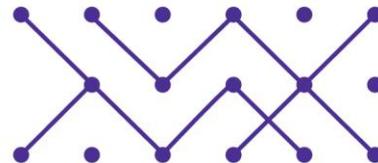


Budget 2020

**Joint Venture Budget 2020 Family Violence and Sexual
Violence Announcement**

Summary of Initiatives



Investments in the Family Violence and Sexual Violence System

Introduction:

Community organisations working at the frontline of family violence and sexual violence responses form the foundations of an effective, integrated system capable of preventing and eliminating these forms of violence. Budget 2020 invests in the foundations of our system. It continues our work to ensure frontline organisations are stable and have the capability and capacity to work with families and whānau to achieve safety and wellbeing.

These organisations are currently adapting to the unique and challenging demands of operating in the COVID-19 environment, making it even more important that government works in partnership with them to ensure appropriate resourcing.

Budget 2020 invests in family violence and sexual violence services that will deliver services for victims to achieve safety, and for people who have used violence to change their behaviour. They include funding for a cross-government initiative to enable specialist responses to non-fatal strangulation.

Budget 2020 continues our work to strengthen specialist family violence and sexual violence services with investment of \$202.9 million over four years. This builds on the 2019 Wellbeing Budget package of \$320.9 million over four years, and \$93.3 million over four years in Budget 2018.

This investment will deliver \$183.0 million over four years to:

- address cost pressures experienced by specialist services supporting victims to be safe and recover when family violence does occur
- deliver services that help people to stop using violence, and
- support for seniors who have experienced elder abuse.

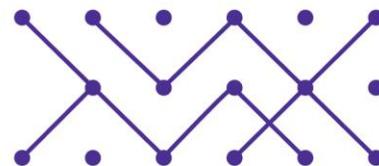
An additional \$19.9 million will deliver a multi-agency specialist response from Police, Health and Justice on a non-fatal strangulation initiative.

Budget 2020 investment will fund family violence services based on a transparent understanding of the actual costs involved in delivering these services. This will improve the sustainability of these services in the long term, just as Budget 2019 did for sexual violence services.

This includes providing for more competitive wages for staff so that the sector has a more solid foundation for engaging, supporting and retaining their workforces. It also provides for funding allowances for training, supervision, management and organisational costs.

Together, Budget 2019 and Budget 2020 will enable the Government and community FVSV services providers to work together to build the integrated FVSV system needed to eliminate family violence and sexual violence. That is the ultimate goal.

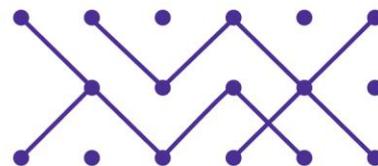
The Budget 2020 FVSV spending stands alongside but distinctly separate from the COVID-19 related additional FVSV Government investments also provided in Budget 2020 and earlier funding since the outbreak hit New Zealand earlier this year. This included \$12 million for family violence and sexual



violence services and \$3.5 million for community prevention as part of the Government's \$27 million COVID-19 package to support non-governmental organisations, announced on 26 March.

Overall, the Budget 2020 FVSV initiatives respond to the most pressing needs of the family violence and sexual violence system and continue to build sustainable long-term foundations with the clear aim of eliminating family violence and sexual violence from Aotearoa.

Joint Venture Budget 2020 Cost Pressure Funding Initiatives							
Bid Title	Vote	2019/20 (\$m)	2020/21 (\$m)	2021/22 (\$m)	2022/23 (\$m)	2023/24 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Community Services: Ensuring Continued Access to Specialist Services for Victims of Family Violence	Social Development	-	17.000	34.000	42.000	49.000	142.000
Community Services: Ensuring Continued Access to Specialist Services for Perpetrators of Family Violence	Social Development	-	2.500	3.500	5.000	5.000	16.000
Community Services: Ensuring Continue Access to Response Services for Victims of Elder Abuse	Social Development	-	2.500	5.000	7.500	10.000	25.000
FVSV - Specialist Responses to Strangulation	Justice	-	1.600	1.600	1.600	1.600	6.400
	Police	-	0.575	0.575	0.575	0.575	2.300
	Health	-	2.800	2.800	2.800	2.800	11.200
TOTAL NEW FUNDING		-	22.000	42.500	54.500	64.000	202.900



Community Services: Continued Access to Specialist Family Violence Services

VOTE: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Government is committing \$183.0 million over the next four years to ensuring continued access to specialist family violence services. This includes \$142.0 million for services supporting victims of family violence, \$16.0 million for services to help perpetrators to stop inflicting family violence, and \$25.0 million for victims of elder abuse.

Again, Budget 2019 began the transformation of the FVSV system by reconstructing the funding approach to sexual violence services, putting them on a more sustainable longer-term funding path.

This Budget 2020 initiative takes that same transformational approach to sustainably funding family violence services.

This ongoing evolution to a transparent and sustainable funding path across the sector – now both in family violence and sexual violence – will mean the Government and FVSV services providers will work together in more robust ways towards ending FVSV.

The following crisis and response initiatives include additional funding for Ministry of Social Development-funded support services for those experiencing and perpetrating family violence.

Specialist services for victims and survivors of Family Violence **\$142.0 million**

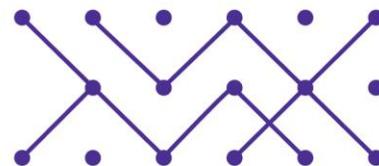
VOTE: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION:

This initiative increases the amount of funding available for refuges and other family violence services, including services for Māori by Māori, to meet increasing staff costs. This will enable these important services to continue to meet the needs of victims and survivors of family violence, who are predominantly women and children. This will ensure these specialist family violence services can continue to make a range of services available, including: advocacy, safe houses, both one-on-one and group therapy, kaupapa Māori services and family-centred services for victims and survivors of family violence.

