



Government of **Western Australia**
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Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

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Agenda

1. Changes to legislation
2. Family and Domestic Violence System Reform Plan - implementation update
3. Funding updates
4. Program evaluations
5. Q & A

Legislative changes



- Firearms Bill 2024 (passed 19 June 2024, includes mandatory disqualifying offences
 - Media statement: [Australia's toughest firearms laws pass WA Parliament | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/news/australia-s-toughest-firearms-laws-pass-wa-parliament)
 - Bill: [Progress of Bills \(parliament.wa.gov.au\)](https://parliament.wa.gov.au/bills/progress-of-bills)
- Family Violence Legislative Reform Bill 2024 (introduced 19 June)
 - Media statement: [Laws mandating electronic monitoring of FDV thugs introduced | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/news/laws-mandating-electronic-monitoring-of-fdv-thugs-introduced)
 - Explanatory memorandum: [EM+168-1.pdf \(parliament.wa.gov.au\)](https://parliament.wa.gov.au/bills/explanatory-memoranda/em+168-1.pdf)
 - Bill: [Progress of Bills \(parliament.wa.gov.au\)](https://parliament.wa.gov.au/bills/progress-of-bills)

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEM REFORM PLAN



Family and Domestic Violence SERVICE SYSTEM REFORM PLAN 2024 TO 2029

Vision

A family and domestic violence response system that is collaborative, connected and organised around victim-survivor safety, wellbeing and recovery where all parts of the system provide trauma informed, culturally safe and joined-up services to keep victim survivors safe and hold perpetrators to account.



Workforce Development

A system-wide workforce where everyone is clear about their roles and responsibilities and have the knowledge and skills to provide safety-focused, family violence informed and culturally appropriate responses to victim survivors and those using violence.



Information Sharing

The right information is shared at the right time to the right people to keep victim-survivors safe, maintain perpetrators in view and support coordination of service responses.



Risk Assessment

Workers, organisations and agencies are required and supported to assess risk in a consistent way to inform decision making and action. This approach includes the use of specific Aboriginal family safety screening and risk assessment tools.



Risk Management

Case coordination and specialist responses are appropriately resourced, with collaborative practices required and embedded. Victim-survivors consistently receive a sensitive and safe response and perpetrators are visible and held to account across all parts of the system.

305,400

Estimated number of women in Western Australia (30%) who have experienced **physical, emotional or economic abuse** by a cohabiting partner since the age of 15

