

Information Sharing Schemes

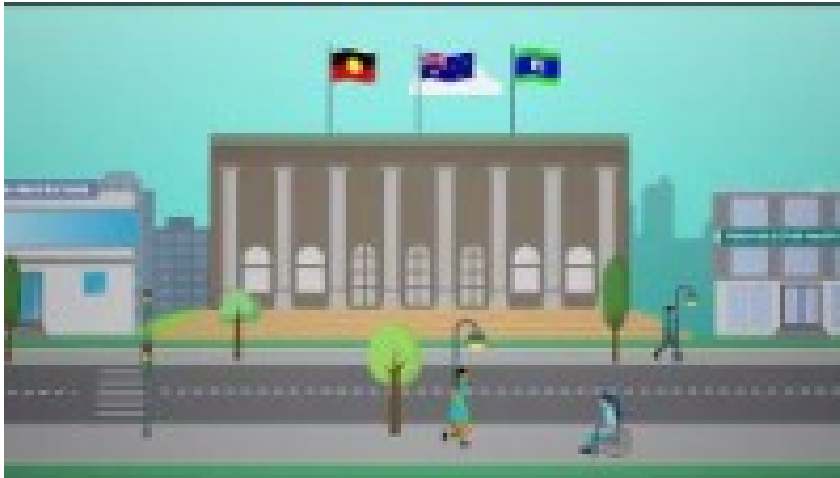
What does it mean for GPs?

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Introduction to information sharing reforms



Families Safety Victoria's Information Sharing Schemes & MARAM – Intro video:

<https://youtu.be/J2rNHOkdV2EyVictoria>

Support for GPs

Resources being developed include:

- An e-learning module specifically for GPs of 1 - 2 hours duration that will be accredited with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points.
- A resource for the RACGP publication, 'Abuse and violence: working with our patients in general practice' (commonly referred to as the 'White book').
- A practice-centred virtual learning program in Victoria that will be accredited with CPD points.

Information sharing reforms for GPs

- From 19 April 2021, GPs and practice nurses have been included in Victoria's legislated Family Violence and Child Information Sharing Schemes.
- This expands information sharing obligations for GPs and practice nurses. They will now be required to share relevant information to assess and manage family violence risk and to promote child wellbeing and safety when requested by other services covered by the reforms.
- GPs and practice nurses will also be allowed to request information from other prescribed services and to proactively share information to assess and manage family violence risk and to promote child wellbeing and safety.

Why are GPs and practice nurses being prescribed?

- Recognition of the key roles played by GPs and nurses
- GPs support a significant proportion of the population who may never access specialist services
- GPs are already identifying and responding to family violence and child safety and well being issues
- Whilst victims of family violence are predominantly women and children, people of all ages and across all communities experience family violence
- The impact of family violence on children is significant, and GPs are already playing a critical role in identifying and responding to child abuse

Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme

Who?

Information Sharing Entities (ISEs) are authorised to share information

iselist.www.vic.gov.au/ise/list

Why?

To assess and manage family violence risk to both adults and children

Voluntarily with any ISE

In response to a request from an ISE

What?

Family violence risk relevant information

Information re adults without children, regarding children or relating to perpetrators

Child Information Sharing Scheme

Who?

Information Sharing Entities (ISEs) are authorised to share information

Why?

To promote the wellbeing or safety of a child or group of children

Proactively or in response to a request from an ISE

Includes concerns re physical, psychological & emotional health, nourishment, supportive relationships, development, housing etc

What?

Information regarding anyone to assist the receiving ISE to conduct an assessment or investigation, make a decision or plan, provide a service or manage a risk to a child or children

*Consent is not required to share, although views should be sought and considered when safe, appropriate and reasonable

Who else is prescribed?



Justice sector

- Victoria Police
- Corrections
- Courts



Education Workforces

- Schools
- Kindergartens
- Long Day Care



Health Workforces

- Public hospitals
- Maternal Child Health
- Ambulance Vic
- Community health
- AoD & mental health
- State funded aged care



Human services

- Specialist FV services
- Child Protection & Care Services
- Child & family services
- Sexual assault services
- Homelessness services
- Migrant & refugee casework services

