



# Vaccination Advocacy, Knowledge, and Support through Collaboration (VAKS-Co)

## Commuque 3: Update from the December 2025 Steering Group Meeting

### Background

VAKS-Co was established in 2024 as a collaboration between the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS), Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) and Department of Health to provide a coordinated approach to WA Health immunisation activities in the Perth metropolitan area.

VAKS-Co activities are overseen by a Coordinating Group, which meets 6 times a year. The Coordinating Group reports to a Steering Group, which meets 3 times a year.

### Update from the Coordinating Group



Working groups have been established to progress 4 collaborative projects:

#### 1. Modelling the optimal number and location of CACH clinics

**Objective:** Investigate using modelling to support optimisation of CACH community health immunisation clinics.



Analysis of clinic demand and location that focused on priority groups for vaccination was presented.

#### 2. Providers under-reporting to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

**Objective:** Develop a coordinated process for identifying and supporting providers who under-report immunisations to the AIR.



Issues resulting in under-reporting to the AIR are being addressed. The working group is adjusting their scope to investigate AIR issues that affect immunisation coverage (e.g. dose errors).

### 3. Inpatient immunisation project

**Objective:** Explore the potential to automate identification of those overdue for vaccination and generate catch-up plans in bulk.



Project approvals have been finalised, and the project will be implemented at the Perth Children's Hospital in early 2026.

### 4. Clinical advice line project

**Objective:** Develop a coordinated immunisation advice service in the Perth metropolitan area that provides a clear pathway to access consistent and high-quality immunisation advice.



Models developed by the working group were presented to the Steering Group. It was agreed that building an improved advice service with existing resources is not feasible.

The Steering Group has decided to form a new working group to steer the next phase of this project and investigate alternative options. This phase will include prioritising views of users of the advice service.

## Discussion at the Steering Group meeting

### One-year Review:

- The VAKS-Co partnership was assessed through the VicHealth Partnerships Analysis Tool (VPAT) survey and qualitative interviews.
- The partnership was assessed as being at the highest VPAT level: “A partnership based on genuine collaboration has been established”. Areas for improvement were also described.

### Planning for 2026

- Members discussed priorities for VAKS-Co in 2026.

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