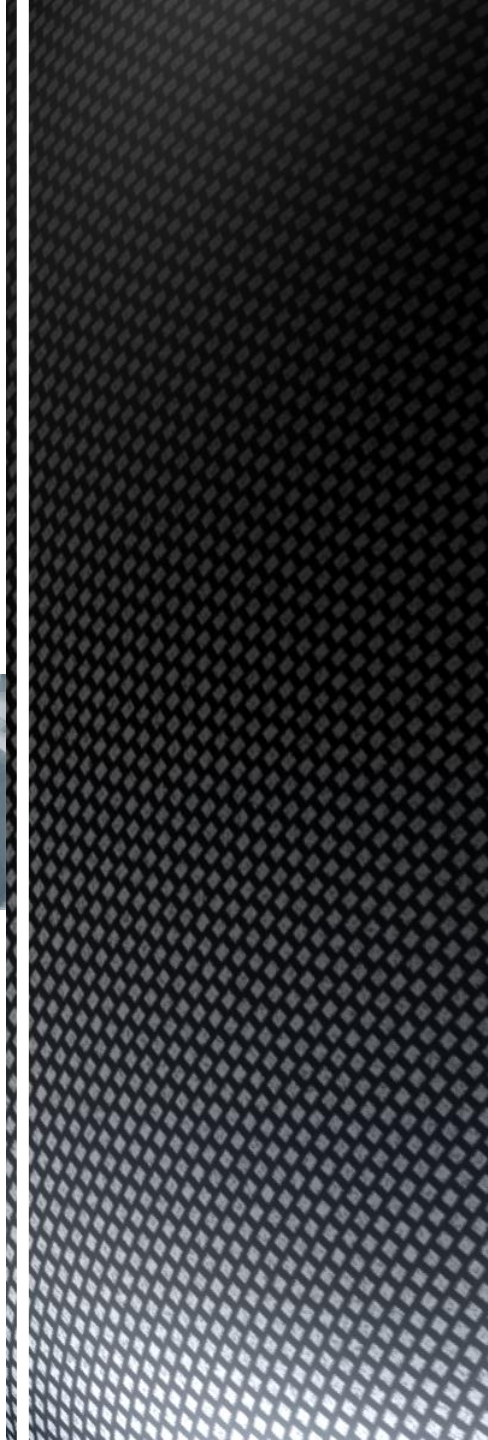


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A project “Housing First” for homeless young adults between 18 and 25 years old with an addiction and/or a psychiatric disorder





## **Background:**

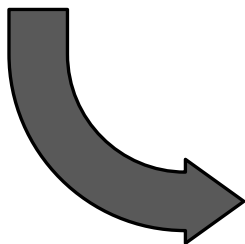
- => The Housing First project emergence in Europe**
- => 5 projects in Belgium of which 2 in Brussels**
- => The Samusocial observes and meets similar projects**
- => Delegation went to Montreal – October 2014**
- => Call for project from the Région de Bruxelles Capitale**
- => Brussels CPAS and the Samusocial decide to join forces and develop a specific project**





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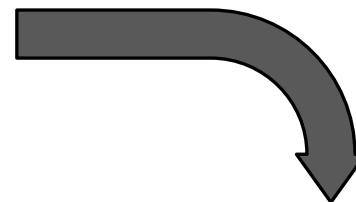
Two institutions: private/public  
– each within their competences  
– both in charge of helping people in need



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# Missions:



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## Samusocial - Sites

*More than 1200 beds/spaces this winter*

### Social Emergencies - Homeless

- Petit Rempart (110 permanent places)
- Family Center - Gulledelle (130 places)
- MediHalte (38 places)
- Step Forward/Housing First (20 places)

### 2015-2016 Winter Plan sites

- Rue Royale (300 places)
- Rue Guillaume Kennis (300 places)
- Poincaré (up to 300 places )





The task of the public social welfare centre (CPAS) is to provide individuals and families in need with social assistance.



