

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

Communique 2: Update from the June 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 (DOH) 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.

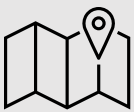
Update from the Coordinating Group



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.



The team are continuing to refine the model with additional data, including clinics that can and cannot be moved.

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

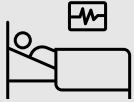
Objective: Develop a coordinated process for identifying and supporting providers who under-report immunisations to the AIR.



The working group has identified practices with specific vaccine ordering/administration trends that suggest data upload issues. The group has discussed potential strategies to assist these practices.

3. Inpatient immunisation project

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



Access to inpatient data is being finalised and the code is being refined so that inpatient data regularly feeds into a tool for automatic catch-up plan generation.

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.

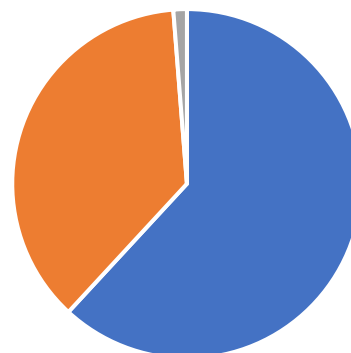


The team has finished surveying immunisation providers on their experience with accessing advice in WA (results below).

Members are developing a proposed model for the phonenumber, which would use a single entry-point (phonenumber) with menu-based transfer to the appropriate organisations. This proposed model will be presented later in 2025.

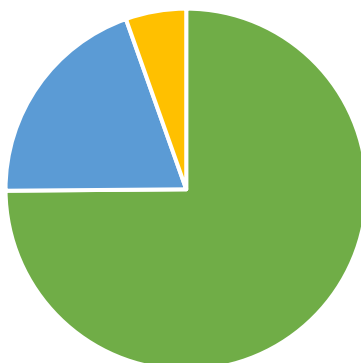
The most common query type among surveyed providers was 'Catch up plans or other overdue vaccine queries' (72.4%)

Providers that needed to seek advice outside their workplace for an immunisation query



■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure

Providers knew who to contact for immunisation advice in WA



■ Often or always ■ Sometimes ■ Rarely or never

Providers often struggled to find answers to their queries in online/hard copy resources (68.0%)

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