Statewide meeting

Co-chairs: Sheenagh McShane & Jacquie McBride

Working group updates

• Disability Action Group – Natalie Henry
• Access to health services for people seeking asylum – Tracey Cabrie & Sarah Christensen
People who arrived in the past 6 months living in Victoria

- Data from the Settlement Database
- Arrived between 1 April and 30 September 2018
- 2,181 people arrived in Victoria through the Refugee and Humanitarian Programme
- Slightly more males
### County of birth: Top 10

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### Age on arrival

![Age on arrival chart](chart.png)
LAG where people live: Top 10

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People seeking asylum

- People have long waits for protection visa application outcomes (temporary and permanent)
- Scarce data
- Data indicates increased number of people arriving by plane
- Top LGAs of residence for people who arrived by boat: Greater Dandenong, Brimbank & Whittlesea
TPV and SHEV holders

- 4,380 TPV and SHEVs granted in Victoria
- 5,662 people waiting an outcome of their application
- 72% grant rate
- Scarce data about LGA of residence
Policy update

• New Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
• Ongoing impact of SRSS changes
  – Network wrote to Premier Andrews
• Children and their parents being transferred from Nauru
  – A number of organisations have made statements

• Royal Commission into aged care
• Psychosocial stream in NDIS
• Minority Commonwealth government
• Victorian state election
• Expansion of mandatory reporting
Clinical services update

**West**

- Insecure housing
- Centrelink requirement cumbersome – including DPS, with confusing outcomes
- Chronic disease
- Lack of access to specialist care – long OP waiting lists, specialist not using interpreters
- B12 deficiencies

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**North**

- 208 HAPLITE reports screened =208
- Total health alerts =21
- Missed health alerts =24
- Top Health concerns identified
  - Chronic Diseases (Cardiovascular/endocrinology)
  - Children with cognitive and physical disability (epilepsy, cerebral palsy etc.)
Clinical services update

South East

- Largest community of people seeking asylum
  - Legacy case loads
  - Plane arrivals
  - Destitution and homelessness
  - Mental health deterioration and escalated risk-self, family violence, child protection.
Clinical services update

South East

- Strong community response to destitution
- Suicide prevention task group - risk management and postvention
- Linkages with universal strategies - intouch, mental health

Clinical services update

South East

- Continued humanitarian arrivals
  - Large families
  - Complexity across the life span
- Optimise
- LTB
- Publications
Clinical services update

Children and adolescents

• 1071 patient encounters RCH services, inc 149 new patients
• 20 offshore alerts - 1 immediate admission
• 14 patients from Nauru – 4 admitted
• Additional patients Craigieburn, CoHealth and EACH

Clinical services update

Children and adolescents

• Co-located medical and mental health services - with direct clinical care and also clinical consults
• Craigieburn clinic set to transition back to Northern
Clinical services update

Specialist asylum seeker health services

- Destitution and homelessness major issues
- Increase in AOD presentations
- Chronic illnesses and mental health conditions exacerbated by Protracted process
- Overall increasing complexity of presentation