

PIR Agency:	Footprints
Date:	2014-2016
Key issue(s)	The project identifies the issues surrounding the discharge process of people who are on increased lengths of stay in RBWH mental health wards due to a lack of sustainable housing options.
Main Objective(s)	To increase long term, sustainable, and appropriate housing pathways for people who are currently on HHS mental health wards, and have been so for an increased length of stay due to limited suitable housing options. The goal here is to work together across the housing sector, HHS mental health service, and the community sector to source the most appropriate and suitable housing and support for the individual.
Summary of Impact or Result	A majority of referrals made to the housing meeting have been able to access housing options and the necessary supports to sustain tenancies in the community.
Context	
Meetings are held at Lawrence House.	
Stakeholders/Partnerships	
Footprints PIR, INBMHS, Bric Housing, Brisbane Housing Company.	
Project Management	
The management approach has been to coordinate review meetings to determine if the project is still meeting it's desired goals and functioning well for the stakeholders and referred participants. There have been slight modifications to this format and to the communication strategies after meetings to make these processes more efficient.	
Description of Activities	
To date the outcomes have met expectations in that the meetings have provided a pathway for individuals to access housing with a holistic understanding of their support needs. The inclusion of timely community supports prior to exiting the hospital has met the desired outcomes of a more seamless transition of support.	
Project Impact	
The project has become integrated in practice for the INBMHS and the housing providers. The project has created systemic reform in the local area that it had targeted. The aim of creating stronger pathways between the two primary sectors has been very effective and lead to future reform projects in this area.	
Lessons Learned	
The coordination of the key stakeholders has been challenging at times, primarily due to scheduling issues, which have been resolved on a case-by-case basis.	
Appendices	