



Migrant Health Programme

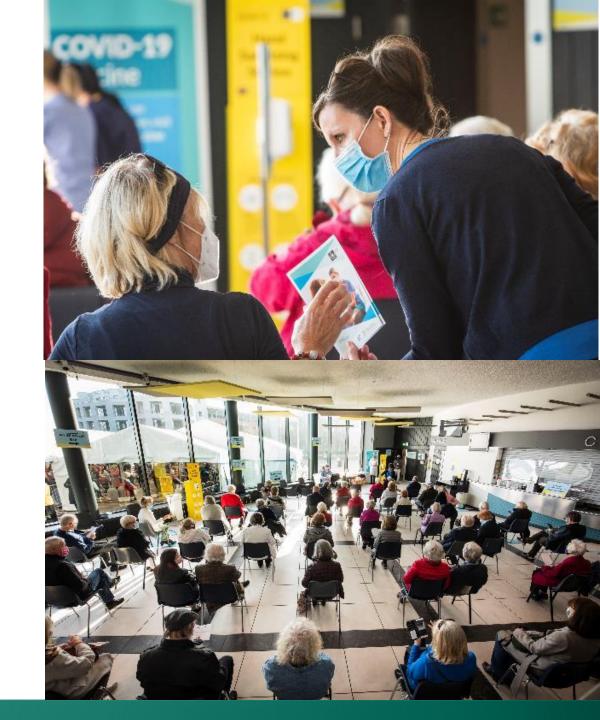
& Health Protection

Dr Douglas Hamilton 12 Oct 2023



Presentation

- Challenge
- Wrap-around Migrant Health Programme
- Health Status Questionnaire
- Catch-up Vaccination
- Blood Borne Virus Screening





International

War

Global Economy

Right Wing Politics

Climate Change

Pandemic threats

Domestic

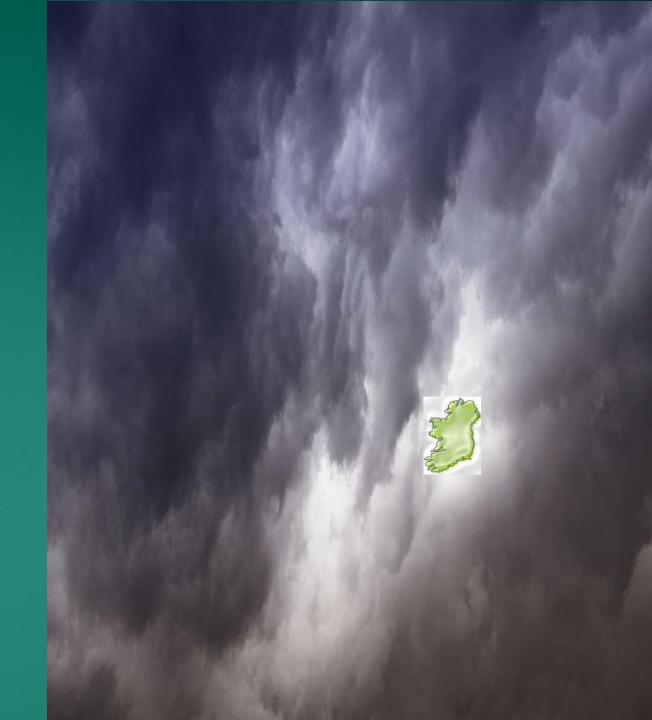
Homelessness

Addiction

Travellers, Roma

Health Services under Strain

GP, HGs, PH, HIS





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- Comorbidities
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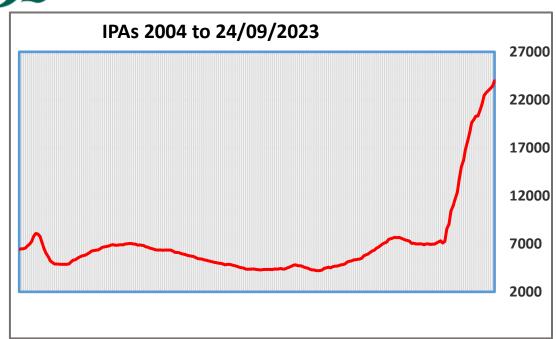
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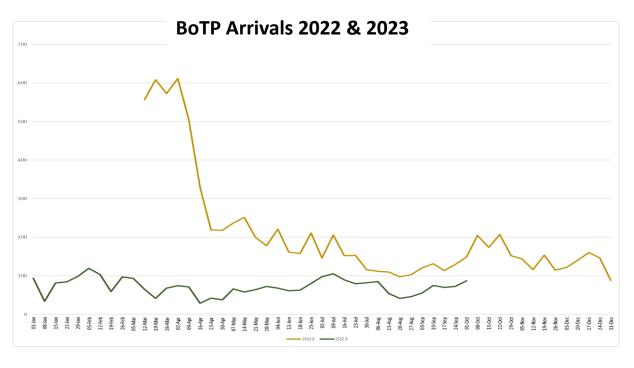






