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## Residential treatment for LGBTI clients at resort 12 in Thailand

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Recent studies have shown that LGBTI clients who were in treatment with a specialized program tailored had much higher rates of abstinence once they completed the program than those who were not in treatment for LGBTI individuals. In different research it was found that 57% of the gay and bisexual participants in their particular study said that they thought their sexual orientation had negatively affected their treatment experience. Gay and bisexual men were less likely to complete their treatment programs than heterosexual men and were more likely to have left treatment because their needs were not being met. This presentation guides the audience through the reasoning for a LGBTI specific treatment facility and the best clinical practice approaches we are integrating here to achieve successful outcomes from individuals struggling with addiction, alcoholism and other problematic conditions.

## **Biography**

Stuart Fenton is a Clinical Psychotherapist with over 12 years of experience working in the addiction treatment field. He has worked in residential long term and short-term rehabilitation settings, public and private sector rehabilitation, community health centers in addiction and family violence, outreach and GLBTI services whilst for the last ten years simultaneously building a private psychotherapy practice in Sydney and Melbourne. From 2011 to 2013, he facilitated two ongoing process groups in Sydney for gay men which were very popular. He is currently under training to become an IITAP certified Sex Addiction Therapist and regularly presents for AUSMED organization in Australia on the topics of resources and referral pathways, treatment approaches to crystal meth addiction and my own personal journey.

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