**CPAS BRUXELLES**  
**BRUSSELOCMW**

- *Social department*
- *Employment department*
- *Training department*
- *Housing service*
- *Debt mediation department*
- *Social assistance for people suffering of addictions (SAS)*



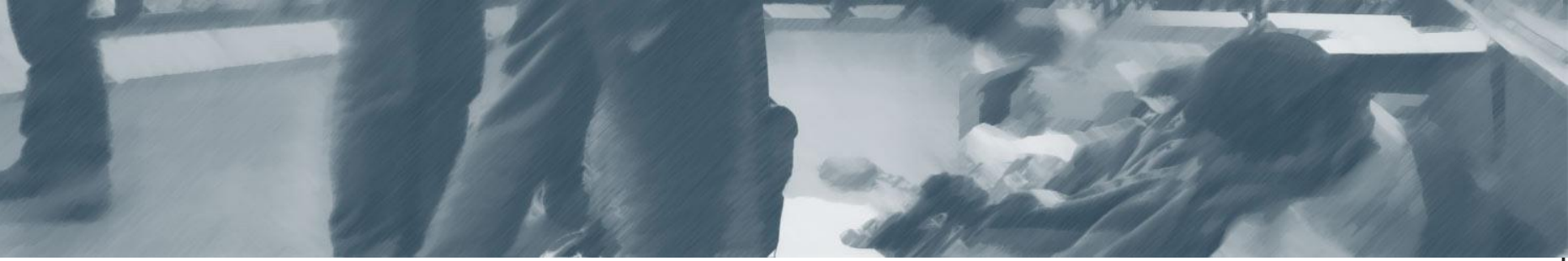




## **M**ulti-Disciplinary Team:

- **1 Full time**      **Coordination (Samusocial)**
- **1 Part time**    **Social Worker (CPAS)**
- **1 Full time**      **Housing Coordinator (CPAS)**
- **1 Full time**      **Educator (Samusocial)**
- **1 Part time**    **Psychologist (Samusocial)**





