

► SUMMARY: what needs to be done

Transforming Our System

1. WHOLE-SYSTEM APPROACH

Implement a whole-system approach that draws together the multiple facets, services and people within the system, so they can work more collaboratively for the benefit of people affected by family violence and those who inflict violence.

Transforming Our Culture

2. NATIONAL PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

The Government and the family violence sector commit to, and implement, a sustained (spanning generations) national public awareness and prevention campaign that involves communities (including schools) and aims to change public attitudes about, and responses to, family violence.

3. ALCOHOL REFORM

Reform New Zealand's alcohol laws to restrict the current availability and accessibility of alcohol, and thereby lessen its contribution to violence within families.

Transforming Our Leadership

4. VISIBLE LEADERSHIP BY GOVERNMENT

Government provides visible leadership, direction and commitment to a cross-party strategy for addressing New Zealand's family violence problem. This begins with the appointment of a dedicated Family Violence Minister drawn from its most senior ranks, preferably the Prime Minister or the Deputy Prime Minister.

5. SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT APPROACH

Adopt a sustainable investment approach to direct funding of family violence prevention, response, recovery, and advocacy services to improve performance, resource security, and the continuity and quality of service delivery.

6. STAND-ALONE OPERATIONAL AGENCY

Establish a stand-alone operational agency that will:
a) implement the cross-party strategy and investment approach (b) coordinate and monitor family violence operational activity through prevention, response, recovery, and advocacy services, and (c) be responsible for enacting a code of rights and a system of advocacy for those affected by family violence.

7. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Educate and train the workforce about family violence, its dynamics and its effects, so that workers are more compassionate and will be better helpers.

8. STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Develop a long-term strategic research and evaluation programme that aims to improve the quality of evidence, monitoring and evaluation of family violence programmes and services.

Transforming Our Services

9. NATIONAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

Implement a responsive national intervention programme so that families/whānau vulnerable to child abuse and family violence have timely and better access to the support that they need.

10. A NEW 'ONE FAMILY: ONE JUDGE' FAMILY VIOLENCE COURT SYSTEM

Establish a new Family Violence Court so that:
(a) there is a comprehensive and integrated response delivered by well-resourced and specially trained judges and staff who treat people and families holistically, and
(b) the safety and protection of those who are affected by violence, and the accountability of those who inflict violence, is assured.

11. EQUITABLE RESPONSES FOR GROUPS VULNERABLE TO FAMILY VIOLENCE

Equitably address the specific needs of groups who are at high risk and vulnerable to family violence so that their needs are recognised and met by culturally-appropriate and acceptable services.

12. LONG-TERM COUNSELLING

Resource, and make available, long-term counselling for all children, women and men affected by family violence to promote recovery from the effects it has on individuals, families/whānau and communities.

THE PEOPLE'S BLUE-PRINT

Transforming the way we deal with child abuse and domestic violence in New Zealand



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