Aboriginal women are

> 32 times <

more likely to be hospitalised because of violence than non-Aboriginal women

A service system that looks different to everyone

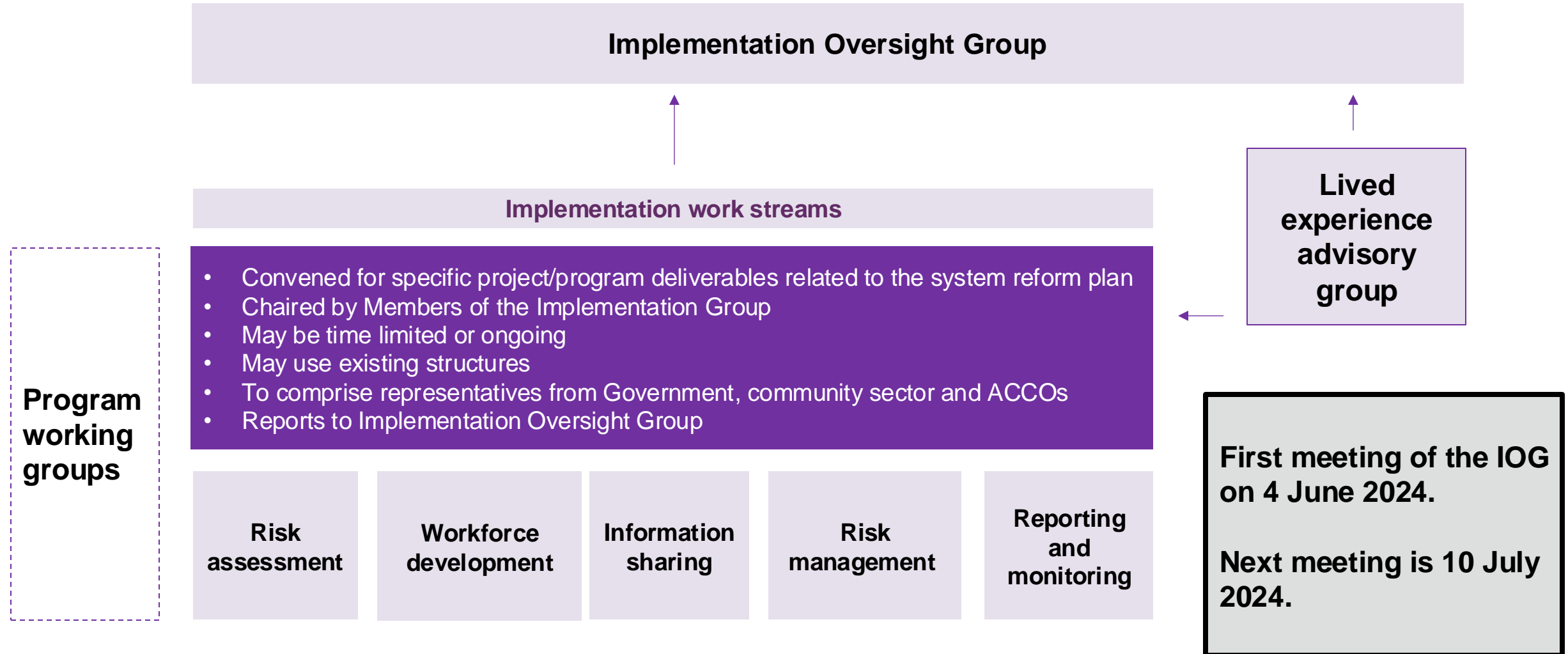
- **Victim-Survivor:** I can access the help I need when I need it, to keep me and my family safe and to support recovery and re-establishment.
- **Perpetrators:** The actions of all services, and service systems hold me to account for my coercive, controlling and violent behaviours and provide pathways to interventions that target behaviour change.
- **Community:** I see stopping family and domestic violence as mine and everyone's responsibility.
- **Services:** I understand my role and responsibilities in responding to family and domestic violence and have the tools and skills I need to provide a response that meets the needs of my client.

The work of the system reform plan will be a **partnership approach** with community sector, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, and lived experience advocates.



FDV
Service System
Reform Plan

FDV Implementation Oversight Group and Working Groups



SYSTEM REFORM PLAN ACTIONS

REFORM ACTIONS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Develop a FDV Workforce Capability Framework

Establish a dedicated FDV workforce entity

Establish minimum training standards (government)

Embed FDV quality standards in non-government service agreement

Appropriate responses for employees who are experiencing or using FDV

INFORMATION SHARING



Support better information sharing within existing legal frameworks

Enhance information sharing between specialist FDV services

Enable data sharing between Police, Communities and Justice

Establish a central information point

Consider a dedicated disclosure scheme for victim survivors

RISK ASSESSMENT



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Develop an Aboriginal Family Violence risk assessment tool

Embed risk assessment in policy and practice

Explore alternative response pathways

RISK MANAGEMENT



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Safe accommodation initiatives

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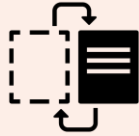
Progress to date

Request for quote being developed. Expected to be released on Tenders WA before the end of the month

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Project scope has been developed.

Project scope for engagement with family and domestic violence specialist services has been developed and contract award with the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing is in the final stages.

Work to develop a proof of concept has commenced.

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Request for tender is live on Tenders WA. Non-mandatory brief is scheduled for 26 June 2024. Tender closes 17 July 2024.

