

for young people. Whilst a poorly planned transition is associated with increased risk of non-adherence to treatment and decrease of follow up which can lead to serious consequences for the young persons' health and well-being. There is limited empirical evidence in Ireland on how the process is experienced by young people with mental health problems; how it impacts on their health and well-being and how the transition process is managed by all stakeholders.

This study proposes a mixed methods longitudinal design to explore the views of young people, their parents and healthcare professionals (Child Psychiatrist, Registrars, Nurses, Psychologist and Social Workers) on the experiences of transition. The data will be obtained using questionnaires and interviews at five different time periods:

- (1) in the child mental health services
- (2) interviews with participants before transition (in child services)
- (3) distribution of questionnaire to young people after transition
- (4 & 5) interviews with participants after transition (adult services) Placing the young persons experience as central to the development of services and ensuring continuity of care are key priorities of National Children's Strategy (2000) and directly impact the quality of service provision.

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AUDIT ON SWINE FLU VACCINATION UPTAKE IN STAFF WORKING IN PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT AT IPSWICH GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Background: H1N1 influenza pandemic management was the most challenging scenario faced by health authorities worldwide recently. Department of health (DOH) in UK after doing epidemiological study of first wave of swine flu (April to Sep 2009) gave recommendations for management of predicted Second wave. One of the important recommendations was to prioritize vaccination of frontline health and social care workers. Previous studies have shown that the uptake of seasonal flu vaccine among healthcare workers has consistently been low.

Objective: To evaluate the uptake rate and reasons for non-uptake of H1N1 Influenza vaccine in frontline healthcare staff working in a busy Pediatric and Neonatal Unit in a Hospital in East Anglia, U.K.

Method: Prospective study conducted over 4 week period during Second Wave of Swine Flu Pandemic. A simple anonymised questionnaire was equally distributed throughout various areas of pediatric and Neonatal department. Staff was randomly informed verbally and actively encouraged to ensure maximum responses.

Results: 46(62%) out of 74 respondents were not vaccinated. 30 (65%) out of 46 staff were not vaccinated because of Lack of information either relating to vaccine itself (safety, efficacy, side effects); its availability and accessibility .16 (35%) out of 46 said they were "too busy to get vaccinated". Other reasons stated were - unpleasant reaction to seasonal flu vaccine, needle phobia and people being on annual leave.

Conclusion: Despite the pandemic nature of disease and robust mechanisms in place, Swine flu vaccination uptake continued to be poor. Onsite departmental information and vaccination sessions can be helpful to improve uptake.

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PERSISTENCE OF IMMUNE RESPONSE TO CANDIDATE MENINGOCOCCAL SEROGROUPS A,C,W-135,Y TETANUS TOXOID-CONJUGATED VACCINE (MENACWY-TT) UP TO 42 MONTHS FOLLOWING PRIMARY VACCINATION

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Background and aims: A primary dose of the candidate meningococcal A,C,W-135,Y tetanus toxoid-conjugated vaccine (MenACWY-TT) was immunogenic and well tolerated in subjects aged 15-19 years (NCT00126945). Here, the persistence of the immune response to MenACWY-TT was compared with the MenA,C,W-135,Y polysaccharide vaccine *Mencevax*[®] ACWY (MenPS), and was evaluated up to 42 months after primary vaccination.

Methods: This series of phase II, open, controlled persistence studies included subjects who received