

This thesis is to describe and evaluate the Needles & syringes exchange programme, which is provided for the intravenous drug users. This work outlines the origin of such programmes in the world and in the Czech republic and it also describes the negative impacts of sharing the syringe material and the most intravenously abused drug in the Czech republic. The thesis elaborates the Needles exchange programme and its implementation in the o.s. Sananim with an emphasis on specific methods and procedures. The practical part of this thesis uses interviews with the Exchange programme clients to evaluate client's satisfaction, programme utilization and possible negative overruns.