

DFVDRAB implementation updates

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RECOMMENDATION	GOVERNMENT RESPONSE	IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE
Recommendation 2, 4, 5 has been implemented with the responses being published in earlier implementation updates.		
<p>Recommendation 1 - That the Queensland Government explore opportunities to improve service collaboration and the coordination of support provided to families, particularly children, bereaved by a domestic and family violence death. This should consider existing approaches to postvention support for those bereaved by suicide or homicide.</p>	<p>Accept The Queensland Government will address this recommendation by undertaking targeted consultation with government agencies and funded services who support victims of homicide and domestic and family violence, including child victims, in order to identify opportunities for increased collaboration and/or integrated, culturally inclusive and appropriate service delivery for families, with a particular focus on postvention support for children bereaved by homicide or suicide. This may include engagement with persons with lived experience to guide and shape enhancements to the process.</p> <p>Lead agency: Department of Justice and Attorney-General</p> <p>Supporting agency: Queensland Health, Queensland Police Service, Department of Youth Justice and Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services</p>	<p>The Queensland Government's response to the recommendation is in progress.</p> <p>As at 31 December 2023 the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women, Minister for Police and Community Service, Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice and Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs responded: The Department of Justice and Attorney-General has commenced consultation with government agencies and will undertake further consultation with key non-government agencies supporting victims of homicide and domestic and family violence. The Department of Justice and Attorney-General is mapping existing models of support, assisted through consultations. This mapping will further identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination, to enhance service responses for bereaved children and families.</p> <p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General through the Victim Services Funding Program (VSFP) also funds Queensland Victim Homicide Support Group (QVHSG) to provide trauma informed specialised support for people (including children) who have been impacted by homicide. In the financial year 2023-24 the Government provided additional temporary uplift funding over a five-year period to the VSFP which includes QVHSG. These funds were to meet current service delivery demands.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3 - That the Queensland Government explore the development of an approach to triage and case management for domestic and family violence cases before the Magistrates and District Courts to identify those that are complex, high risk or that involve cross applications for protection orders. This should seek to ensure that all relevant evidence is available to inform judicial decision-making, beyond the information gathered by police at scene at a point of crisis.</p> <p>This approach should focus on identifying all relevant information and enable the gathering of additional information where gaps are identified to support judicial decision-making. It should also take into account what is known</p>	<p>Accept The Queensland Government supports exploring the development of an approach to triage and case management in consultation with the Chief Judge and Chief Magistrate, which will take into account the need to ensure judicial officers are provided with all relevant information and evidence to inform decision making.</p> <p>This recommendation aligns with Recommendations 21 and 49 of the Taskforce's first report and will be considered as part of the response to those recommendations. Implementation of the intent of this recommendation will also be supported by legislative changes in response to other Taskforce recommendations that relate to the Court's access to criminal history information.</p> <p>Lead agency: Department of Justice (formerly Department of Justice and Attorney-General)</p>	<p>The Queensland Government's response to the recommendation is in progress.</p> <p>As at 31 December 2024 the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity and the Queensland Police Service responded: The initial milestones in progressing this recommendation have been completed, with a research paper developed outlining best practice in domestic and family violence (DFV) risk assessment, triage and case management within the court system, in addition to completion of a jurisdictional comparison and consultation strategy.</p> <p>An options paper to identify best practice approaches is under development, to be informed by consultation and findings from the research paper. To progress this paper, a review is being undertaken to understand the current landscape and the reform work that has been delivered across Courts and Tribunals (CAT) since the recommendation was made by the Board. The purpose of the review will be to identify and understand what gaps currently exist in risk assessment, triage and case management, as well as potential options to address these gaps. It is anticipated that the review will be finalised, and an options paper developed, by 30 June 2025.</p>