# Project Partners:



La Source / La Rencontre





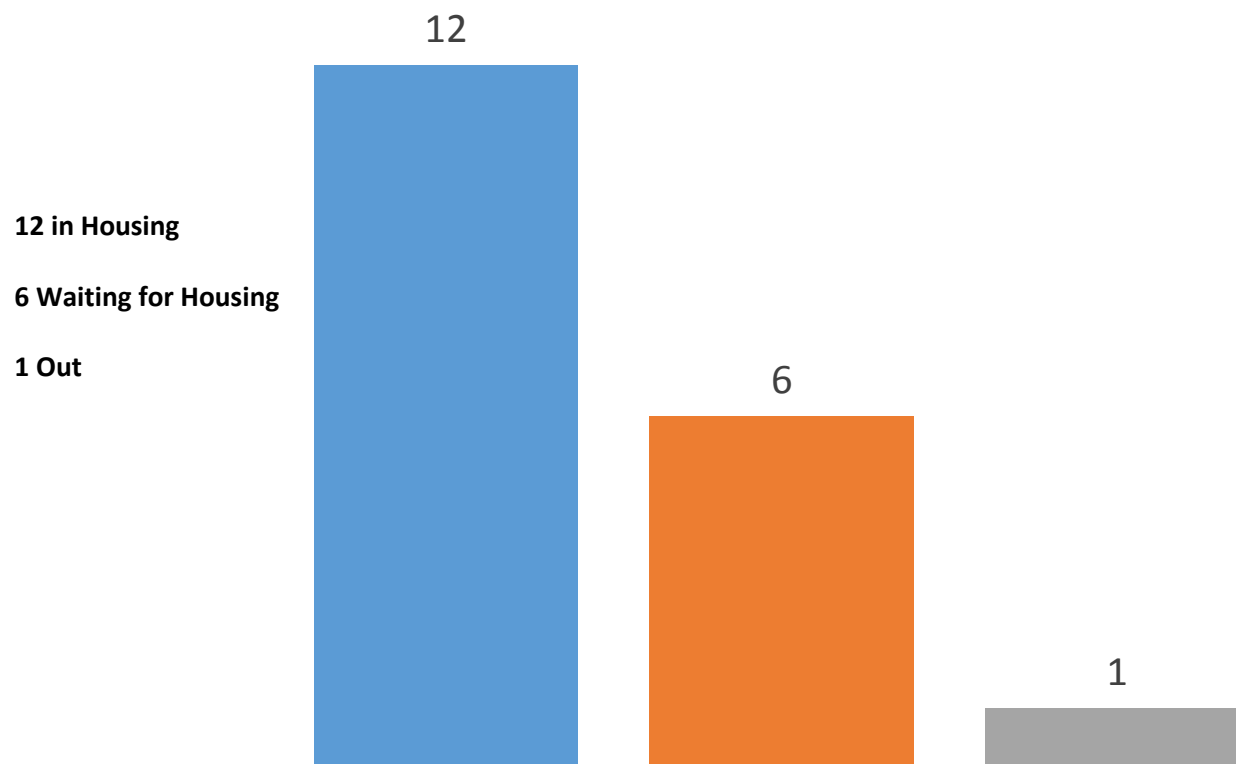
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Project launched:  
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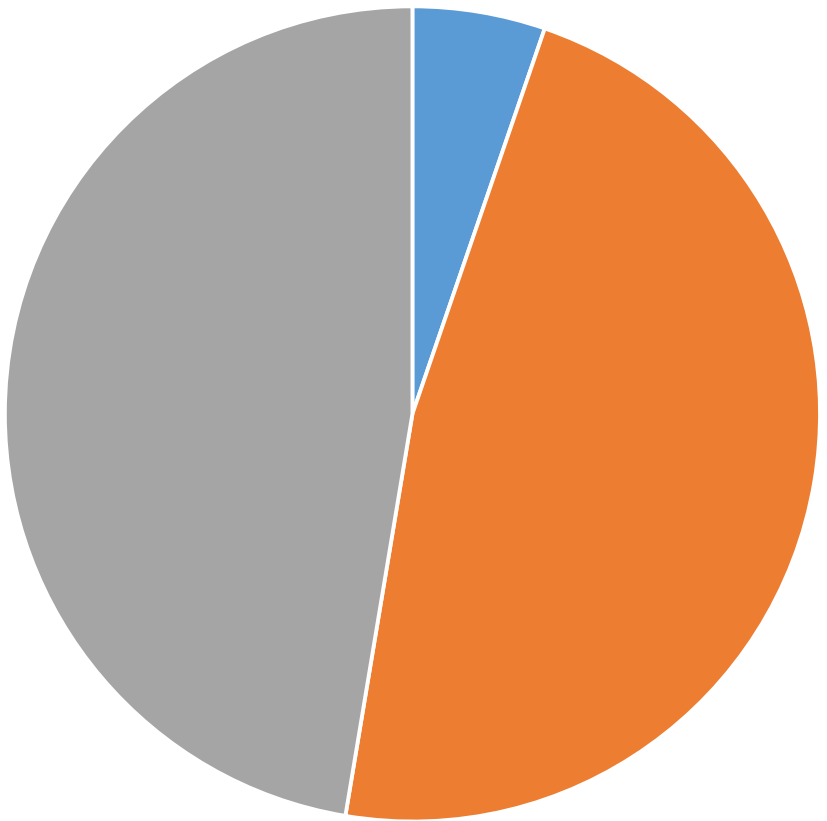


