Influenza Vaccination for Persons with Intellectual Disability (PID)

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Background

- " A new initiative in 2015/16
- A more comprehensive and organised approach to provide free/subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination to PID on top of current provision
- To encourage more PIDs to receive the vaccine to protect against seasonal influenza and its complications

PID

- A person meeting the diagnostic criteria of intellectual disability under the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
- " All degree of intellectual disability are included (except suspected or unconfirmed cases)
- According to Census and Statistics Department (2013), the crude assessment is that there are likely 71 000-101 000 PID in Hong Kong (among them about 7 900 residing in institutions)

American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th edition, 1994 (DSM-IV)

- (a) significantly sub-average intellectual functioning: an intelligence quotient (IQ) of approximately 70 or below on an individually administered IQ test (for infants, a clinical judgement of significantly sub-average intellectual functioning);
- (b) concurrent deficits or impairments in present adaptive functioning (i.e., the person's effectiveness in meeting the standards expected for his/her age by his/her cultural group) in at least two of the following skill areas: communication, self-care, home living, social/interpersonal skills, use of community resources, self-direction, functional academic skills, work, leisure, health and safety; and
- (c) onset before the age of 18.

Overall implementation

	Vaccination Under	Eligibility	Main features	Launch date
Free	Government Vaccination Programme (GVP)	Non-institutionalised PID in HA clinics and hospitals	Detailed arrangement to be announced by HA	Mid October 2015
Free	Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme (RVP)	PID receiving services in designated institutions PID residing in Residential Care Homes (existing)	Similar to existing RVP: "Free vaccine provided and delivered to institutions by government "Institutions invite VMO to provide on-site vaccination "\$50 injection fee per injection "No additional charge to recipients	Mid October 2015
Subsidised	Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS)	PID holding registration card for people with disabilities (with indication of intellectual disability) or medical certificate certifying the eligibility for PID VSS	Similar to existing VSS: In doctors' clinics or as outreach programmes Vaccines (QIV or TIV) provided by the doctors \$160 subsidy per injection Additional charge to be transparent	Mid October 2015

Institutions serving PID –RVP or VSS

Types of institutions	No. of institutions	Estimated No. of PID being served	Arrangement under	
Day Activity Centre	59	5000		
Schools for children with intellectual disability	41	5600		
Sheltered Workshop	34	3800		
Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre	26	2800		
Integrated Vocational Training Centre	2	200	RVP or VSS	
District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities	16	4100		
Schools for children with physical disabilities/visual or hearing impairment	11	400		
Total	~190	~22 000		

Institutions serving PID –VSS only

Types of institutions	Eligibility	No. of institutions	Estimated No. of PID being served	Arrange ment under
Special Child Care Centre	All children studying in pre-primary	37	200	
Early Education and Training Centre	institutions are already covered by existing CIVSS	47	50	- VSS
Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres		216	60	
Ordinary schools (Public Sector or Aided Primary and Secondary)	PID holding registration card for people with disabilities (with	1100	1700	
Other institutions or PID without receiving services from any institutions	indication of intellectual disability) or medical certificate certifying the eligibility for PID VSS			