BENEFITS / IMPACTS

- The \$142.0 million in funding will be implemented over four years and will start to address cost pressures experienced by refuges and other services for victims and survivors of family violence.
- It will mean over 150 current providers can address their costs pressures, in particular to support the retention and professional development of their staff.
- This will directly benefit over 24,000 victims and survivors and their families and whānau who use these crucial services across New Zealand.
- A significant proportion of this funding is for women's refuges, including services for women and children in Māori, migrant and refugee communities.
- This initiative aims to ensure people experiencing family violence can access the support they need when they need it, and get the chance to live safe, stable lives as a result.



- MSD will engage with providers to develop new service guidelines and improve how we collaborate to deliver the best outcomes for communities.

Specialist Services for Perpetrators of Family Violence

\$16.0 million

VOTE: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION:

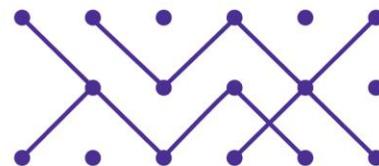
To eliminate family violence, we need to ensure the family violence system helps perpetrators to stop using violence.

This initiative increases the amount of funding available for the services available for perpetrators of family violence, including services for Māori by Māori, to meet increasing staff costs. This increase in funding will enable continued access to services, including advocacy, one-on-one and group support, non-violence programmes and counselling to support perpetrators in changing their behaviour.

BENEFITS / IMPACTS

- The Government is investing an additional \$16.0 million over the next four years in specialist family violence services for perpetrators of family violence.
- Addressing the behaviour of people using violence is at the heart of ending violence.
- This funding means 38 current providers can begin to address the cost pressures they face amid the urgent demand for services. It will help the providers to retain and develop staff and implement lower and safer caseloads.
- This will directly benefit over 1,500 clients who currently use these services. This funding aims to ensure people using violence can access relevant services tailored to best support them, so they can address and change their harmful behaviours.
- MSD will engage with providers to develop new service guidelines and improve how it collaborates to deliver the best outcomes for communities.

Initiative	Vote	2019/20 (\$m)	2020/21 (\$m)	2021/22 (\$m)	2022/23 (\$m)	2023/24 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Community Services: Ensuring Continued Access to Specialist Services for Perpetrators of Family Violence	Social Development	-	2.500	3.500	5.000	5.000	16.000



Specialist services for Victims of Elder Abuse

\$25.0 million

VOTE: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION:

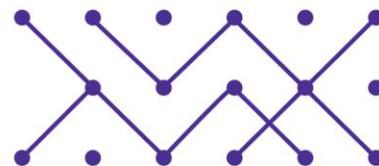
Elder abuse is an often hidden, but tragic stain on our society. This initiative will begin to address staffing costs so that they are less of a limit for elder abuse response services.

These services are predominantly delivered by social workers and nurses, who provide advice, support, advocacy, safety planning, goal-setting and family and whānau mediation for older New Zealanders who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing family violence.

BENEFITS / IMPACTS

- The Government is investing an additional \$25.0 million in specialist elder abuse response services, for older people impacted by family violence, over the next four years.
- This funding will start to address cost pressures experienced by these services.
- It will mean 27 current providers can start to address staffing costs, allowing them to retain and develop their valuable staff and begin to implement lower, safer caseloads.
- This will directly benefit around 4,000 clients who currently use these services.
- This funding aims to ensure older people affected by family violence can access relevant services tailored to best support them.
- MSD will engage with providers to develop new service guidelines and improve how it collaborates to deliver the best outcomes for communities.

Initiative	Vote	2019/20 (\$m)	2020/21 (\$m)	2021/22 (\$m)	2022/23 (\$m)	2023/24 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Community Services: Ensuring Continue Access to Response Services for Victims of Elder Abuse	Social Development	-	2.500	5.000	7.500	10.000	25.000



Specialist Responses to Strangulation

\$19.9 million

VOTES: POLICE / JUSTICE / HEALTH

INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION

This cross-agency initiative brings together Police, Justice and Health to ensure victims of non-fatal strangulation can access highly trained medical practitioners who recognise the severity of the incident and who can ensure appropriate referrals are made.

This initiative also provides funding to provide non-fatal strangulation forensic services, so the necessary evidence can be gathered to prosecute perpetrators, while remaining sensitive to the trauma that the victims have suffered.

BENEFITS / IMPACTS

- This initiative provides funding for both the Health and Justice parts of the system response to non-fatal strangulation. This holistic system response seeks to ensure that the victim of this violent, traumatic and dangerous crime can access a specialist clinical response and that the perpetrator can be held to account in the Justice system.
- Funding for Health (\$11.2 million) will enable the provision of specialist services through the training of doctors in non-fatal strangulation assessments and referrals to psycho-social services, meeting the costs associated with delivering the assessments and reporting on those assessments.
- Police funding (\$2.3 million) will enable medical experts to attend court as expert witnesses. Timeliness and robust evidence will help secure earlier guilty pleas, thereby reducing re-victimisation.
- Justice funding (\$6.4 million) relates specifically to medical or strangulation experts attending court as expert witnesses for the defence. This funding is important to ensure that any judicial process leads to a high-quality decision and reduces the chance that decisions will be subject to an appeal process.
- This funding will enable prosecution and defence experts for 869 cases a year, and fund strangulation assessments and reports for 1,333 episodes in the first year and 1,361 from year two.

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