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Final draft of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027) – Revised after stakeholders' and public consultation

ACA Secretariat presented the final draft of the Strategies, based on the comments received during stakeholders and public consultation held from 25 April to 20 May 2022. After deliberation, the Strategies was expected to be finalised and would be issued in late 2022.

In response to the feedback from communities regarding second HIV testing for pregnant women and importance of covering high risk heterosexual, ACA Secretariat clarified that relevant guidelines issued by Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI (SCAS) did not recommend second testing for all pregnant women but target those with risk of new infection. In addition, high risk heterosexuals were widely covered in the Strategies under sex workers or high risk sexual behaviours.

Apart from the Government, members opined that the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians might help liaise the stakeholders to reach the goals. The importance of primary care, such as in youth sexuality education, screening and testing for HIV/AIDS, etc, to be considered for inclusion in the model of District Health Centres in collaboration with NGOs.

Members suggested adding a short paragraph on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and corresponding strategies of HIV/AIDS. Needs for preventive services such as vaccine recommendation for ageing PLHIV could be incorporated in the strategies.

Members also reflected that there were difficulties for NGOs to deliver sexuality education in school and proposed to add paragraphs on concrete suggestions on implementing sexuality education in school and enhancing school-parent cooperation such as provide briefing session to parents about the teaching plan.

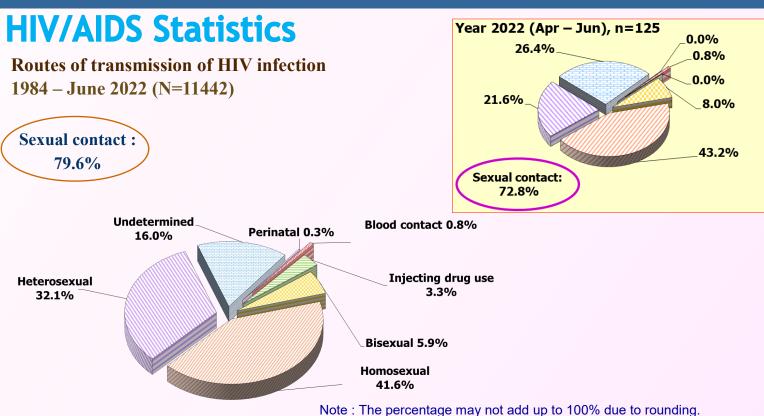
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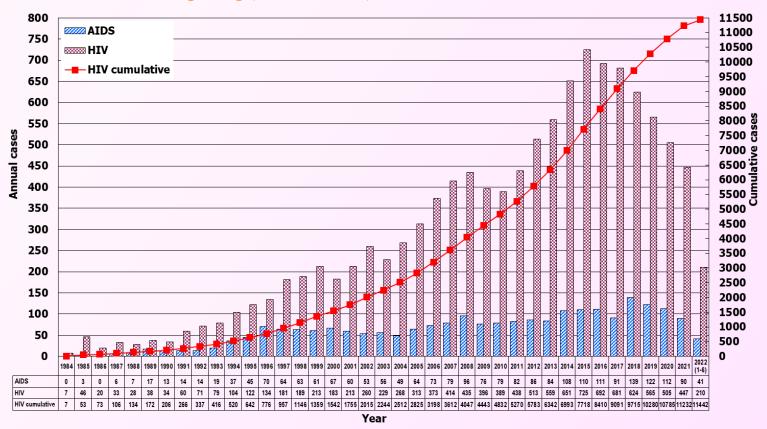
		Q2 2022		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	HIV	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	103	18	9,376	1,955
	Female	22	5	2,066	406
Ethnicity	Chinese	80	17	7,965	1,821
	Non-Chinese	16	6	3,114	540
	Unknown	29	0	363	0
Route of Transmissior	Sexual Contacts	91	20	9,112	2,099
	- Heterosexual	27	11	3,678	1,192
	- Homosexual	54	8	4,764	743
	- Bisexual	10	1	670	164
	Injecting drug use	0	0	373	68
	Blood/blood products recipients	1	1	86	26
	Perinatal	0	0	35	11
	Undetermined	33	2	1,836	157
Total		125	23	11,442	2,361

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