

# 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.



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

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.



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.

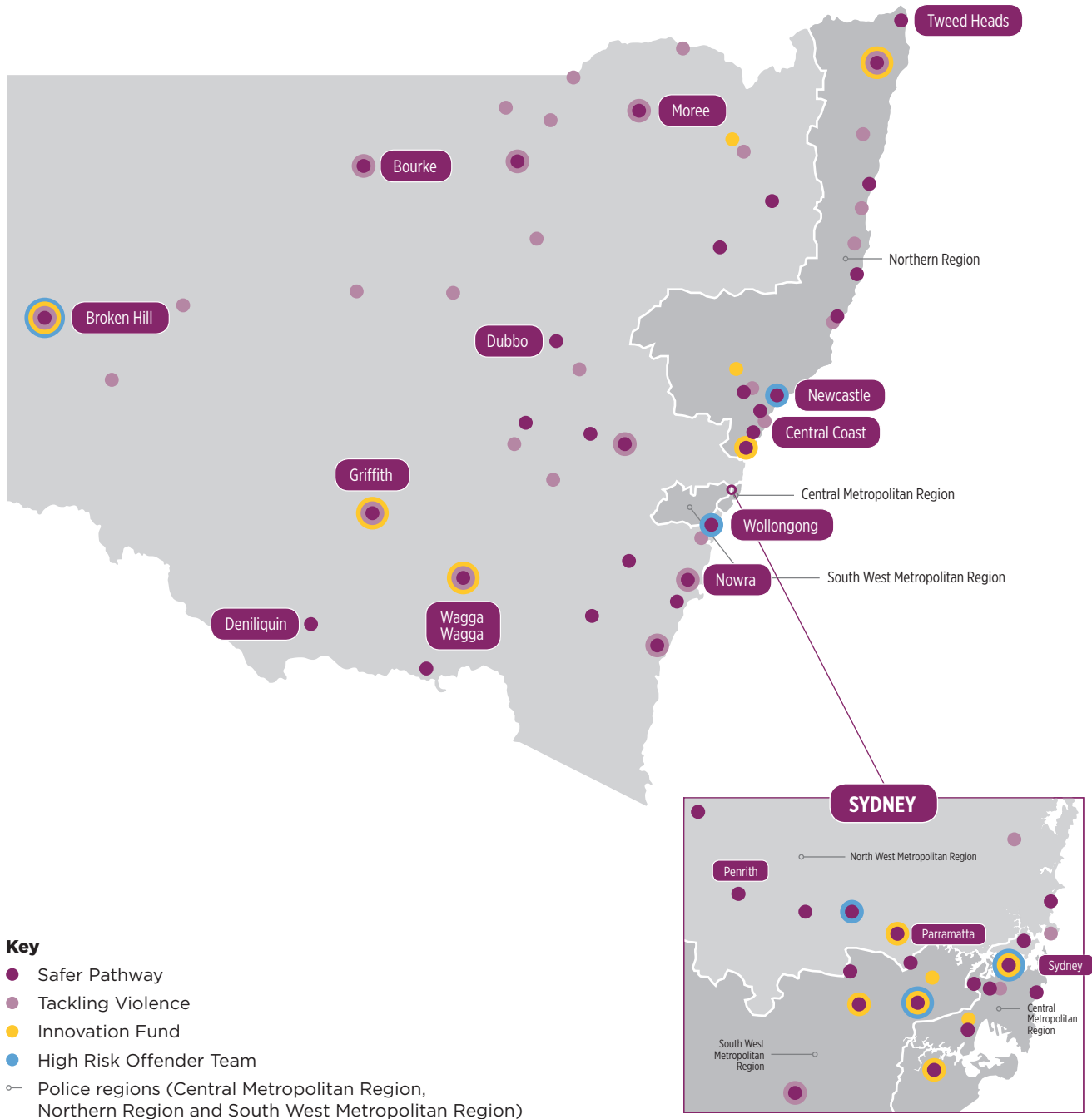


Commenced redesign of the **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME** based on an independent evaluation.



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



## 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