

NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform: Annual Report Card 2017-18

Safer Lives for Women, Men and Children



The NSW Government is implementing a range of initiatives to reform the domestic and family violence service system. These include the *NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021*, and the NSW Government Premier's Priority to reduce domestic violence reoffending by 2021.

We are continuing to build a domestic and family violence service system that prevents violence, intervenes early with vulnerable communities, supports victims, holds perpetrators accountable, and delivers evidence-based quality services to make victims safer and support their recovery.

In 2017-2018, we:

Continued to support women through the **WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE**, with

43,947

women supported in 2017-18.



↑ This is an **increase** on the number of women supported in 2016-17.

Sponsored

38

Rugby League clubs across NSW through **Tackling Violence** in the 2018 rugby league season.



↑ This is an **increase** on the 30 clubs sponsored in the 2017 rugby league season.



Continued to **increase** access to behaviour change interventions for high-risk offenders by training



90 external facilitators to deliver the EQUIPS program.

121 EQUIPS programs were delivered by external facilitators to offenders in the community.

2,885 domestic violence offenders participated in a program.

Assisted

3,244 households with Rent Choice Start Safely,



↑ representing a **28.9% increase** in the number of households assisted from 2016-17.

Continued to implement the **THIRD ACTION PLAN** and contributed to cross-jurisdictional planning for the **FOURTH ACTION PLAN** of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women & Their Children 2010-2022*.



Continued to **BUILD THE CAPACITY OF THE COMMUNITY BASED MEN'S BEHAVIOUR CHANGE SECTOR**.



The number of men's behaviour change interventions increased from

18 program sites

to

35 program sites

across NSW, with a particular focus on new programs in previously un-serviced areas including rural and remote areas and areas with highest rates of DFV reoffending.

Committed almost

\$12 million

for

13 projects



through the second round of the **NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE INNOVATION FUND**:

- From the Ground Up to Equality
- Early Signals: First Response
- Stronger Families, Better Communities
- Firmer Foundations
- Black Box Parenting
- Finding Safety
- Fixed Address
- The Men's Accountability Project
- Let's Talk
- Safety Without Borders
- ReThink! Anti-violence Project
- DV Project: 2650
- The Key to End Violence.

Operationalised **High Intensity Program Units** across a number of NSW correctional centres to address the criminogenic needs of domestic violence offenders on short prison sentences.



Expanded **WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?** Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officers to

46 local courts

across the state, up from

7 local courts

in 2016-17.



+ This is in addition to the **\$4.8 million** committed to seven projects through round one of the Innovation Fund in 2016-17.

Convened two meetings of the **NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE CORPORATE LEADERSHIP GROUP**.



Commenced implementation of the ten short term recommendations of the **INDEPENDENT INTER-AGENCY REVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE SYSTEM**.



The Their Futures Matter whole-of-government reform delivered *Multisystem Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect* and *Functional Family Therapy for Child Welfare* to over **700 FAMILIES**.



Continued the rollout of **POLICE HIGH RISK OFFENDER TEAMS** to another **two regions**. **Five teams** comprising



34 officers

and

3 intelligence analysts

are now operating in the Central Metropolitan Region, Northern Region, South West Metropolitan Region, North West Metropolitan Region and Western Region.

Provided support to

37,700

MALE VICTIMS through Safer Pathway in 2017-18.



This is an **increase** from 2016-17 where 13,400 male victims were supported through Safer Pathway.

Continued to embed early intervention and prevention strategies into policy and program development under the **NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND EARLY INTERVENTION STRATEGY 2017-2021**.



Expanded **SAFER PATHWAY** to

43 sites,

up from **27 sites** in 2016-17.

16 new sites

became operational in 2017-18:

- Albury
- Armidale
- Dubbo
- Illawarra
- Liverpool
- Penrith
- Port Macquarie
- Ashfield/Burwood
- Sutherland
- Moree
- Blue Mountains
- Bathurst
- Gosford
- Goulburn
- Toronto
- Walgett



Safer Pathway received

102,263 referrals

in 2017-18.

Finalised a **DFV OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK** to monitor system-level performance.

