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The MindSpot Clinic

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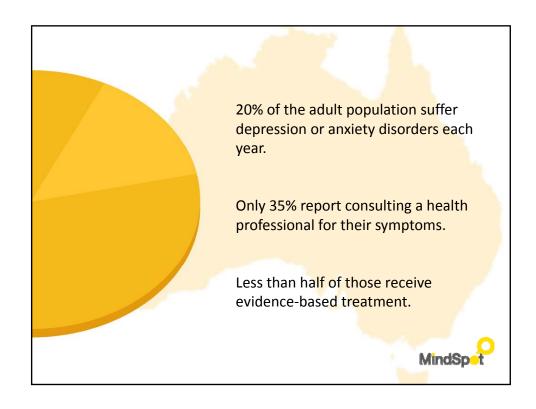
Part 1: Context



12-Month Cases of Anxiety and Depression in Australia

Mood Disorders (affe <mark>ct 6% of the popu</mark>	Numbers of People	
Depression	4%	920 000
Bipolar	2%	460 000
Anxiety Disorders (affect 14% of the po	pulation)	
Panic	3%	<mark>6</mark> 90 000
Social P <mark>hobia</mark>	5%	1 1 <mark>50 000</mark>
Generalis <mark>ed Anxiety Disorder</mark>	3%	690 000
Post-Traum <mark>atic Stress D</mark> isorder	6%	1 380 000
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	2%	460 000





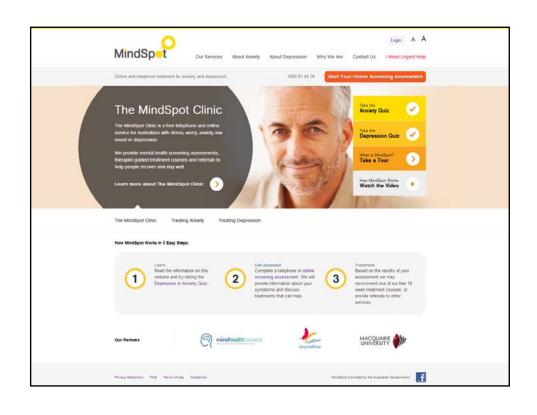
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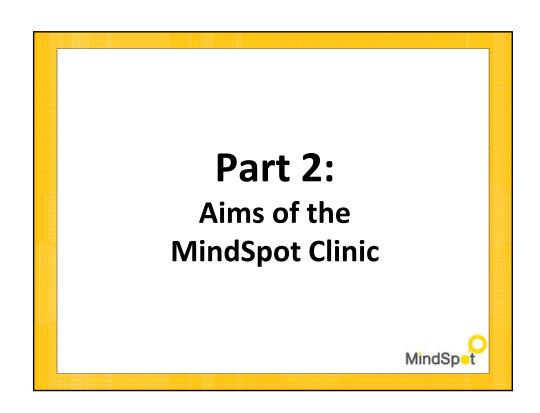
- 2006: The Australian Government invested in e-mental health support through the development of projects funded by the Telephone Counselling, Self Help and Web-based Support Programme.
- Australian academics and non-government sector leaders advocated for a structured approach to the development of this new sector (e-Mental Health: A 2020 Vision and Strategy for Australia).



- In 2012, the Australian Government described an E-Mental Health Strategy for Australia.
- This strategy has three components for improving access to mental health services:
 - 1. E-Mental Health Portal (mindhealthconnect)
 - 2. E-Mental Health Support Service
 - 3. Virtual Clinic (the MindSpot Clinic)







The MindSpot Aims and Vision

- Provide internet and telephone-delivered treatments to Australian adults with anxiety or depression
- Create a scalable and sustainable solution to reduce barriers accessing treatment across Australia
- Teach individuals evidence-based skills that will increase resilience and reduce vulnerability
- Provide high quality treatments that fuse best evidence-based practice trialled and developed with thousands of patients
- Provide a world class service



