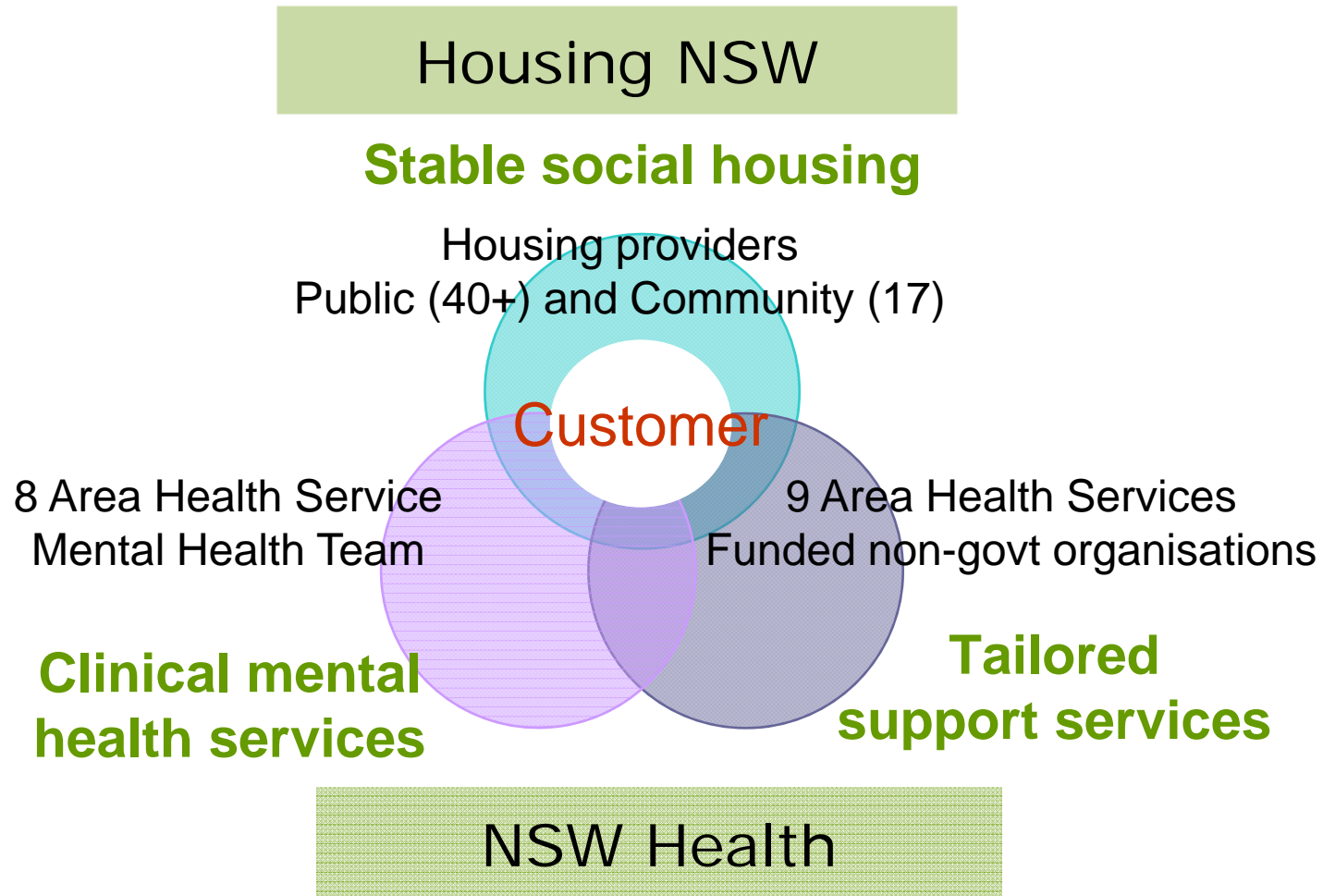


# Objectives

- Decrease hospital admissions and cycle of homelessness
- Successful tenancies and support
- Maximise community participation
- Increase access to support
- Partnerships between housing and support
- Establish services in areas with limited or no support