Enormous Challenge





23,983 IPAs in 229 Centres

Georgia	3,645
Nigeria	3,143
Algeria	2,885
Somalia	2,296
Zimbabwe	2,047
Afghanistan	1,647

White Paper: 3,500/year Received 75,000/year Over 20 x estimate!

But CHO Capacity not Enhanced...

94,782 BoTPs in 1,089 Centres

County	Centres	Residents
Donegal	132	6,743
Kerry	125	8,229
Kildare	9	821

Integrated Response for Migrant Health Services

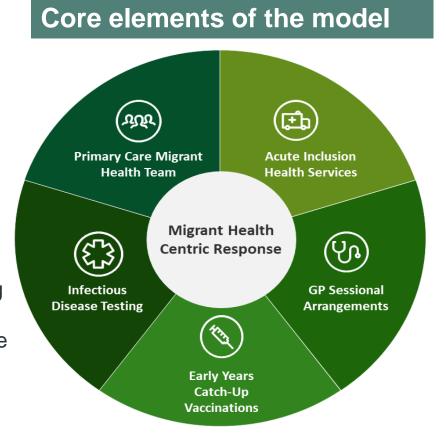


Sustainable Integrated Service Delivery Model for Migrant Health - €50m for 2023

The model is designed to facilitate access to urgent acute care, essential GP, and community-based services and to establish specific population-based programmes to address Public Health priorities.

Objectives

- Stabilise and standardise the health response
- Provide more structured access to essential GP Services
- Promote ongoing health and wellbeing
- Migrant communities are empowered to navigate the services they need allowing them to make informed decisions regarding their own health needs and the health needs of their families.



Challenges to delivery

- Finite resources/annual budgeting
- Competing priorities

In reality largely "Absorb into current capacity"



- Digital or paper form for both BoPTs and IPAs, in 10 languages
- Identifies acute needs; chronic conditions; social determinants
- Suite of TB questions (about 10% require CXR)
- Over 30,000 completed (mainly BoTP)
- Soon up- and down-loadable nationwide

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Findings

- English: 3% Fluent; 24% "a little"
- 28% have underlying conditions
- 61% of children up-to-date with vaccinations

Communication Challenge Comorbidities



Vaccine hesitant



BOTP and IPA Catch up Vaccination Programme

Year to date report: August 2023

Prepared by:

National Operational Planning group for the BOTP and IPA Catch-up Vaccination Programme
29 September 2023





1. Background

- The National HSE Catch-Up Immunisation Service Delivery Model was launched on 20/02/2023
- In line with the Irish Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule
- The Irish vaccination schedule is different to Ukraine's and other countries'
- Primary Childhood vaccinations have never been administered by HSE Community services before

2. Programme progress August 2023

- Although progress has been slow initially, total activity has now remained above 1,000 vaccinations for the second month in a row
- Vaccine hesitancy is high overall, but higher in the BoTP group
- There are many competing issues facing these families
- Many BoTP families want to check with their GP in Ukraine before they consent
- CHOs report a significant risk to the programme due to the lack of confirmation of funding for this
 programme for 2024 as this impacts on recruitment and retention of skilled staff