## May 2016: Number of Beneficiaries





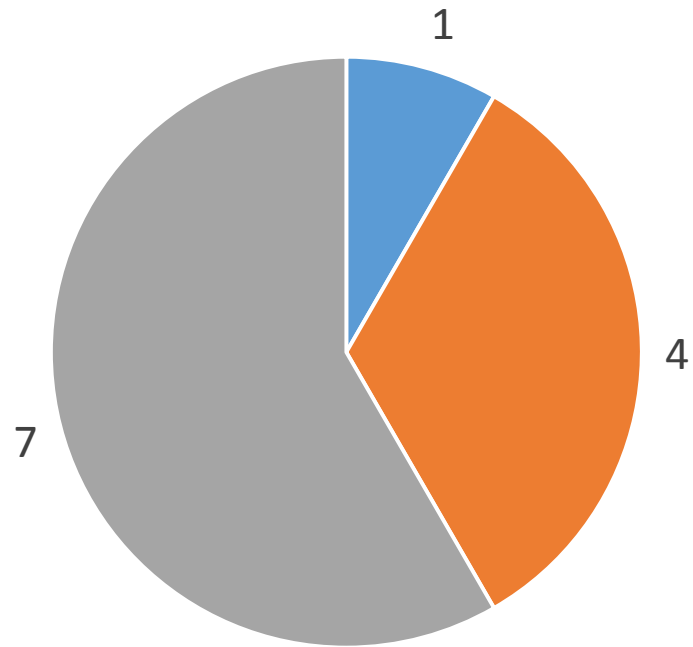
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Division by Institution candidate supplier

