

A summary of Te Aorerekura Action Plan delivery in 2025

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*The Centre for
Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention*



About the Centre for Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention

The Centre works across Government agencies and into communities to enable a collective approach to delivering Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence and enable people to live free from violence.

Te Aorerekura is a 25-year strategy that is delivered through shorter-term Action Plans. Government is currently focused on delivering the Action Plan for 2025-2030. This work is about improving the systems that prevent violence and deliver services to people, families and whānau affected by family violence or sexual violence.

People deserve support and resources that work and are available when they need them. When people make the often-difficult decision to reach out for help, they need responses to be delivered by trained professionals who understand the complexities of family violence and sexual violence, and who can work with them to figure out the best next steps. By working together as government agencies, our goal is to ensure timely responses that deliver the necessary support and resources to not only stop the immediate harm, but to prevent it happening in future.



A summary of action in 2025

This short report summarises the progress to deliver the strategic priorities in the family violence and sexual violence Action Plan (2025-2030) *Breaking the Cycle of Violence*, launched in December 2024. The Action Plan prioritises focus areas that require significant collaboration across government to achieve change, so that people affected by family violence and/or sexual violence are safer and better supported.

In the first 2 years, the priorities are:

- **Investing and Commissioning Well** - investing in what works and meets people's needs
- **Keeping People Safe** – effective multi-agency responses to family violence
- **Stopping Violence** – behaviour change and accountability
- **Strengthening our Workforces** - trained, skilled, and sustainable FVSV workforce

Agencies are continuing work on:

- Sexual Violence
- Children and Young People
- Primary Prevention

The phased approach to this Plan means we have an opportunity to review its scope after 2 years and potentially bring in new and different areas of focus for the final 3 years.



Strong Action Plan Delivery



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Responding, healing, strengthening

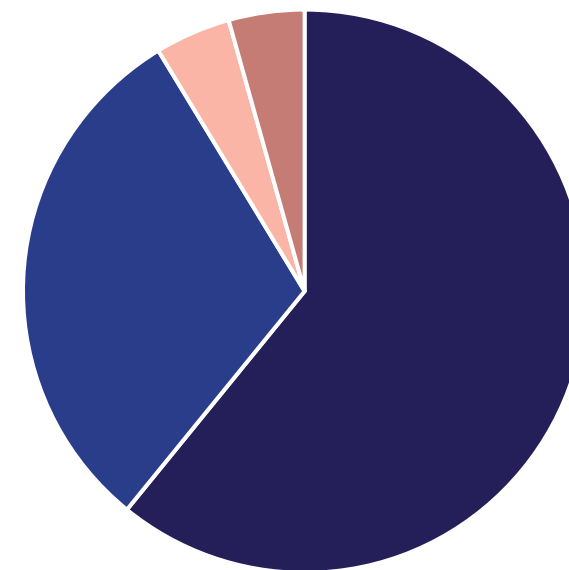
Delivery has remained strong across the Action Plan priorities - Investing and Commissioning Well, Keeping People Safe, Stopping Violence, and Strengthening our Workforces. **Of the 23 milestones scheduled for completion by December 2025, 14 are complete, 7 are on track, with one delayed and one partially delivered.** This progress reflects deep collaboration across Government agencies and strengthened partnerships with iwi and communities, and specialist family violence and sexual violence organisations.

Investing and Commissioning Well

Insights from a review of **Government spending in the family violence and sexual violence system will be released early in 2026.** It will help to inform decisions about future investments and contracting practices to ensure spending is used to greatest effect. The focus is better enabling people, whānau, families, and communities to achieve outcomes and thrive, by using data, evidence and different ways of working (referred to as the social investment approach).

Keeping People Safe

Key achievements include work with **twelve local family violence multi-agency responses to design a sustainable plan to enhance their local response, and completion of a national plan for how these responses will operate in the future** through consistent processes, functions, outcomes and risk protocols, while enabling local innovation to meet diverse needs and contexts.



■ Completed ■ On track ■ Delayed ■ Partially delivered

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Stopping Violence

In the Stopping Violence priority area, achievements include the expansion of free support across Auckland courts for people affected by family violence to stay safe, rollout of rehabilitation services for prisoners on remand, and new stalking law. The review of services for people who use violence is on track for completion by year end and will include victim-survivor perspectives. That review will inform the design of system improvements aimed to ensure behaviour change to stop violence.

