



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Health Department response to domestic, family and sexual violence

- 1. How is NT Health progressing initiatives to improve and embed a stronger and systemic response to domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV)? What are the KPIs? Is there new and additional funding committed to this?**

NT Health is progressing DFSV specific initiatives through the implementation of the NT Health DFSV Clinical Guideline (the Guideline) for culturally safe response to DFSV. The Guideline aims to update and embed culturally safe DFSV clinical guidelines for NT Health services' response to DFSV.

While KPIs are not specifically identified for the Guideline implementation, the evaluation includes:

- workforce training targets;
- monitoring of training compliance;
- quality improvement activities; and
- evaluation and implementation data collection and analysis.

The implementation goal is outcome focused and seeks to ensure all NT Health staff have the capacity to recognise, respond and safely refer DFSV victim-survivors. NT Health has committed \$0.6 million per year in dedicated new funding to implement the Guideline.

Additional NT Health DFSV related activity includes:

- Sexual Assault Referral Services;
- Strengthening the after-hours response to DFSV in the NT's Regional Health Services;
- Provision of Social Work support;
- Commissioning of DFSV Collaborator roles in the Regions;
- Providing increased funding to Ruby Gaea Centre Against Sexual Violence to improve capability;
- Working with a DFSV specialist service to provide supportive in-reach to DFSV victim-survivors in our care; and
- Establishing Aboriginal-led community-based specialist sexual assault service(s) to build local and regional capacity.