Year to date headline figures at: 31 August 2023











835

Total number of preparatory engagements

6646

Total number offered vaccines

3240

Total number of vaccines administered

2774

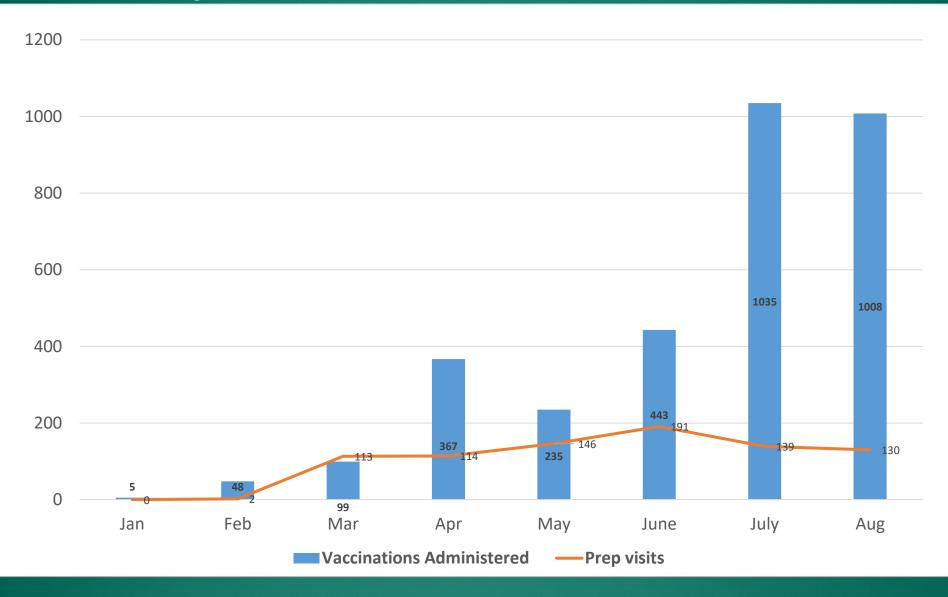
Total number accepting <u>all</u> vaccines offered

1969

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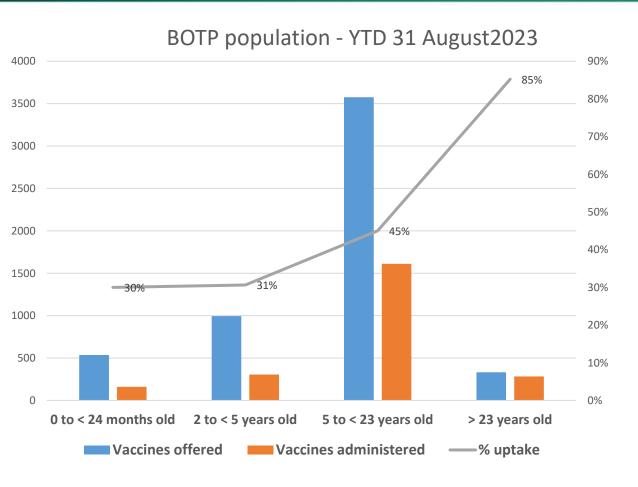


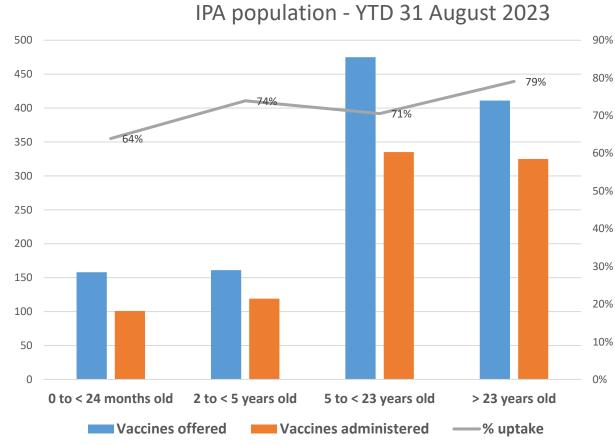
Total number of vaccinations and preparatory visits by month 2023





% uptake of vaccines by age group and population group





Blood Borne Virus screening

BBV pooled prevalence IPA & BoTP in Ireland, 2022 (estimated)												
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<u>IPA</u>	HIV	+ve	%	HBV	+ve	%	HCV	+ve	%	UKR	25000	50%
NRC	1585	50	3.15	1592	54	3.39	1592	9	0.57	IPA	12000	80%
CHO4	142	5	3.52	142	6	4.23	142	1	0.70	Total	37000	
Total	1727	55	3.18	1734	60	3.46	1734	10	0.58			
<u>BoTP</u>			1.00			1.00			3.00			
<u>Pooled</u>	l prevale	ence	<u>1.71</u>			<u>1.80</u>			<u>2.21</u>			



Blood Borne Virus Screening

Refugee and Applicants seeking Protection - BBV/TB Screening Implementation Advisory Group established to:

- appraise the BBV screening options available.
- define detailed end-to-end protocols

Main recommendation

Screening for BBVs by lateral flow RDT should be offered to all of the target population over the age of 16 years.





