

Sexual violence services

The Government has allocated \$90.3 million over four years to strengthen support for adult victims/survivors and perpetrators of sexual violence and their families and whānau.

Budget 2019

The initiative is part of a whole-of-government Joint Venture package of \$320 million over four years to prevent and respond to family violence and sexual violence.

- The proposed investment of just over \$90 million will support the expansion of essential specialist sexual violence services and start to address gaps in the system response.

The funding will enable:

- More stable and sustainable provision of specialist sexual violence services, and support to meet growing demand.
- Creation of a more integrated, efficient and responsive system for those affected by sexual violence, by continuing and building on sexual violence services implemented since Budget 2016.

The focus is:

- Address cost pressures in sexual harm crisis support services.
- Develop and implement a national service to support victims/survivors with a case going through the criminal justice system.
- Continue and expand peer support services for male survivors of sexual abuse.
- Continue and expand services for those with concerning or harmful sexual behaviour.
- Develop and implement a service for adults experiencing concerning sexual ideation.
- Develop the kaupapa Māori provider sector and specialist sexual violence services for whānau.

Costs (operating) \$m				
2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 & outyears	TOTAL
11.777	25.201	26.142	27.236	90.356

The benefits of this funding include:

- **Sexual harm crisis support services** (for 7,712 victims/survivors annually from 2020/21 onwards) will minimise harm in the crisis moment. This builds on the investment made through Budget 2016 that supports 6,112 victims/survivors per year.
 - The services will provide advocacy and support, crisis counselling and crisis social work support immediately following a crisis event, which will reduce the severity and duration of psychosocial and resulting socio-economic impacts of sexual violence.
 - \$50.553m over four years.
- The national service to support **victims/survivors with a case going through the criminal justice system** (for approximately 1,440 victims annually from 2022/23 onwards) will increase wellbeing by reducing secondary victimisation, and the resulting severity and duration of trauma-related symptoms experienced by victims/survivors of sexual violence going through the criminal justice system.

- Through this service victims/survivors will be supported leading up to, during and after the criminal justice system process.
- \$6.348m over four years.
- **Services for male survivors of sexual abuse** (for approximately 1,760 male victims/survivors per year from 2020/21 onwards) will expand current access to peer support and group-peer support for men. This replaces time-limited funding from Budget 2016.
 - Ensure victims/survivors have psychological and psychosocial support to minimise harm in crisis and enable continued recovery. This reduces the impact of trauma and increases help-seeking behaviour, including increased uptake of services.
 - \$11.998m over four years.
- **Harmful sexual behaviour** services (for approximately 130 non-mandated perpetrators per year from 2020/21) will continue current treatment and increase the number of treatment places available. This replaces time-limited funding through Budget 2016 that expires in June 2019.
 - The services are community-based and targeted to non-mandated adults (adults with harmful sexual behaviours who are not engaged in the justice system).
 - Services include clinical treatment and a new component of psychosocial support to increase effectiveness.
 - Services will reduce reoffending of sexual violence and avoid further trauma impacts on victims/survivors and perpetrators of sexual violence.
 - \$11.753m over four years.
- The service for adults experiencing **concerning sexual ideation** (for approximately 60 adults per year from 2022/23) will provide early intervention support for potential perpetrators before they might harm others.
 - Services will include clinical treatment and psychosocial support to increase effectiveness.
 - Services will increase the mental wellbeing of adults who exhibit concerning sexual ideation, by providing support that reduces the chance of them engaging in harmful behaviours. This is expected to decrease sexual offending in the long term.
 - \$2.750m over four years.
- The proposed development of the **kaupapa Māori provider sector and specialist sexual violence services for whānau** will provide increased capacity and capability and a dedicated service response for Māori.
 - Development and co-design of holistic, whānau-centred kaupapa Māori sexual violence services.
 - Services will be developed by Māori for Māori and include comprehensive responses from prevention and early intervention through to long-term support.
 - This will increase wellbeing by reducing the severity and duration of trauma-related symptoms experienced by Māori victims/survivors and perpetrators of sexual violence and their whānau.
 - \$6.954m over four years.