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- Expert advisors: David Richards (Exeter, UK), Gerhard Andersson (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden), Lee Ritterband (University of Virginia Health System, USA)
- Leading NGOs
- o 25 psychologists, psychiatrists, and mental health workers
- Operating at Access Macquarie, Macquarie University



Project Deliverables

Stepped care service (treatment intensity based on need) with multiple entry points and sources (telephone, internet, post, self-referral, other-referral)

Service Targets

Assessments, treatment, and/or referrals for:

• Year 1: 10,000 consumers

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• Year 3: 15,000 consumers

Project Funding: \$16.4M over 3 years



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3 Phases of Launch

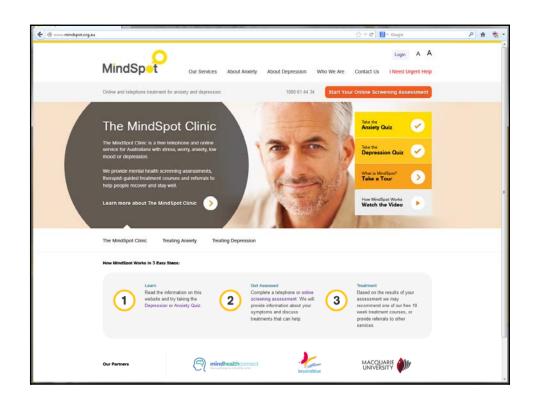
• Contract executed 21 September 2012

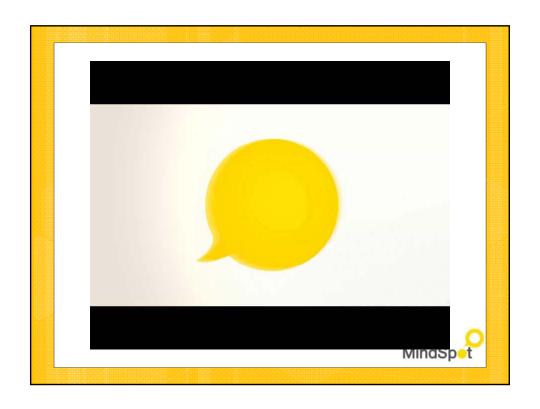
• Phase 1 Launch 3 December 2012: Mon-Fri, 2pm-5pm

• Phase 2 Launch 21 January 2013: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

Phase 3 Launch 27 March 2013: Mon-Sun, 8am-11pm







MindSpot Clinic Services

We provide the following free internet or telephone services to Australian adults:

- 1. Screening Assessments
- 2. Treatment or Referral
 - 10 week treatment courses
 - Therapist-guided
- 3. Smart IT





1. Screening Assessment

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We discuss results with patients, discuss treatment options, and send a report to patients and health professionals



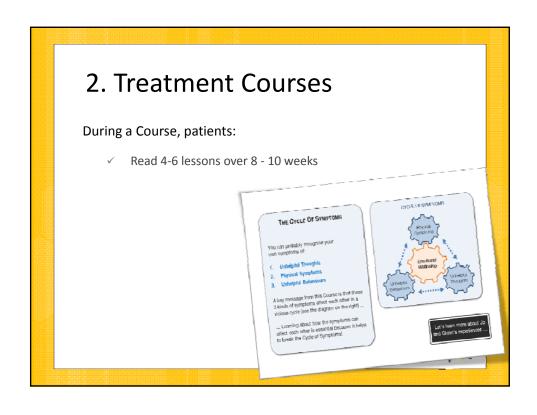
2. Treatment Courses

Choice of four treatment courses developed at Macquarie University:

- 1. Wellbeing Course (18-65 years) (Titov et al., 2013)
- 2. Wellbeing Plus Course (60+ years) (Dear et al; Titov et al)
- 3. OCD Course (Wootton et al., 2013)
- 4. PTSD Course (Spence et al., 2013)