Flowchart of RDT End-to-end Protocol

Preparation

1. Identify target population

- 2. Identify appropriate site for screening
- 3. Sensitise population for optimum uptake
- 4. Engage and make appointments for the day

The Screening

5. Registration at identified clinic site (usually in accommodation centre)

In clinic

- 6. Screen by **RDT**
- 7. Manage samples: Read within 30 minutes
- 8. Manage results: Record result on PMIS; Inform and counsel client; if +ve: enable...
- 9. ... immediate referral to ID by phoning local service with client

Confirmation and follow up

10. Confirmatory testing +/- linkage to care by ID

11. If confirmed: Notification to Public Health by laboratory

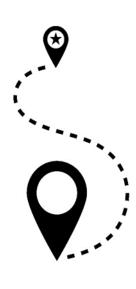
12. Completion of enhanced surveillance by ID

13. Contact tracing by ID & Mobile BBV Screening Team

14. HBV vaccination of cases and contacts as appropriate by ID and Catch-up Vaccination Team

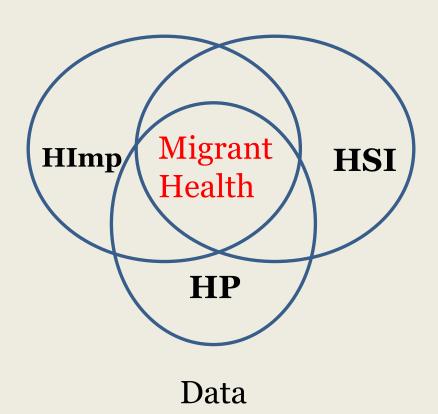
HE Next steps

- Procurement of the RDT kits
- Piloting of the screening
- Reviewing of the process, SOPs
- Phased national roll-out





Principles of PH Approach



- Migrant Health at the Heart of Integrated PH
 - Underpinned by Q HI
- Learn from Covid-19;
 Work
 - o across sectors
 - ▼ Other Gov agencies; NGOs
 - o across HSE
 - × PC, Comm Ops, SI
 - With under-served groups themselves



Thank you!

If there is time, I would be glad to answer questions...





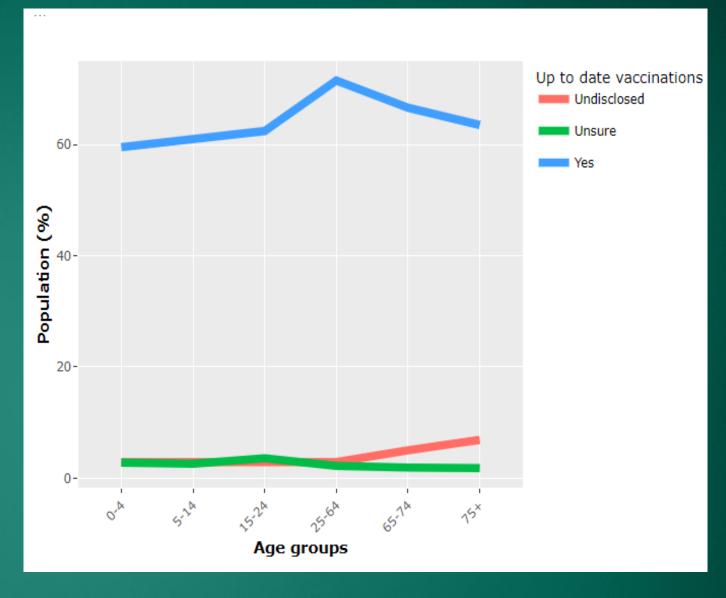
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83%	Approx.	Initially offered accommodation
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70%	19,284	30% Guesstimate moved out
39%	7,521	Not up-to-date (UKR Schedule)
	2,077	Given vaccines
	5,444	Not given vaccines
	1,256	Referred to assigned GP
	4,188	Remaining
	= 22%	78% coverage (UKR schedule)





Age Group	Fully
(years)	vaccinated
	(%)
15-24	62.4
25-64	71.5
65-74	66.6







From Census 2022:

- People usually living in Ireland but who were born elsewhere stood at 20% of the population (1,017,437 people).
- Of these one sixth do not speak English well, or at all.
- Includes 585,960 born in countries with likely significantly different health literacy, health-seeking behaviour and health culture.

