

# Taskforce for Action on Violence within Families – Programme of Action 2012/2013

The Vision and Approach of the Taskforce are outlined in *The First Report* (July 2006) and underpin all work in the Taskforce's Programmes of Action.

The 2012/2013 Programme of Action sits alongside a number of significant programmes of work, which the Taskforce will consider in all its work. It builds on and extends the 2011/2012 Programme of Action.

## Action on family violence is a feature of Government's priority programmes

- Better Public Services
- Vulnerable Children
- The Prime Minister's Youth Mental Health Project
- Whānau Ora
- Investing in Services for Outcomes.

## ...and of ongoing work for Government agencies

### Campaigns

*It's not OK!* (MSD)

- Includes TV advertisements, community-led activities, an 0800 Family Violence Information Line, a website and other resources.

*White Ribbon* (Families Commission)

- National public awareness campaign to eliminate violence towards women

### Family Violence Inter-Agency Response System (FVIARS)

- Agencies work together through FVIARS to respond to and follow-up all Police family violence cases.

### Pasefika Proud (PAG Programme of Action)

- Strengths-based initiatives in Pacific communities to support and build strong families that are free from violence.

### E Tū Whānau! (MRG Programme of Action)

- Strengths-based initiatives, designed by Māori to meet local needs, to take ownership and action to

## The Taskforce has a continuing work programme...

### Outcomes framework

By **December 2012**, we will develop an outcomes framework which will:

- provide a 'big picture' of outcomes for the family violence sector, specifying intermediate and long term outcomes and indicating the key service delivery areas that contribute to these outcomes
- develop a sample (or generic) logic model to map the links between activities and outcomes to indicate the contributions of different organisations or sectors to the outcomes
- connect with Better Public Services, the White Paper for Vulnerable Children, the Social Sector Outcomes Framework and the Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework
- provide evidence summaries to support the links in the logic models and results chains.

**Project Lead:** Family Violence Unit

**Contributors:** MSD (CSRE), MoJ, MoH, TPK, MPIA, Families Commission

### Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring, evaluation and audit are key to tracking progress towards achieving target outcomes, determining what is working and identifying gaps and overlaps.

By **June 2013**, we will report on current monitoring

The Taskforce sees its role as identifying gaps and initiating or seeding work that can be carried on by the relevant Taskforce agencies as part of their ongoing work programmes.

All work will build on the work of the New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse and include analyses based on gender, ethnicity, disability, and other factors associated with victimisation and perpetration to support effective and appropriate community-led responses.

## ...and priority / focus areas for the year ahead

### Primary prevention

The Taskforce is well positioned to lead thinking on what an effective primary prevention approach could look like for New Zealand's diverse population and the most efficient use of resources to implement it.

By **June 2013**, MWA will produce a paper that describes current thinking on primary prevention of violence against women, including intimate partner violence and sexual violence.

MSD will commission a literature review of effectiveness and best practice in prevention, to be completed by **March 2013**.

These will feed into future work, which could include guidelines for assessing the effectiveness of interventions to guide investment.

**Joint Project Leads:** MSD/MWA

keep tamariki and wahine safe

- Increasing the levels of best practice with Māori practitioners in the family violence field
- Reclaiming and building a tikanga for living in today's world.

#### **Family violence in ethnic communities (Ethnic Affairs)**

- Raising awareness
- Increasing the service capabilities of service providers (including justice system responses)
- Developing community-driven prevention and education work.

#### **Drivers of Crime (MoJ and TPK)**

- Improving maternity and early parenting support
- Addressing conduct problems in childhood
- Reducing harm from alcohol and improving treatment
- Preventing criminal escalation.

#### **New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy – Focus areas**

- Assaults (MoJ and MSD)
- Unintentional child injury (MSD).

#### **New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse (Families Commission)**

- The Commission funds the Clearinghouse as the national centre for collating & disseminating information about domestic and family violence.

and evaluation activities across the sector. We will:

- describe current conceptual frameworks
- describe current monitoring and evaluation practices
- identify gaps and improvements so that evaluation activities help ensure that services we invest in have the greatest possible impact.

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#### **Workforce development and training**

Best practice requires a competent workforce.

By **May 2013**, we will produce a paper that:

- links with workforce developments within the health workforce, and through the White Paper for Vulnerable Children
- assesses the merits of developing a national training framework to:
  - provide a consistent framework to up-skill the family violence workforce
  - set out core competencies and common training requirements
  - align with existing training infrastructures
  - prioritise training investment in areas of greatest need.

**Project Lead:** MoH

**Contributors:** MSD (CFCP, CYF, FACS), MoJ, MoE, Police, MPIA

**Contributors:** MoJ, Police, MPIA, Families Commission

#### **Secondary and tertiary interventions**

By **June 2013** MSD and the Families Commission will produce a evidence-based paper that describes effective interventions and initiatives that respond to perpetrators, victims and witnesses of different forms of family violence, with a special emphasis on indigenous people and current New Zealand initiatives addressing these issues.

The paper will feed into future work, which could include guidelines for assessing the effectiveness of interventions to guide investment.

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**Contributors:** MoJ, MoH, Police, MPIA

#### **Costs of family violence**

Previous work quantifying the costs of family violence in New Zealand is dated. MSD will commission work to update this, with a paper, to support future work to ensure effective investment in interventions, to be produced by **June 2013**.

**Project Lead:** MSD

**Contributors:** Other agencies to provide high level data to support analysis

#### **Youth relationship violence**

By **June 2013**, we will develop guidance for schools on quality programmes for students addressing relationship violence and promoting respectful gender relations.

**Project Lead:** MoE

**Contributors:** MWA, MSD (MYD), Police, MPIA, Families Commission