

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

Communique 1: Update from the March 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.

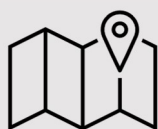
VAKS-Co activities are overseen by a Coordinating Group, which meets 6 times a year. The Coordinating Group reports to a Steering Group, which meets 3 times a year.

Update from the Coordinating Group



The Coordinating Group has decided to focus on 4 collaborative projects in 2025:

1. Modelling the optimal number and location of CACH clinics



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

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.

3. Inpatient immunisation project



Objective: Explore the potential to automate identification of those overdue for vaccination.

4. Clinical advice line project

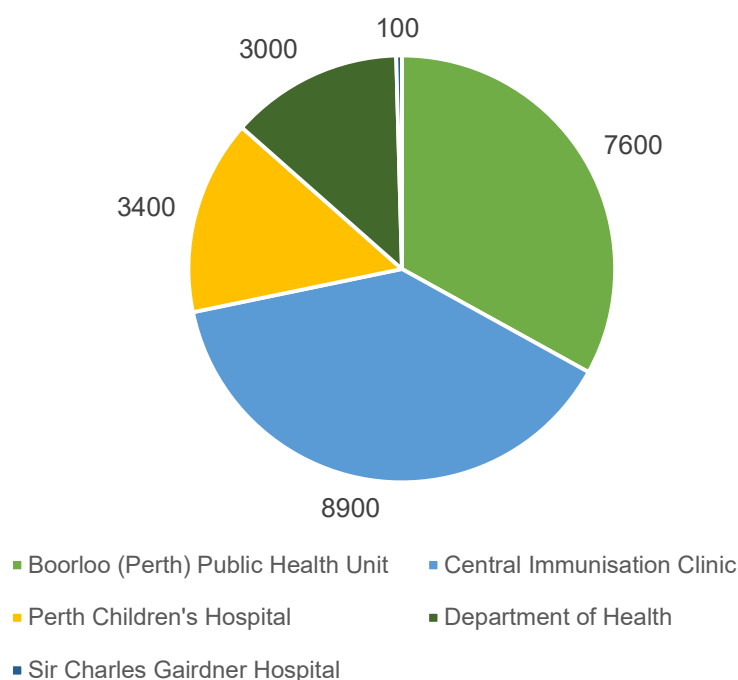
Objective: Develop a coordinated immunisation advice service in the Perth metropolitan area that provides a clear pathway to access consistent and high-quality immunisation advice.



The team has surveyed existing immunisation advice providers in Perth and has documented the types of queries most frequently received. Some preliminary data, which show the approximate number of queries and their sources, is shown below.

The team is currently in the process of surveying immunisation providers and consumers on their common queries and any suggested service improvements.

Annual number of immunisation queries received

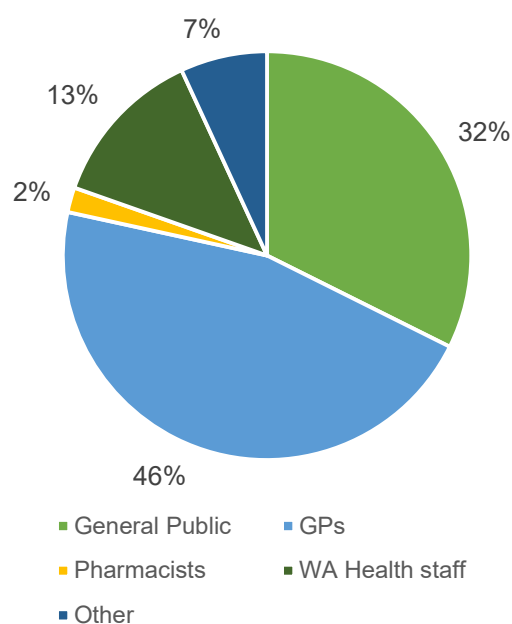


There were more than 4,500 queries related to AIR.



The most frequent query type was "providing catch up plans", with over 4,500 queries.

Source of queries



Decisions

- Members agreed to establish working groups for each project.

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