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Co-chairs: Sheenagh McShane & Jacque McBride

Statewide meeting

Working group updates

- Disability Action Group – Natalie Henry
- Access to health services for people seeking asylum – Tracey Cabrie & Sarah Christensen



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Philippa Duell-Piening

DATA UPDATE



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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

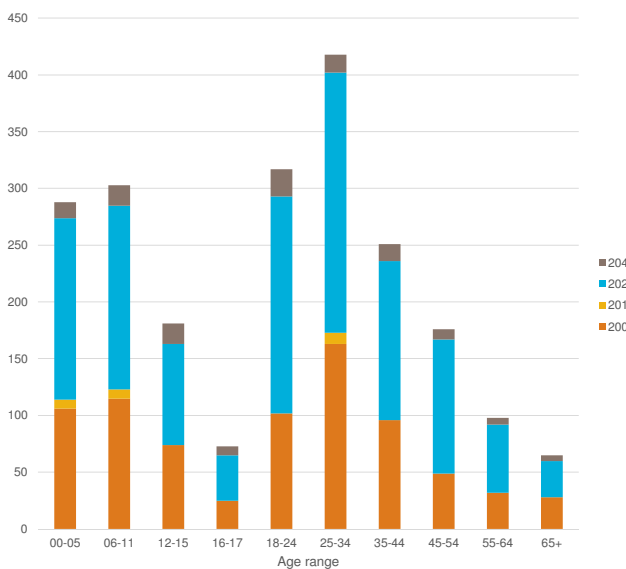


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County of birth: Top 10

Country of Birth	Visa Numbers				Total
	200	201	202	204	
Myanmar	90	0	398	7	495
Iraq	200	0	210	20	430
Syrian Arab Republic	118	0	188	8	314
Afghanistan	96	24	79	<5	199
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	105	0	6	37	148
Thailand	32	0	101	<5	133
Eritrea	7	0	48	8	63
Ethiopia	22	0	13	17	52
India	<5	0	45	0	45
Malaysia	10	0	35	<5	45

Age on arrival



LAG where people live: Top 10

Local Government Area	Visa Numbers				Total
	200	201	202	204	
Hume (C)	163	5	262	24	454
Brimbank (C)	60	0	113	8	181
Wyndham (C)	55	0	118	8	181
Maroondah (C)	10	0	147	0	157
Casey (C)	77	13	50	<5	140
Greater Dandenong (C)	50	11	60	6	127
Maribyrnong (C)	27	0	72	0	99
Melton (S)	51	<5	40	7	98
Greater Geelong (C)	60	0	30	6	96
Greater Shepparton (C)	78	0	12	0	90

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



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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



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



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- Royal Commission into aged care
- Psychosocial stream in NDIS
- Minority Commonwealth government
- Victorian state election
- Expansion of mandatory reporting



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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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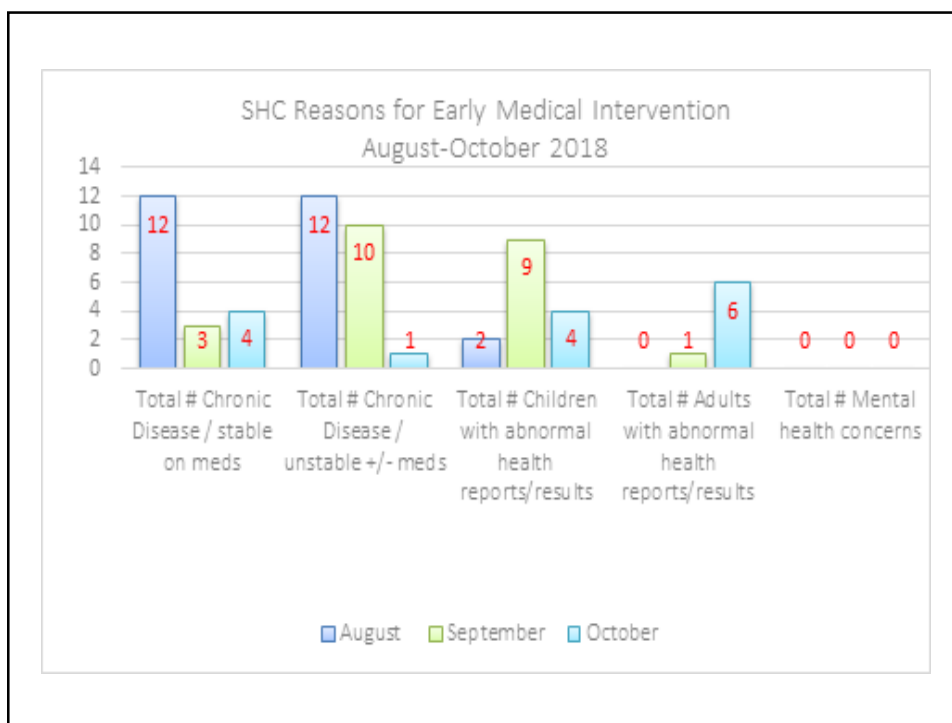
Clinical services update

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.)



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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.



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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



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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



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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



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