

| The Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board report dated: 2019-20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Recommendations 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 have been implemented with the responses being published in earlier implementation updates.                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Recommendation 4</b></p> <p>The Queensland Government request that universities and peak professional bodies incorporate evidence-based domestic and family violence education into professional undergraduate courses in key frontline areas, such as psychology, social work, law, criminology and health.</p> | <p><b>Queensland Government response published 30 June 2021:</b></p> <p>In response to the Board's Recommendation 9 from their 2016-17 Annual Report, the Queensland Government liaised with relevant peak bodies to recommend ongoing domestic and family violence awareness training for registered practitioners.</p> <p>This recommendation seeks to take that work to the next stage, by ensuring that students receive relevant education before they commence practice in areas such as psychology, social work, law, criminology and health.</p> <p>In response to this recommendation, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (now Department of Justice) will liaise with Queensland universities to request they review their undergraduate courses in areas such as psychology, social work, law, criminology and health to determine the extent to which these courses incorporate evidence-based domestic and family violence education, and consider introducing these elements into courses where they are not already in place</p> | <p>The Queensland Government's response to the recommendation is implemented.</p> <p>As at 30 June 2026, the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence responded:</p> <p>The Queensland Government recognises the importance of supporting a domestic and family violence (DFV) informed workforce and the key role of tertiary education institutions in equipping potential frontline workers with the skills to recognise and respond appropriately to DFV. The <i>DFV Training and Change Management Framework</i>, released in April 2024, is accessible to government agencies, non-government services and community organisations as a resource to help build and deliver consistent DFV training across the workforce and the community. <a href="#">DFV training and change management framework   Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety</a>. Further opportunities to embed evidence based DFV education into relevant undergraduate courses, that builds upon previous engagement with the tertiary sector and industry led training bodies, will be explored through the implementation of <i>Safer Families, Safer Communities: A Domestic and Family Violence Reform Strategy for Queensland</i> (the Strategy), released on 22 May 2026. Through the Strategy, opportunities will be explored to build upon earlier scoping work and national and state-based initiatives, to build DFV capability across the higher education sector. Building DFV capability across all sectors is a system enabler under the Strategy in recognition of the role of government agencies, non-government organisations and the community in recognising and responding to DFV and to work towards its prevention across the Queensland community.</p> |
| <p><b>Recommendation 9</b></p> <p>That the Queensland Government develop a standalone, system-wide strategy for responding to all perpetrators of domestic and family violence, regardless of their level</p>                                                                                                          | <p>Queensland Government response published 30 June 2021:</p> <p>Continuing to address and strengthen responses to perpetrators to lower the incidence and severity of domestic and family</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>The Queensland Government's response to the recommendation is implemented.</p> <p>As at 30 June 2026, the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence responded:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

of risk, with a focus on early detection, intervention, accountability and prevention. Any strategy should:

- a. consider the need for legislative and policy reforms to enhance mechanisms to hold perpetrators to account across a range of government and non-government services, including specialist domestic and family violence services, police, court services, corrections, child protection services and public and private health and mental services;
- b. include measures to support early intervention, prevention and the accessibility and availability of perpetrator intervention programs and other programs or services addressing co-occurring issues such as mental health, harmful substance use and/or homelessness;
- c. be informed by research and the outcome of the advice referred to in Recommendation 8; and
- d. be developed in consultation with specialist support services, Elders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and other stakeholders, to ensure there are no unintended consequences

violence is a priority for the Queensland Government, and at a national level.

Significant work has been undertaken in this area since the release of the Not Now, Not Ever report, including a more than doubling of funding for perpetrator intervention programs since 2015-16.

The Department of Justice in close collaboration with Queensland Police Service and Queensland Corrective Services and with support from other relevant agencies, commits to the development of a strategic, long-term framework to guide the Queensland Government's work in strengthening responses to all perpetrators of domestic and family violence. This will align with the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-26 and its action plans.

Concerted, long-term effort across government is required to fully address the intent of this recommendation, including both specific DFV perpetrator interventions and services to address co-occurring issues such as mental health, harmful substance use and/or homelessness.

The linkages between DFV and child protection will also be noted as part of the framework in light of the Board's findings which confirm the extensive harm children experience from DFV, with an awareness of their vulnerability to be built into the way the framework intervenes with perpetrators. Developmental and age-appropriate strategies will be considered for young people, noting that they can be both perpetrators and victims of DFV.

Agencies note that any legislative and policy reforms (part A of this recommendation) and the advice referred to in recommendation 8

On 22 May 2026, the Queensland Government released *Safer Families, Safer Communities: A Domestic and Family Violence Reform Strategy for Queensland* (the Strategy). The Strategy is built around four reform domains, including a domain focused on responses to persons using domestic and family violence (DFV). This focus reflects the Queensland Government's commitment to supporting victim safety through holding persons using violence accountable for their behaviour and to strengthen accountability through legislative reform, including the introduction of Police Protection Directions, electronic monitoring trials for high-risk offenders and video recorded evidence in chief. The Strategy also supports behaviour change for persons using violence through access to evidence-based interventions targeting diverse groups across the community. The intent of the Board's recommendation will continue to be supported through implementation of the Strategy.

In addition, the Government has implemented Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce Report One recommendations 25, 26 and 28 to develop a state-wide network of interventions for persons using violence. These recommendations have been implemented through increasing the number, range, and quality of programs responding to persons using violence, including programs with a focus on diversity across the continuum of risk and need. Innovative trials implemented include:

- a program delivered in Dari to Afghan men;
- a program for people with cognitive impairment;
- a program for people who identify as LGBTIQ+;
- a statewide online program;
- programs aimed at youth;
- a brief intervention trial for defendants charged with DFV who are diverted from the court; and
- a case management model for persons using violence to support a pilot of electronic monitoring of persons using violence.

There has been increased investment to DFV service providers delivering existing mainstream community-based intervention

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|  | <p>(part C of this recommendation) may be influenced by the work of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce, which is due to report on coercive control in October 2021 and on its examination of broader issues for women in the criminal justice system in March 2022.</p> <p>Similarly, a review of the operation of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> will also commence in this term of government. The proposed framework will be responsive to any relevant outcomes of these initiatives as they progress.</p> <p>In developing the framework, the Queensland Government acknowledges ongoing challenges such as the limited national and international evidence base regarding what works to reduce and prevent perpetration of domestic and family violence, and ongoing work required to increase the capacity and capability of the perpetrator intervention sector</p> | <p>programs for persons using violence. To ensure quality delivery of the programs, the Perpetrator Intervention Services Requirements were implemented in 2022 and operationalised through the Human Services Quality Framework.</p> |
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