

Demonstration Projects

Section Introduction

Frendin's article in the previous section describes the funding of 12 self-management demonstration projects under the Commonwealth's Sharing Health Care Initiative. The first two papers in this section, by Lishman and Mansfield, provide some insight into the nature and conduct of demonstration projects in lower SES areas of Perth and South West Sydney respectively. The next two papers discuss demonstration projects with Indigenous people in Katherine (Mobbs et al.) and Port Lincoln (At Kit et al.).

The following four papers all contribute to our understanding of one demonstration project, the Good Life Club, implemented in Melbourne. The first paper (Lindner et al.) explores the concept of coaching to assist behaviour change, the second (Kelly et al.) describes the intervention design, and the third (Browning & Thomas) presents the six-month outcome data for the project.

The final paper in this section outlines the design of the national evaluation of the demonstration project and raises issues for evaluation design inherent in a program of demonstration projects.