



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**

Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

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Webinar agenda

1. Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence
2. Commissioning
3. Upcoming events and project milestones



Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

- Establishment
- Key functions
- Structure
- Priority projects

Establishment: Key themes from consultation

Apply a cultural lens across all work (Aboriginal and CaLD)

Demonstrate strong leadership



Engage and collaborate



Build the evidence base



Develop a blueprint for reform



Advocate

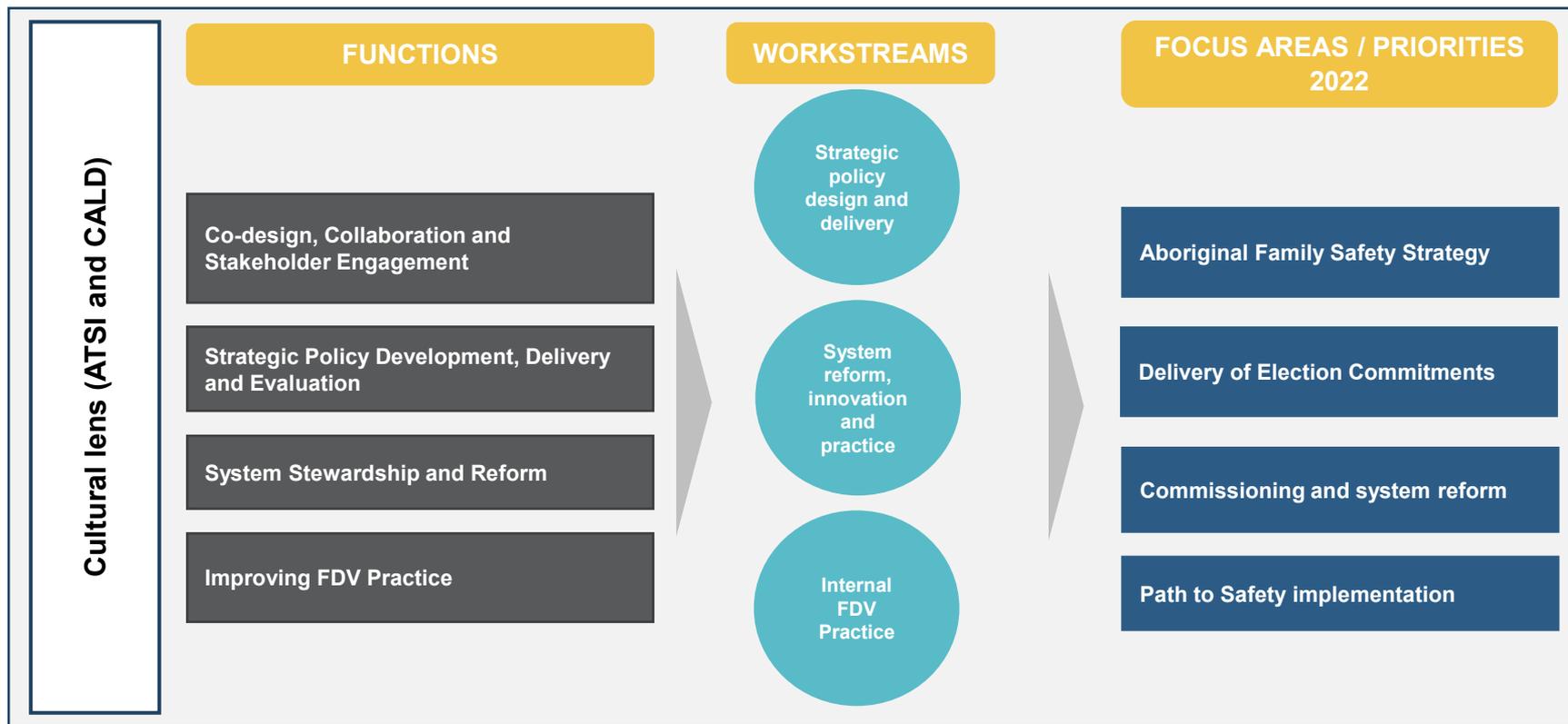


Raise awareness / educate



Align FDV, sexual violence and gender equality, noting some elements do not fit neatly and a range of vulnerable cohorts need to be considered

Functions and workstreams



Structure & priorities

Director

Strategic Policy -
Manager

Work packages:

- Path to Safety implementation
- Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy development and implementation
- Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy (with Justice and Health)
- Perpetrator response framework
- 16 Days in WA
- Commonwealth liaison – National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children

System Reform –
Manager

Work packages:

- Delivery of election commitments
- Primary prevention
 - Rapid Rehousing initiative
 - First responder training
 - Expansion of respectful relationships
 - Expansion of respectful relationships to sporting and rec
 - Safe at Home expansion
- FDV Strategic Commissioning
- Refresh of the CRARMF

Practice Manager

Work packages:

Develop and implement Communities FDV service model, informed by the principles and critical component of the Safe and Together model

Family and domestic violence Hubs (Armadale and Broome)
Youth Counselling Service (Northam and Rockingham)
Family and Domestic Violence Response Teams

FDV and Communities



Family and domestic violence is:

- ❖ the most investigated and substantiated form of child abuse in WA
- ❖ the most common risk factor causing children to be removed from the care of their parents
- ❖ leading cause of homelessness for women and children
- ❖ significant factor contributing to tenancy instability, debt, damage and disruptive behaviour
- ❖ sustaining the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women
- ❖ a safety and wellbeing concern for staff



Communities levers for change:

- ❖ 6000 staff
- ❖ \$76M investment in family and domestic violence community services
- ❖ Front line child protection services
- ❖ Front line housing services
- ❖ After hours crisis services
- ❖ Family and Domestic Violence Response Teams

Creating alignment will provide the best opportunity to contribute to a reduction in family and domestic violence in the Western Australian community.