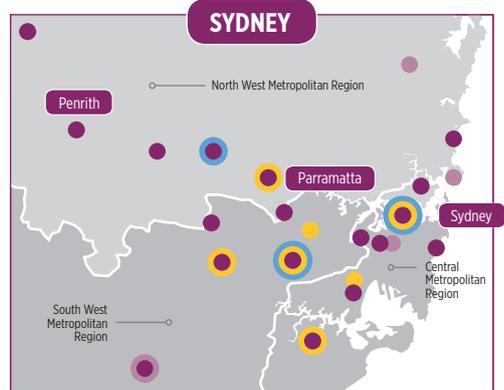
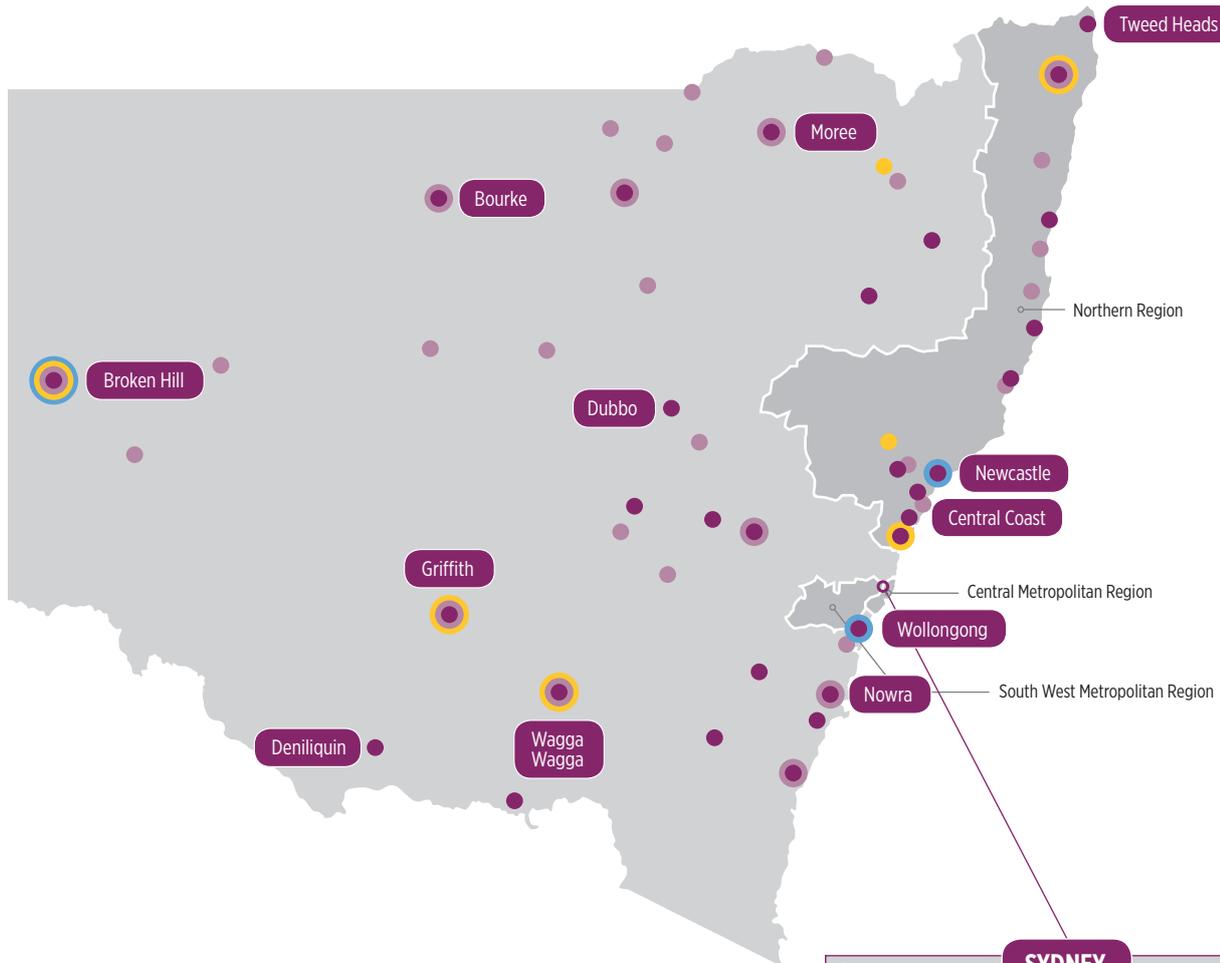


Commenced redesign of the **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME** based on an independent evaluation.



To support the actions outlined in the *NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021: Safer Lives for Women, Men and Children*, the **2018-19 NSW Budget** delivers **\$390 million** over four years to specialist domestic and family violence initiatives, an increase from the \$350 million commitment in the 2016-17 NSW Budget. This investment is in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars the government spends each year to combat domestic and family violence through mainstream services in **justice, police, health, child protection, social housing and homelessness services**.

Action across New South Wales in 2017-18



Key

- Safer Pathway
- Tackling Violence
- Innovation Fund
- High Risk Offender Team
- Police regions (Central Metropolitan Region, Northern Region and South West Metropolitan Region)

Getting help:



For information and support call the **NSW Domestic Violence Line** on 1800 656 463 or **1800 RESPECT** on 1800 737 732



For crisis accommodation and referral call **Link2Home** on 1800 152 152



For men wanting to address violence behaviour call **No To Violence Men's Referral Service** on 1300 766 491