■ Transit ■ Samusocial ■ CPAS





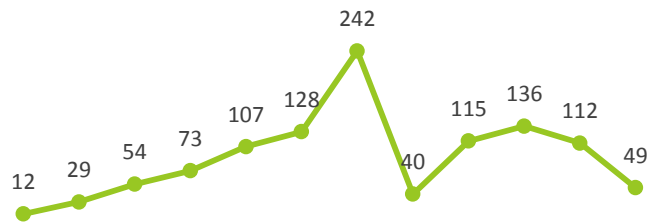
■ AISB ■ privé ■ CPAS

Type of accomodation used by the beneficiaries

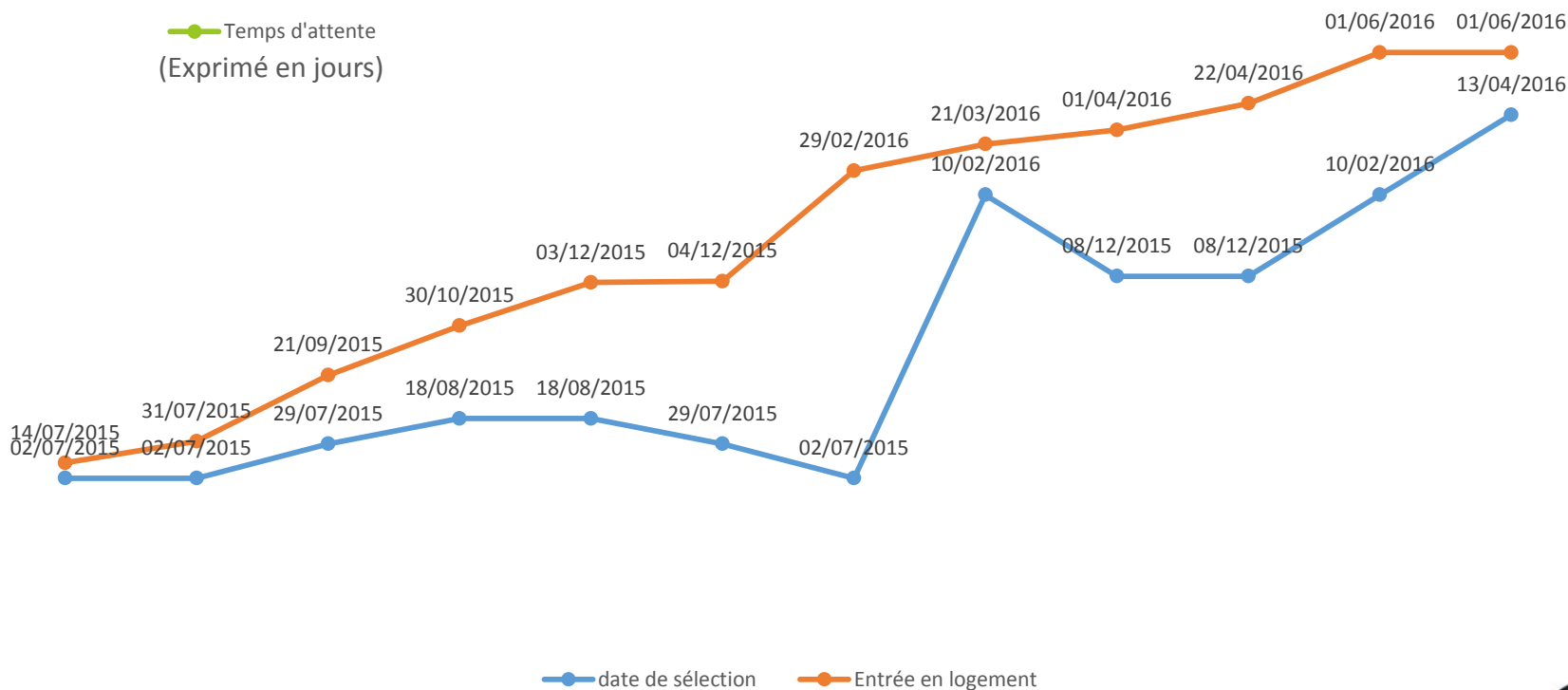




## Delay between the selection of the beneficiary and his/her entrance into accommodation



● Temps d'attente  
(Exprimé en jours)



● date de sélection ● Entrée en logement



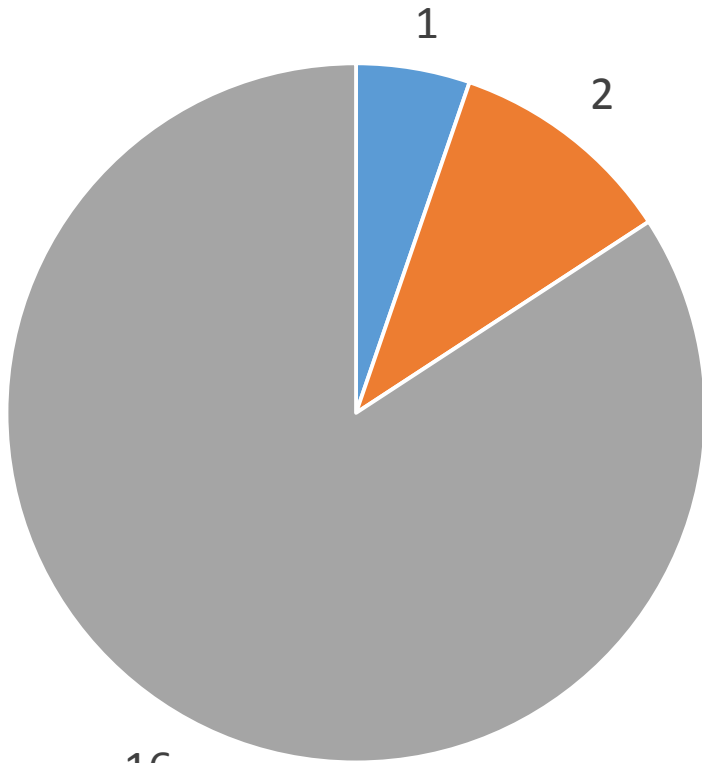


## **I** nformation about the target group

- **50% of the young beneficiaries have no contact with their families**
- **Out of 18 young adults within the project, at least 12 are in debt**
- **8 Poly-drug addicts**
- **None carry a high school degree**