Strengthening our Workforces

Improving workforce capability is an important lever for strengthening the system. **In 2025, progress included the launch of the Family Violence Risk and Safety Practice Framework and development of a new High-Risk Protocol to guide how workers respond to people at the highest risk of violence.**

A new Family Violence Training Directory was published, which provides information about training that aligns with the workforce capability frameworks, and new Sexual Violence Workforce Capability Frameworks were developed in partnership with specialists, for launching in 2026.

More than 1,400 people in Corrections, Oranga Tamariki and NZ Police have received training on family violence and sexual violence responses in 2025, bringing the total number of people trained in these agencies since the launch of the Family Violence Workforce Capability Frameworks to 15,034.



Keeping People Safe: the current state of Multi-Agency Responses



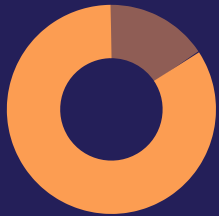
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Work to strengthen multi-agency responses to family violence was informed by an assessment of the current state of local responses helping Government understand opportunities for improvement. It showed inconsistent and inequitable investment across the localities, gaps in workforce capability and in the governance and leadership of these responses. This information has helped shape the work to develop System Improvement Plans and a plan for the future system, including technology to enable case management and safe information sharing.

92% of people who die in family violence homicides are known to multiple statutory agencies.

Only **30-40%** of people experiencing family violence are known to Police.

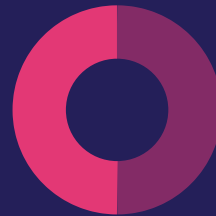
While **50-60%** of survivors seek help in their communities and 30% report family violence incidents to the police, an alarming **40% say they get no help.**



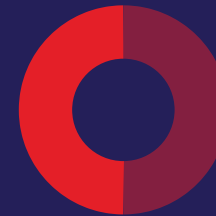
78% of survivors who access multi-agency responses return to the multi-agency response via Police or Justice pathways



2% of people that experience more than one violent episode, experience **87%** of all reported violence



50% of family violence callouts are reported to have children and young people present



50% of adult victims don't ask for help from anyone

Rotorua community-led collective response to family violence

"Super advocates doing super mahi"

Focus Area: Keeping
People Safe -
*Strengthening multi-
agency responses to
family violence*

Rotorua has built a *community of super advocates*. Their approach is evidence-informed and driven by continuous learning and capability building. In fact, they've designed their own training programme, aligned to the Family Violence Entry 2 Expert Workforce Capability Framework, to ensure ongoing development and learning. This team has established strong relationships and communication channels with local agencies and organisations, creating a network of support that amplifies their impact.

Supported by the Centre, Rotorua was the first of our partners to develop and implement a System Improvement Plan, which is already giving them a way to talk about their approach and the collective change they want to see in their community.

They're actively contributing to the development of a local High-Risk Protocol to ensure that people experiencing high risk and complex family violence get the right support swiftly for their safety and wellbeing. One of the highlights that reflects true collaboration is the contribution of a Super Advocate leading the social work team in the hospital, where they activate immediate support and safety for victims arriving at the Emergency department. The Super Advocate has also trained a willing workforce of family violence champions across hospital teams so everyone, regardless of role, knows how to recognise and respond to family violence.

Collaboration to deliver the Action Plan will continue

Looking ahead, the ongoing implementation of the Action Plan in 2026 will focus on support and delivery through collaboration, integration and innovation with our partner agencies to continue improving the system for people affected by violence. This includes:

Investing and Commissioning Well

- Aligned delivery with the Social Investment Agency's approach.
- Communicating initial insights from the Baseline Review.
- Completing the Baseline Review and review of investment (May).
- Piloting outcomes-based contracting in one location (delayed from 2025) and aligning contract reporting, with the Social Investment Agency (September).

Keeping People Safe

- Continuing to work with localities and support communities to strengthen multi-agency responses to family violence and sexual violence.
- Implement the High-Risk Protocol with workforces.
- Developing and promoting information sharing protocols.

Stopping Violence

- Identifying next steps to respond to review of the effectiveness of stopping violence interventions.
- Supporting the implementation of the new stalking law.

Workforce Capability

- Launching and implementing new Sexual Violence Workforce Capability Frameworks.
- Continuing to build capability in frontline workers across government.



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