<p>about systems abuse, and the inherent disadvantage that many victims of domestic and family violence face in their interactions with the justice system as well as existing models operating in other jurisdictions or courts.</p>	<p>Support agency: Queensland Police Service</p>	<p>While this work is progressing, the Department of Justice (DoJ) continues to implement intersecting Government initiatives, including recommendations of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce that support the intent of this recommendation.</p> <p>For example, the state-wide <i>Court Services Queensland Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Violence Safety Framework — Delivering Safer Courts 2024-2034</i> (the Safety Framework) was publicly released in February 2024. The Safety Framework provides a 10-year commitment to improve court safety by ensuring court services are inclusive, safe, supportive and accessible for people impacted by DFV and sexual violence (SV). The <i>First Action Plan 2024-2026</i> (First Action Plan) to implement the Safety Framework is being finalised. The First Action Plan sets out what CAT has already done and plans to do from September 2024 to December 2026 to enhance the physical, psychological, and cultural safety of those impacted by DFV and SV attending Queensland Courts and Tribunals. The First Action Plan is the first in a series of internal rolling action plans that support how the Safety Framework principles and priorities are embedded across CAT.</p> <p>Additionally, the <i>Criminal Law (Coercive Control and Affirmative Consent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024</i> (CCAC Act) was passed by Queensland Parliament on 6 March 2024 and received assent on 18 March 2024. The CCAC Act included amendments to support judicial decision-making in DFV matters, including requiring a sentencing court to consider additional factors, such as where a defendant has a history of being abused or victimised. These amendments commenced on assent. Other relevant reforms in the CCAC Act, including expanding the admissibility of preliminary complaint evidence to domestic violence offences commenced in September 2024.</p> <p>DoJ will continue to consider best practice approaches for ensuring Courts are undertaking appropriate triage and management of cases involving protection orders. DoJ will also continue to progress implementation of intersecting Government initiatives that support the intent of this recommendation.</p>
<p>Recommendation 6 – That the Queensland Government explore trauma informed options to improve the accessibility, availability and acceptability of longer term supports for victims and their children beyond the point of crisis to support them to rebuild their lives. There should also be consideration of the longer-term support needs of perpetrators of domestic and family violence to embed ongoing behavioural change and improve protective outcomes for victims and their children.</p>	<p>Accept The Queensland Government provides funding to non-government specialist domestic, family and sexual violence services to provide trauma informed crisis and longer-term support to victims and their children. Opportunities to improve the accessibility and availability of these services will continue to be considered as part of ongoing reviews of investment and are dependent on available resources.</p> <p>This recommendation aligns with Recommendation 9 of the previous Board report and will be partially addressed through implementation of a state-wide perpetrator strategy which will consider early intervention, immediate and longer-term support needs of perpetrators. This recommendation also aligns with Recommendations 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the Taskforce's first report, which relate to the development of strengthened support for perpetrators. This recommendation will be considered as part of the implementation of the Government response to those recommendations from the Taskforce's first report.</p> <p>This recommendation aligns with Recommendation 74 of the Taskforce's first report. In response to that recommendation, the Queensland Government supports the establishment of a new court-based domestic violence perpetrator diversion scheme.</p> <p>This recommendation aligns with Recommendation 80 of the Taskforce's first report, which relates to establishing a new postconviction civil supervision and rehabilitation order for serious</p>	<p>The Queensland Government's response to the recommendation is in progress.</p> <p>As at 31 December 2023, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice and Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs responded:</p> <p>The Queensland Government continues to provide funding to non-government specialist services to provide trauma-informed crisis and longer-term support to victim-survivors of domestic, family and sexual violence (DHSV). Opportunities to improve the accessibility and availability of longer-term supports continue to be explored.</p> <p>The new five-year DHSV strategic investment plan is in development, informed by a state-wide DHSV sector investment review, and in consultation with Queensland Government agencies. The development of this investment plan continues to explore service delivery models and ways to further build the capacity and capability of the sector and meet the longer-term needs of victim-survivors of domestic family violence and of people using violence.</p> <p>The Queensland Government has prioritised a 30 percent increase in funding to existing community men's behaviour change programs and to support victim advocates for behaviour change programs. A number of trials will continue to be designed and implemented to inform the establishment of a perpetrator network, build on the understanding of perpetrator accountability, intervention and behaviour change and ensure victim-survivor safety.</p> <p>A whole-of-government domestic, family and sexual violence service audit to analyse the current allocation of DHSV investment funding will be conducted.</p>

	<p>domestic and family violence offenders. This recommendation will be considered as part of the implementation of the Government response to Recommendation 80 of the Taskforce's first report.</p> <p>Lead agency: Department of Justice and Attorney-General</p> <p>Supporting agency: Queensland Corrective Services, Department of Youth Justice and Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services</p>	
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