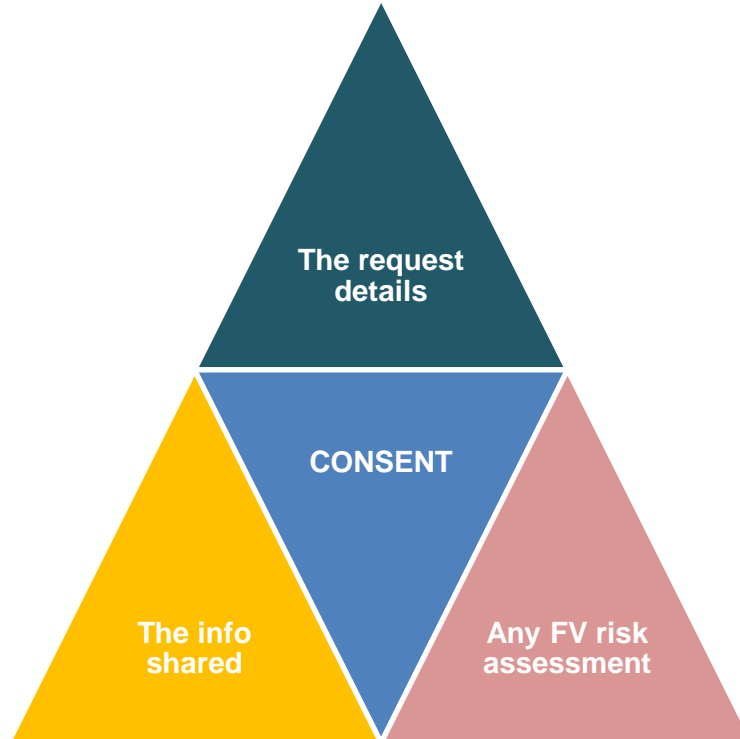
For a full list of prescribed services see the [website](#) for the reforms.

Information Sharing Scenarios

- George lives with his son Max. George has dementia and relies on Max for his care to stay in his own home. George is asking for script repeats and reports to his GP that Max is taking his medication and pension and using threatening behaviour. George cannot afford food and other essentials as a result. Max is also a patient of the same GP and has drug addiction and mental health issues.
- Amy has a newborn baby. During an ante-natal appointment with a GP, Amy discloses that her partner is very controlling of her movements, has attempted to restrict her contact with her friends and family and has threatened physical abuse. She thinks he may have been abusive to his past partner. The baby is underweight and not feeding well.
- Daniella has Autism Spectrum Disorder and her parents recently separated. Daniella's challenging behaviours have escalated. Daniella is 7 years old and in Grade 1 at mainstream school.

Record keeping requirements

You must record:



Legislation, Offences and the good faith defence

What are the legal bases for the schemes?

The schemes are legislated under the Family Violence Protection Act 2008 and the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005.

Updates were also made to the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 and the Health Records Act 2001.

The legislation overrides secrecy provisions in those Acts, the Privacy Act 1988 (Cwth) and a number of other acts.

What if you unintentionally share information without the relevant authority to do so?

GPs are protected if information was shared under the Schemes in good faith and using reasonable care.

Questions



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Further information

More Information about the reforms can be found at:

- www.infosharing.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1800 549 646

Email: CISS: childinfosharing@education.vic.gov.au

FVISS: infosharing@familysafety.vic.gov.au

Resources available to assist GPs include:

- FAQs and infographic
- Online training & tailored training is being developed



COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Victorian Update

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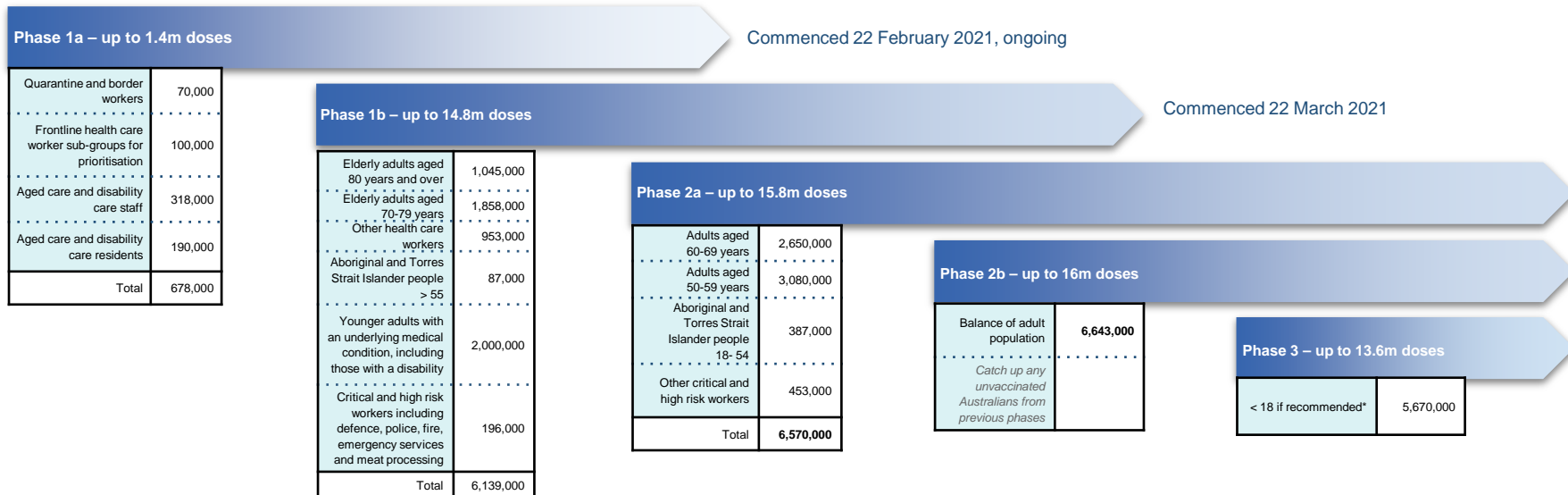
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Roll-out status: Progress up to date

Vaccine doses	Total	Last 24 hours
Total doses administered	172,308	4,006
Dose 1	130,073	2,913
Dose 2	42,235	1,093

Note: This data does not encompass vaccine doses administered by the Australian Government.

COVID-19 vaccine national roll-out strategy (supply dependent)



Population numbers are current estimates for each category.

* 16 and 17 year olds will be able to access the Pfizer vaccine in line with the relevant cohort.

Source – Australian Government

Roll-out status: Update

Regarding the AstraZeneca vaccine

- ATAGI recommends that the COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer (Comirnaty) is preferred over COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca in adults aged under 50 years.
- Recommendation is based on the increasing risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 in older adults, and a potentially increased risk of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia following AstraZeneca vaccine in those under 50 years
- Pause enabled further workforce training, assurances on provider indemnity and updates to consumer information
- Pause on AstraZeneca to eligible people under the age of 50 lifted from today

Process for Victorian Specialist Immunisation Services (VicSis)

- Anyone presenting with a medical contraindication to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine (including those over 50 who may require a Pfizer vaccine), must be referred to the Victorian Specialist Immunisation Services (VicSIS) network for consideration when they are eligible for vaccination.
- The referral form can only be completed by a GP, not by a patient or other healthcare professional.
- No other written or verbal documentation can be used to demonstrate medical contraindication for AstraZeneca
- VicSis Clinic guide and referral form to be distributed with meeting minutes
<https://mvec.mcri.edu.au/references/the-vicsis-victorian-specialist-immunisation-services-network/>

High-volume vaccination centres for 1A and 1B

- From today (Wednesday 21 April) a number of high-volume vaccination centres opened to people who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- High-volume centres deliver the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.
- Walk-ins accepted between 9am to 4pm each day
- To book an appointment call: 1800 675 398 (selection option 3,2,2) or visit:
<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment#book-at-a-high-volume-vaccination-centre>



Questions and Answers - Vaccination program

The Victorian Government coronavirus website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine> provides you information about vaccines for COVID-19 including

Vaccine eligibility checker	The eligibility checker will tell you if you are eligible now for the vaccine and can connect you to a vaccine provider. If you aren't eligible yet you can register to receive an email or SMS notification when you are able to get vaccinated.
Information hub – coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine	Provides links to current research and resources for people interested in finding out more about the development of the COVID-19 vaccine.
About COVID-19 vaccines	Information about the COVID-19 vaccine available in Australia.
Who can get vaccinated	Information about the phases of rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines.
Getting vaccinated	Information about getting vaccinated including how to prepare and what to expect.
Information of COVID-19 vaccine provider	Information about the COVID-19 vaccine for vaccine providers.
Translated information about COVID-19 vaccine	Information about COVID-19 vaccine rollout and safety in languages other than English.

Thank you for participating tonight

Department of Health and RACGP's next webinar

Wednesday 5 May, 6pm- 7pm

Topic – COVID-19 Vaccination update

For the latest information www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Information is available in 50+ community languages at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/translations



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