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Study Title: Calvary Hoarding and Squalor Project

Brief description of the study: Background: Calvary Health Care Kogarah (CHCK) and Calvary community team has seen an increase in referrals of people living in hoarding and/or squalor situations. What distinguishes hoarding from squalor can best be summed up in simple terms as "hoarding describes behaviour and the term squalor refers to the environment." This contemporary, international issue affects many Australians and recent Australian population research estimates that "more than 600,000 people (2.6%) may suffer from hoarding disorder." There have been feelings of inadequacy among health workers, when confronted with referrals of such cases. Aims: This project will a) conduct a chart audit to identify the CHCK population profile of cases referred to Calvary inpatient and community teams, b) invite existing clients/carers to participate in an interview to understand their experience of care offered and c) develop a Pathway of Intervention document for CHCK that can be adapted to other services in the local health district (LHD).

Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)

	Epidemiology
	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement
X	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive
	Mixed Method
	Systematic Review
	Intervention: RCT
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
	Intervention: Case series

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Local Councils in Kogarah; Sutherland, Rockdale, Hurstville						
Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 2015						
Project completion date: 2016						
Multi site:		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable

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Topics (Admin only) Professional and service issues, Specific populations