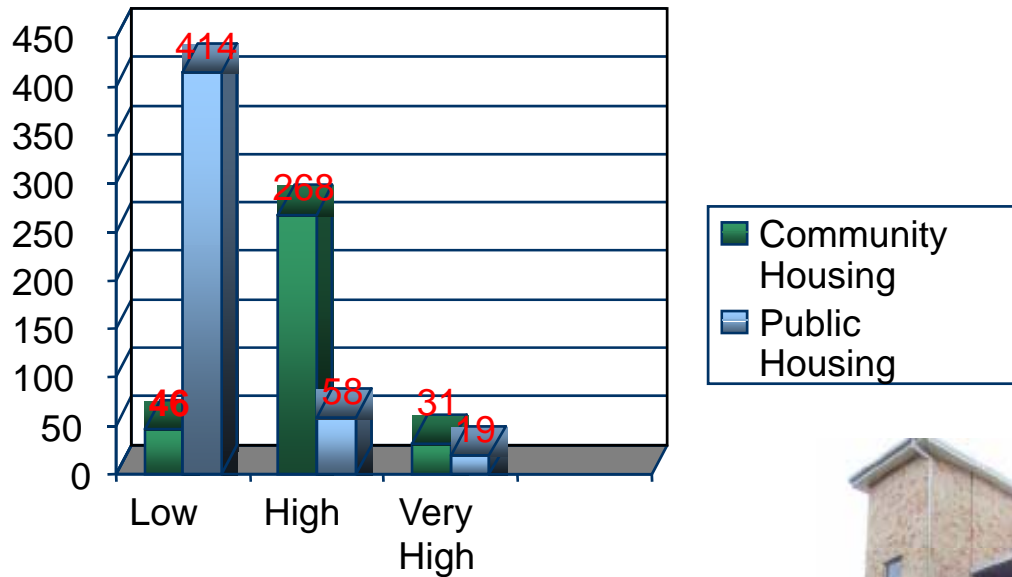
# Working together





# HASI Numbers – State Level

836 units of accommodation / support packages



HASI property

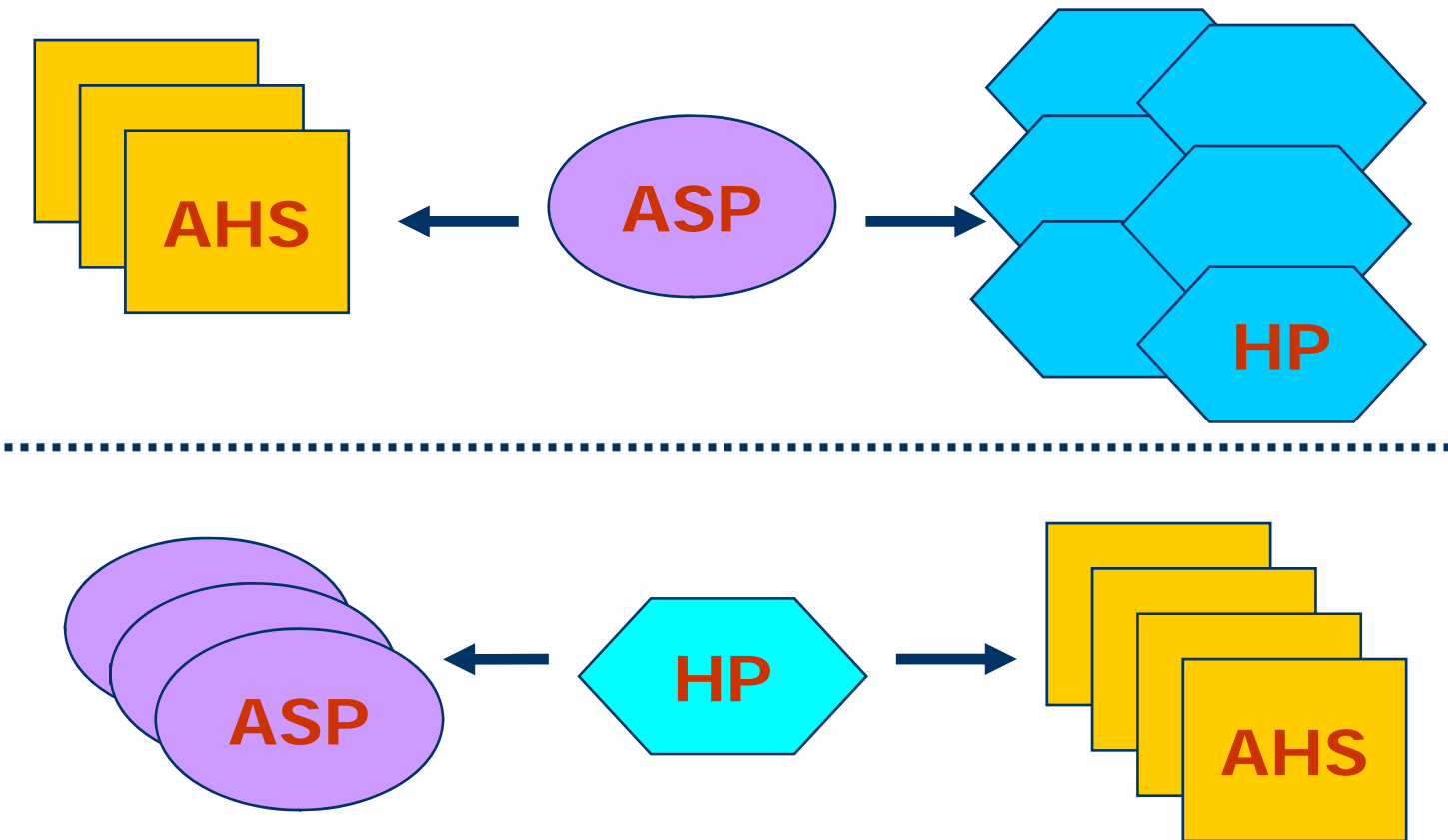


# Multiple Partners

- All 8 NSW area health services
- 9 support providers
- 17 community housing providers
- 40+ public housing client service teams



# Partner Permutations





# Partnership Lessons

- Build in flexibility
- Organisational empathy
- Strong agency liaison
- Full kit bag