Commissioning



Development of the Strategic Commissioning Plan is a key process and product for implementation of the State's strategic objectives as set out in Path to Safety and the draft Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy. It is one of the ways that we will implement these strategic agendas, but it is not the only way.

Scope of work



Deliverables -

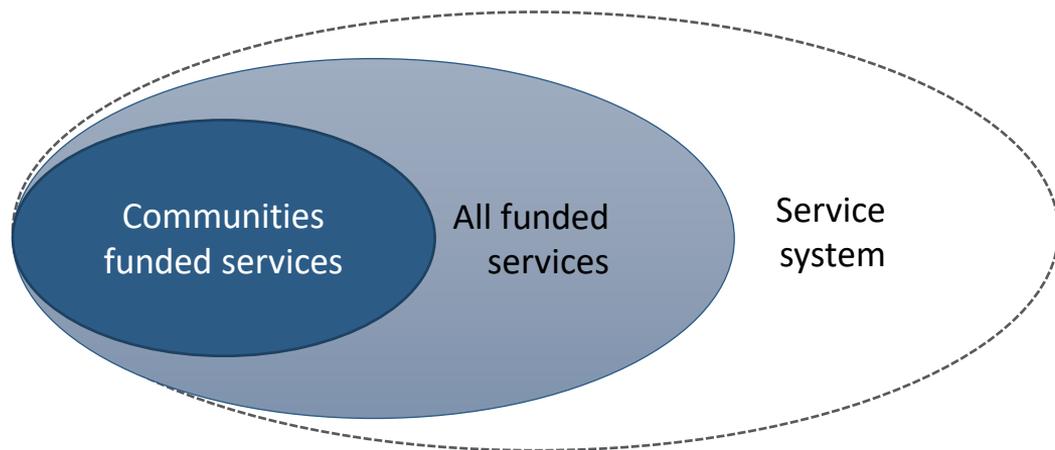
1. a business case to Government for an uplift on funding for family and domestic violence refuges and safe houses, to address immediate viability and sustainability concerns. The draft business case is to be completed by September 2022; and
2. a family and domestic violence strategic commissioning plan, by 30 June 2023.

The **business case** will seek funding from Government to maintain existing service models. It is about providing the funding required to meet increasing cost of service delivery for women's refuges and safe houses to provide for sustainability of services through the life of their current contracts.

The **strategic commissioning plan** will provide direction about reform of existing family and domestic violence services funded by Communities (existing investment), the priorities for future investment towards an ideal state (desired outcomes) and the priorities for asset (building) redevelopment and refurbishment. In scope of this plan is all Communities contracts (service and grant agreements) for family and domestic violence services funded into the community sector and with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

A further note on scope

Understanding the services Communities funds in context of the wider service system



Timeframes



- The Expert Reference Group has now met on two occasions, 27 June and 18 July. The focus of these discussions has been refining the scope of work and finalising terms of reference.
- Milestone dates going forward include:
 - meetings of the ERG in the week of 8 August and week of 29 August
 - sector engagement to commence week of 5 September



Business case

Objective: Make the case for a funding uplift for FDV women's refuges and safe houses to address immediate viability and sustainability concerns over the life of the current contracts.

The business case will include:

- Financial analysis of the contemporary cost of operation for women's refuges and safe houses
- Mapping of current refuge and safe house funding, locations and service models
- Funding history, including reasons for service sustainability issues
- Evidence and explanation of:
 - The demand for women's refuges and safe houses – incl. service usage and unmet demand
 - Client profiles and the complexity of their needs
 - The support needed from both a victim/survivor and service provider perspective, including why intense support is required and the outcomes it enables.

Key inputs:

- Service funding and operating costs
- Data on:
 - All currently funded services – service models, capacity, assets and conditions by location
 - Contracting history
 - Service usage and client profiles
 - Unmet need (multiple indicators)
- Consultation findings from previous sector engagements
- Existing information and evidence from fatality reviews, oversight agency recommendations, and evaluation reports
- Further advice and insights from sector and key stakeholders



Events and milestones



- **Tender request** for the Armadale Hub released today on TendersWA
- **Early tender advice** for Rapid Rehousing initiatives, currently on TendersWA
- **Webinar** to inform design of the Broome Hub on 9 August
- **Women's Safety Ministers** meeting on 22 July
- Next **webinar** of OPFDV will be Thursday 18 August
 - Commissioning update
 - CRARMF refresh
 - What works well?
 - Areas for improvement?
 - What would you most like to see in the revised version?

Q & A



- If you haven't already please type questions in the chat box and they will be answered momentarily
- Any questions we cannot get to in this session will be taken on notice.



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