New course groups begin fortnightly (3-5 therapists per group of 100-150 patients)







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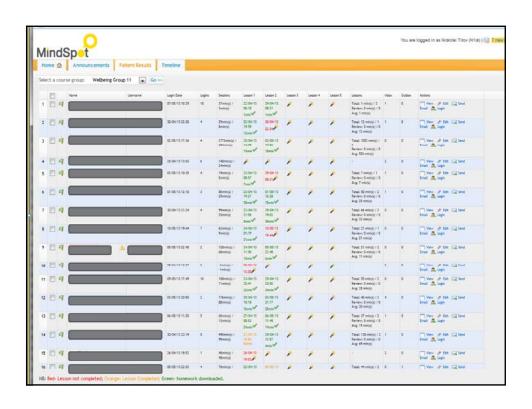
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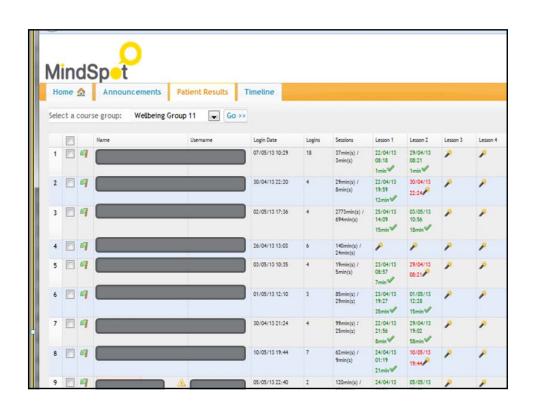
- ✓ Read 4-6 lessons over 8 10 weeks
- Learn how others have recovered from anxiety and depression
- √ Have regular contact with a MindSpot Clinic therapist
- At least weekly contact synchronous and asynchronous
- Low and high intensity along a continuum
- Type, duration and frequency of contact recorded
- Automated emails reinforce progress and reinforce structure
- Additional written materials available



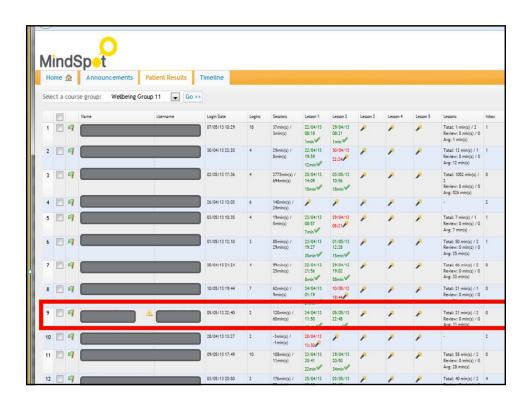
3. Smart IT IT features that aim to facilitate efficiency, patient safety and engagement: Alerts for elevated symptoms Automated emails Integrated patient management system Intuitive therapist interface

