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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Health Ministry does not practise discrimination against any parties that wish to obtain treatment or health services, said Deputy Health director-general Datuk Dr Lokman Hakim Sulaiman.

He said high risk groups such as drug addicts or HIV/AIDS were also welcomed to get medical examinations to enable them to be treated.

“The ministry is committed to providing health services, there is no restriction...we do not differentiate, they can come any time, anywhere to receive our services,” he told reporters at the 24th International Harm Reduction Conference 2015 yesterday.

The conference was organised jointly by Harm Reduction International (HRI) and Malaysian Aids Council.

“It is not the ministry’s practice to know or ask about any of the patients’ activities or lifestyle if they come to obtain health services,” he said.

Dr Lokman Hakim also gave an assurance that the ministry would continue its allocation for the National Harm Reduction programme in efforts to reduce harm that was closely related to the use of psychoactive drugs.

The programme in Malaysia comprised two sections, namely needle and syringe exchange and methadone replacement therapy.

The four-day conference, which began yesterday, involved 1,000 participants including scientists, politicians, welfare workers, doctors and activists in the related fields.

Previously the conference was held in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2013; Beirut, Lebanon (2011) and Liverpool, United Kingdom (2010). - Bernama