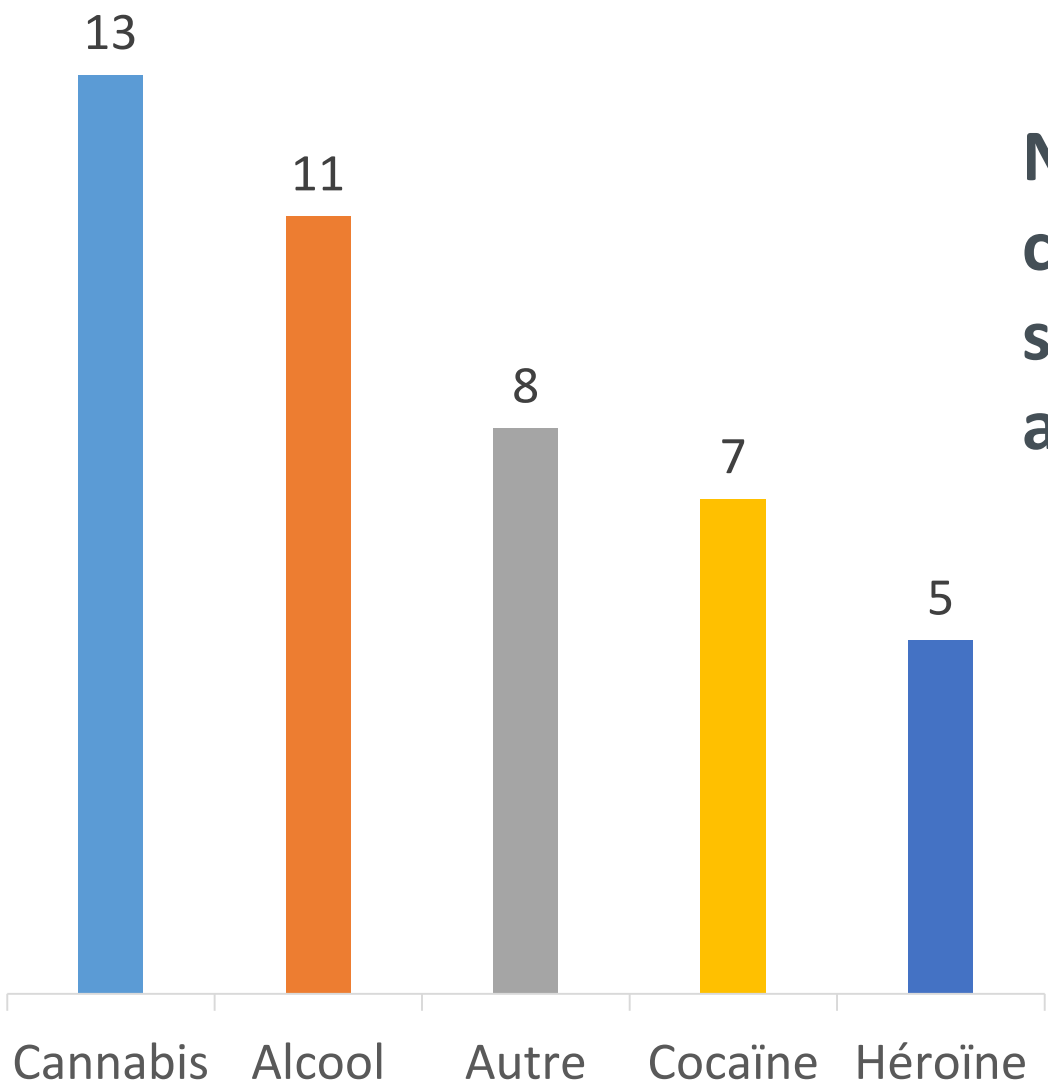




## Revenue streams of the beneficiaries of the project

- Allocation handicapé
- Emploi
- Revenu d'intégration sociale





**Number of beneficiaries consuming one or several psychotropics and nature of the latter**





## **P**roject's benefits for the beneficiaries:

- Social integration by housing first
- Administrative and financial regularization
- Healthcare rights
- Social reintegration via training sessions, employment
- Significant increase of the quality of life
- Increase of self-worth
- Social connections: institutions, friends and family





## **O**bstacles and the difficulties of the project:

- Difficulty in finding housing
- The problems of addictions of the beneficiaries
- The acceptance of care from the beneficiaries
- Lack of financial means of the beneficiaries
- Beneficiaries' feeling of isolation when alone
- The renting damages





## Project's Strengths:

- Innovation : When the social urgency is allied to public service. Two institutions specialized in the helping instable/poor persons
- Multidisciplinarity of the teams and the complementarity in the range of services
- Team reactivity an mobility
- Social services 5/7
- Weekly visits
- Watch 24h/24, 7j/7 via 0800/99340
- Strong partners





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