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Progress update

FDVRT expansion - update

Request for quote to update perpetrator intervention practice standards to be released soon.

Update to Department of Communities Housing policy released. Procurement of additional beds/units underway (refer service update)

Funding update (November announcement)

FDV Initiative	Key Achievements	Funding
<p>Funding for the Continuation and Expansion of FDV Services</p>	<p>Housing Families - Supports women and children impacted by FDV, to find safe and affordable housing in the private rental market. Orana Support Service.</p> <p>DVassist - Provides telephone-based counselling for victim-survivors in regional, rural, and remote locations.</p> <p>Preventing Violence Together - Support services and practitioners to design and deliver programs, that prevent violence against women. Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing.</p> <p>Munda Mia - Residential at risk/crisis service for young women or mothers, impacted by FDV, with co-existing complex needs. Cyrenian House.</p> <p>Flexible Support Package - Brokerage funding for FDV services to provide individually tailored flexible supports for victim-survivors.</p> <p>South Hedland Breathing Space - Delivered by Communicare.</p>	
<p>Men's Behaviour Change programs</p>	<p>Men's behaviour change programs reduce or manage, the abusive behaviour of individuals who perpetrate FDV. Closed on Tenders WA ,13 June 2024 – South West (EOI).</p>	<p>\$3.1 million over two years (2024-25 to 2025-26)</p>
<p>Aboriginal Family Safety grants</p>	<p>Competitive grants for Aboriginal-led, place-based responses to family violence, per the <i>Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022-2032</i>. Currently live on Tenders WA.</p>	<p>\$6 million over two years, (2024-25 to 2025-26)</p>
<p>Expansion of Safe At Home</p>	<p>Safe at Home Programs assist families to remain safely in their homes, when it is safe to do so, after separating from an abusive partner. Currently live on Tenders WA – Kalgoorlie, Kununurra (Restricted), and Port Hedland.</p>	<p>\$3.1 million over two years, (2024-25 to 2025-26)</p>
<p>Ruah supported accommodation (13 units)</p>	<p>A new accommodation service in the Perth CBD that will be able to support 13 women and 26 children at any one time.</p>	<p>\$6.6 million over four years (2024-25 to 2028-29)</p>

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Primary Prevention Grants	Competitive grants for community-led initiatives that target the drivers of FDV, to deliver sustained social /structural change. Closed on Tenders WA, 7 May 2024.	\$6 million over two years, (2024-25 to 2025-26)
FDV Awareness Campaign	Concept development is in progress. Targeted focus groups occurred in June 2024.	\$5 million over three years (2023-24 to 2025-26)
Respectful relationships teaching support program	Planning with Department of Education, CEWA and AISWA is well progressed.	\$1.6 million over two years (2024-25 to 2025-26)
First responder training (law and justice)	Scoping work (contract awarded) to explore training needs and priority cohorts of the justice and legal sector.	\$2.15 million over three years (2023-24 to 2025-26)
Stirling refuge replacement	Request for Tender for architect services closed on Tenders WA on 14 June 2024. Ongoing planning and collaboration to support the phased approach to the redevelopment.	\$22.6 million for capital funding

Funding update (April announcement)



- FDVRT expansion
 - CRS expansion funding
 - Family Safety Officers
 - 7 day per week operation
 - Adult community corrections officers (led by Department of Justice)
- FDV Counselling and Advocacy Services
- Rapid Rehousing expansion
- Leonora Safe House
- One Stop Hub, Perth CBD
- Breathing Space (Calista and Maylands)

Reviews and evaluations



Underway	Planned	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AHCWA pilot• Primary prevention projects (2023)• One Stop Hubs (Armadale and Broome)• Respectful relationships sport and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile Outreach• MBCP (NPA funded)• Munda Mia• Aboriginal Family Safety Grants• FDV awareness campaign• System Reform Plan impact evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Stop Hubs (Mirrabooka and Kalgoorlie)• Rapid review mobile outreach program (internal)

Q&A

Please send all queries to the below inbox:

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