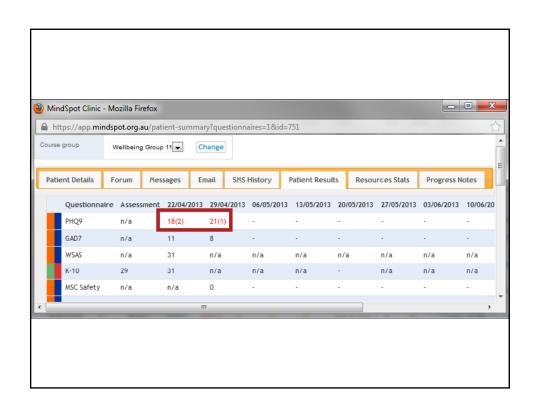


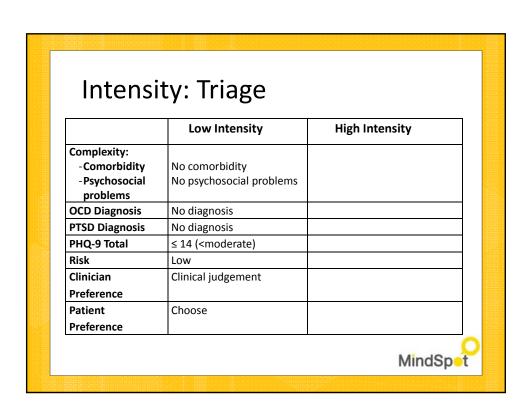




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Intensity: Triage

	Low Intensity	High Intensity
Complexity:		
-Comorbidity	No comorbidity	Comorbidity
-Psychosocial	No psychosocial problems	Psychosocial problems
problems		
OCD Diagnosis	No diagnosis	Diagnosis
PTSD Diagnosis	No diagnosis	Diagnosis
PHQ-9 Total	≤ 14 (<moderate)< td=""><td>≥15</td></moderate)<>	≥15
Risk	Low	High
Clinician	Clinical judgement	Clinical judgement
Preference		
Patient	Choose	Choose
Preference		



Intensity: Low vs. High

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Duration	<5 hours	
Sessions	4-12 sessions @ 5-20mins	
Approach	Guided support + course content	
Level of Structure	Highly structured. Structure provided by course content	
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Sessions	4-12 sessions @ 5-20mins	4-15 sessions @ 30 - 60 mins
Approach	Guided support + course content	Individualised therapy + course content
Level of Structure	Highly structured. Structure provided by course content	Highly structured. Structure provided by course content + session agenda/checklist
Therapist	Unconditionally reinforcing, normalising, providing examples from others, signposting trajectory and future topics Summary of materials	As for LI. Additional role of therapist is to: Set agenda Resolving barriers to therapeutic progress Provides additional information to that included in course materials; Assists with developing worked examples of how to apply each core skills Assists with structured problem solving, particularly in the context of psychosocial stressors Summary

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Outcome Measures

Include:

- o Kessler 10-Item (K-10)
- o Patient Health Questionnaire 9-Item (PHQ-9)
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder 7-Item (GAD-7)
- Work and Social Adjustment Scale (WSAS)
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Timepoints:

- Assessment
- Pre-treatment
- o Weekly and mid-treatment
- Post-treatment
- o 3-month follow-up





Therapists

Include:

- Psychiatrists
- o Clinical, registered, and provisional psychologists
- o Allied mental health workers
- o Indigenous mental health workers

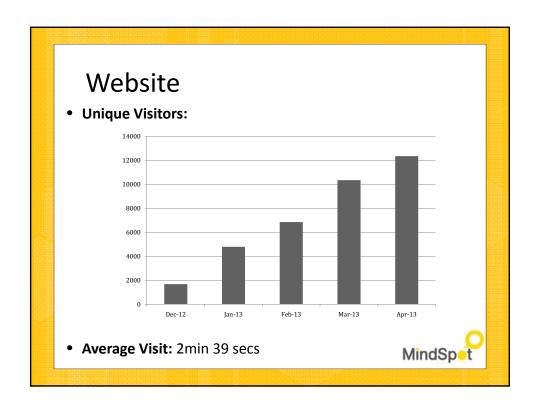
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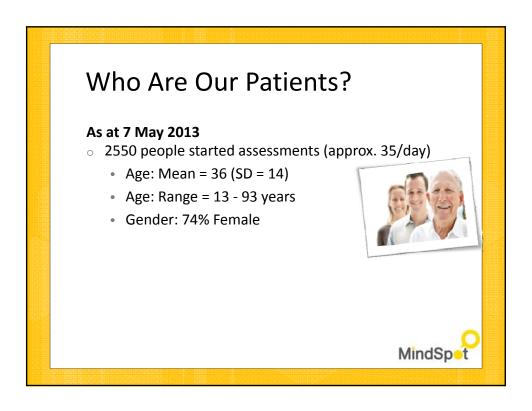
- o Assessment (online and telephone)
- o Treatment
- o Supervision
- Training and professional development
- Monitoring and managing safety



Part 3: Preliminary Outcomes







Who Are Our Patients?

