



victorian refugee
health network

***Catch-up immunisation in refugee-background & asylum seeker
communities in Victoria***
Immunisation Working Group
Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Working Group

The working group will bring together key stakeholders to improve access to catch-up immunisations for people from refugee backgrounds including people who are seeking asylum in Victoria.

Areas of Work

The working group will scope and support:

1. Models of service delivery to deliver complete catch-up immunisation
2. Consistent data collection on provision of catch up immunisation that includes identification of refugee or asylum seeker status
3. Approaches for improving the transfer of health information
4. The development and distribution resources aimed at improving immunisation health literacy and service navigation
5. The need for professional development on catch-up immunisation

The Working Group will also monitor the impact of State and Commonwealth immunisation policy on refugee-background and asylum seeker communities and provide advice as needed.

Membership

Membership of the working group will be composed of representatives from the following sectors/organisations:

- Department of Health & Human Services
- Department of Education & Training
- Local Government
- Primary Health Networks
- Networking Health Victoria
- Refugee health services
- Refugee Health Fellows
- Settlement and asylum seeker support agencies
- Foundation House
- Victorian Refugee Health Network
- Invite others to attend meetings as relevant/as the need arises

Meetings

Meetings will be held for 1.5 hours on a bi-monthly basis (once every two months) for up to two years. Meetings will be held at Foundation House, 4 Gardiner Street Brunswick. We request that members attend meetings regularly, follow up on agreed action items, and promote the work of the group within your organisation. Time will be allocated during each meeting to discuss policy changes.

Roles and responsibilities

The working group will be chaired by Dr Georgie Paxton, Head of Immigrant Health and Consultant Paediatrician at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne. Secretariat support for the working group will be provided by Lauren Tyrrell, Sector Development & Policy Advisor with the Victorian Refugee Health Network.