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47th CFA Meeting
8 June 2018
103rd ACA Meeting
13 July 2018

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 31 March 2018

| | | Q1 2018 | | Cumulative (since 1984) | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | | <u>HIV</u> | <u>AIDS</u> | <u>HIV</u> | <u>AIDS</u> |
| Sex | Male | 122 | 25 | 7,528 | 1,572 |
| | Female | 20 | 3 | 1,705 | 313 |
| Ethnicity | Chinese | 89 | 24 | 6,355 | 1,451 |
| | Non-Chinese | 25 | 4 | 2,615 | 434 |
| | Unknown | 28 | 0 | 263 | 0 |
| Route of Transmission | Sexual Contacts | 91 | 25 | 7,215 | 1,651 |
| | - <i>Heterosexual</i> | 20 | 5 | 3,092 | 1,001 |
| | - <i>Homosexual</i> | 65 | 15 | 3,655 | 546 |
| | - <i>Bisexual</i> | 6 | 5 | 468 | 104 |
| | Injecting drug use | 0 | 0 | 358 | 66 |
| | Blood/blood products recipients | 0 | 0 | 85 | 25 |
| | Perinatal | 0 | 0 | 33 | 10 |
| | Undetermined | 51 | 3 | 1,542 | 133 |
| Total | | 142 | 28 | 9,233 | 1,885 |



A Summary of the 102nd ACA Meeting held on 13 April 2018

HIV epidemiology in 2017

The Council was briefed on the local HIV and AIDS situation in 2017, gauged from the voluntary reporting system of DH. The number of newly reported cases has slightly decreased in 2017 by about 1.6% this year as compared with 2016, but men who have sex with men (MSM) still dominated the epidemic. There were a total of 681 HIV cases and 91 AIDS cases reported to DH in 2017. Cumulatively, DH received 9,091 HIV reports and 1,857 AIDS cases as of 2017. Male accounted for 87% of cases reported in 2017, which remained similar to that in 2016. The male to female ratio was 6.7 in 2017, which had been on an increasing trend in the past 5 years. Seventy-three percent of cases were of Chinese ethnicity while majority of cases, homosexual and bisexual (MSM) in particular, were assessed to have contracted HIV in Hong Kong.

Apart from MSM, ACA members noted that transgender individuals were also considered as high risk population of contracting HIV infection and it would be worthwhile to conduct ground work to understand more about them.

NGOs were advised to refer any cases with doubtful HIV screening test results to public health laboratory for confirmation. In this regard, the Community Forum on AIDS (CFA) had developed and published a set of local guidelines - "Quality Assurance Guidelines on HIV Voluntary Counselling and Testing Services (VCT) in Community Settings", which served as a reference for community HIV testing services. The contents in the Guidelines will be revisited in due course for update.

Report back of the Seminar on Chemsex co-organized by the ACA and the Hong Kong Society for HIV Medicine

The Council received a report on the Seminar on Chemsex co-organized by the ACA and the Hong Kong Society for HIV Medicine on 2 December 2017. Invitations had been sent to ACA and CFA members as well as other stakeholders. There were around 150 attendees to the seminar, most of whom were staff from NGOs. ACA members noted the emergence of chemsex, which could pose additional hazards to both individual and public health. The Council will closely monitor the local situation of chemsex and will review the Strategies in due course.

Report back of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services Meeting with deputations/ individuals on 5 February 2018

A special deputation meeting was held by the Panel on Health Services of the Legislative Council on 5 February 2018 to hear public opinions on the “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2017-2021)”. DH briefed ACA members the following key issues raised by the deputations during the meeting and in written submissions, namely:

- (1) Tackle stigma and discrimination of the public to those HIV infected and the sexual minorities and urge the Government to legislate against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation;
- (2) Availability and accessibility of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP) in Hong Kong;
- (3) Enhance HIV and sex education in schools;
- (4) Strengthen support to residential care services for people living with HIV (PLHIV) of older age groups;
- (5) Funding mechanism of the AIDS Trust Fund and, in particular, its allocation to heterosexual groups;
- (6) Enforcement actions against illegal prostitutions;
- (7) Harm reduction strategy for injecting drug users;
- (8) Insufficient manpower and resources to cater for the increase in the number of HIV infected people;
- (9) HIV prevention in women, including pregnant women; and
- (10) HIV self-testing.

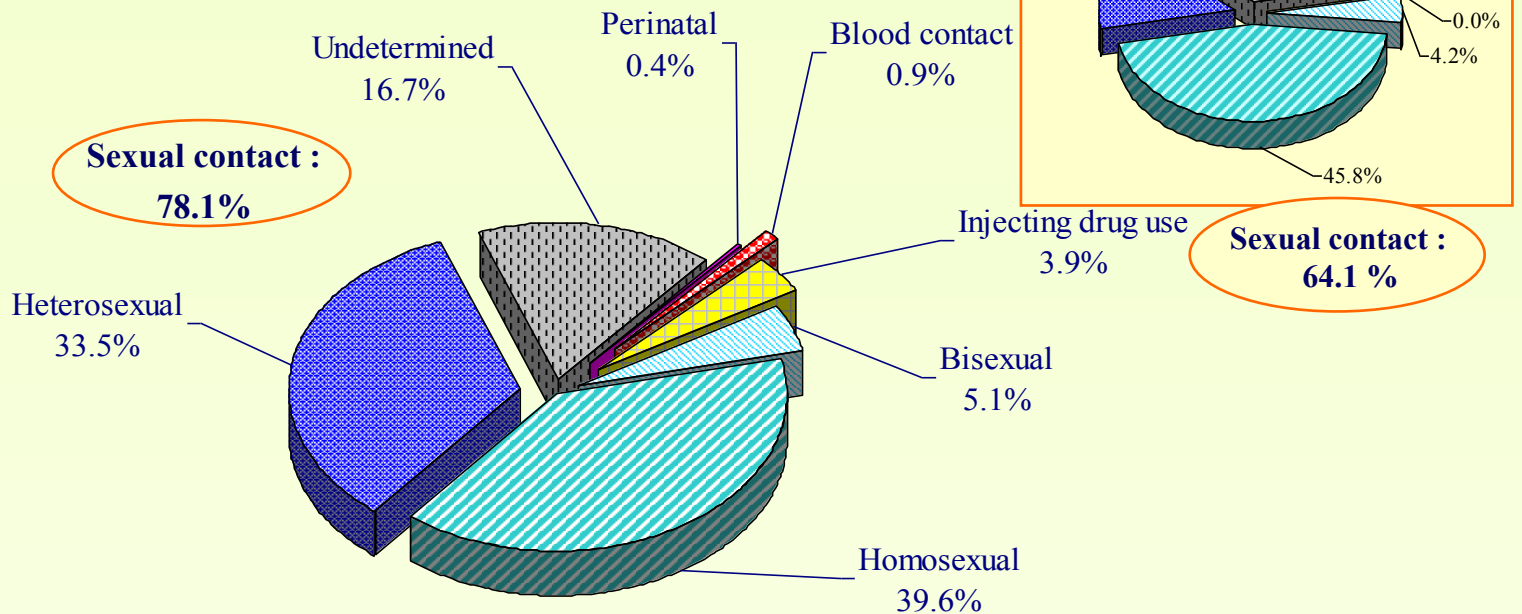
Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 46th CFA Meeting held on 8 March 2018. A summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile (Vol. 25, No. 5 – May 2018).

HIV/AIDS Statistics

Routes of transmission of HIV infection

1984 – March 2018 (N=9233)



Note : The percentage may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

1984 – March 2018, Hong Kong (N=9233/1885)