Previous Treatment?

- o 42% never spoken to health professional about symptoms
- 30% not spoken to health professional for more than 12 months (average time since last consulted = 48 months)
- o 28% spoken to health professional within last 12 months

Severity of Symptoms?

K-10 Scores (note: total score of 22+ = "very distressed")

- National Survey Mental Health and Wellbeing (2007) mean (SD) = 21.1(7.5)
- MindSpot Clinic mean (SD) = 32.7 (8.1)



Where Are Our Patients?

State	Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011	MindSpot Clinic
New South Wales	32%	
Victoria	25%	
Queensland	20%	
Western Australia	11%	
South Australia	7%	
Tasmania	2%	
ACT	2%	_
Northern Territory	1%	

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Western Australia	11%	9.6%
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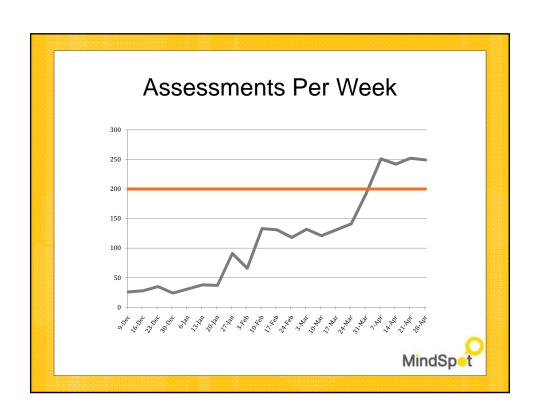
Locale	Australian Bureau of Statistics (2001)	MindSpot Clinic
Major City	66%	
Inner Regional	21%	
Outer Regional	10%	
Remote	2%	
Very Remote	1%	

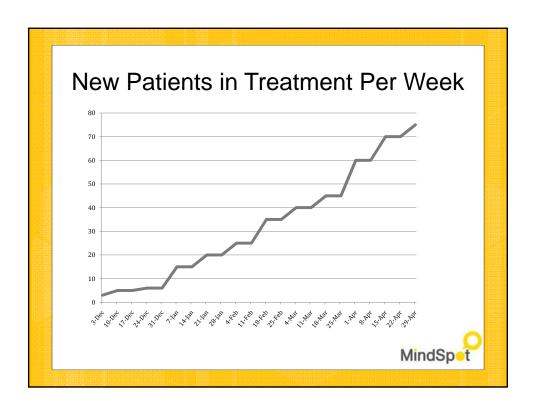




Locale	Australian Bureau of Statistics (2001)	MindSpot Clinic
Major City	66%	52.8%
Inner Regional	21%	34.0%
Outer Regional	10%	8.6%
Remote	2%	1.6%
Very Remote	1%	3.0%







MindSpot Results (Preliminary)

Patient Satisfaction?

- Patient satisfaction with assessment: 9/10
- o Patient satisfaction with treatment: 9/10
- Patient satisfaction with service: 95% report they would recommend a friend

Clinical Outcomes?

- Mean (SD) K-10 score pre-treatment: 31.2 (6.8)
- Mean (SD) K-10 score post-treatment: 22.0 (8.1)
- PHQ-9 Pre-Post effect size: ~ 1.2
- GAD-7 Pre-Post effect size: ~ 1.2
- o Magnitude of improvement same as clinical trials



Future Plans

- Offer video and online chat features
- Provide 'more' anonymous service
- Mobile optimisation
- Support other health professionals to use MindSpot resources
- Provide a world class service



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- Funding for the MindSpot Clinic is provided by the Australian Government
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Part 4: Your Comments/Advice

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