

## Factsheet 3

# Integrated Response

### Working together in Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) specialist courts

- + Wraparound client care includes working with court stakeholders including duty lawyers, social workers, client's existing support organisations and new referrals to other supports
- + Domestic violence duty lawyer (DVDL) court models include:
  - Specialist DVDL model
  - Enhanced DVDL model
  - Legal advice DVDL model
- + Become familiar with DV support services in your region and build relationships and a referral framework
  - Be aware of whether your local DVDL can appear in court and make submissions
- + Duty of confidentiality: Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules 2012 require obtaining your client's written authority before discussing a matter with any key stakeholder

### Working with Victims Assist Queensland

#### Basis for applications

- + Act of violence<sup>1</sup>
- + Committed in Queensland<sup>2</sup>
- + Directly resulting in the death or injury of one or more persons, irrespective of where the death or injury<sup>3</sup> happened<sup>4</sup>
- + Reported<sup>5</sup>
  - To police; or
  - For a special primary victim,<sup>6</sup> to a counsellor, psychologist, doctor or DV service

#### Who can apply?

- + Primary victims<sup>7</sup>
- + Secondary victims<sup>8</sup> (exposed to domestic violence)
- + Witnesses

Young people may apply for assistance even if an aggrieved parent does not.

## Application

- + Application form<sup>9</sup>
- + Supporting information about injuries from a health practitioner
- + Information to substantiate expenses e.g. treatment plan and quotes for counselling
- + Include as much as possible in the first application but additional details can be submitted later.

- <sup>1</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, ss 25 and 25A.
- <sup>2</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, s 25.
- <sup>3</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, s 27.
- <sup>4</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, ss 25 and 27.
- <sup>5</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009* s 81.
- <sup>6</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009* (Qld), s 81(2).
- <sup>7</sup> *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012* (Qld), ss 8 and 9.
- <sup>8</sup> *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012* (Qld), s 10.
- <sup>9</sup> <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/victims-and-witnesses-of-crime/financial-assistance/applying-for-financial-assistance>
- <sup>10</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, s 28.
- <sup>11</sup> *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, ss 97-100.

## What assistance may be given?

- + Up to \$75,000 for primary victims and \$10,000 for witnesses for:
  - Injury expenses - reasonable medical and counselling costs
  - Exceptional circumstances expenses<sup>10</sup> e.g. hotel expenses, shelter fees, security
- + Urgent and immediate expenses:<sup>11</sup> Up to \$6000 where application gives urgent reasons
- + Legal fees - up to \$500 in legal fees for assistance with making the application but not available to government-funded services already being funded to provide assistance to victims of crime (depending on service agreements).

## Resources

- + Domestic violence capacity building for CLCs webinar – *Practical legal ethics & working together for DV clients*: <https://communitylegalqld.org.au/clc-staff/staff-training-and-cle/webinars/dv-capacity-building/ethics-working-together>
- + Domestic violence capacity building for CLCs webinar – *Victim Assist Queensland and domestic violence*: <https://communitylegalqld.org.au/clc-staff/staff-training-and-cle/webinars/dv-capacity-building/victim-assist>
- + Domestic violence capacity building for CLCs factsheets <https://communitylegalqld.org.au/clc-staff/staff-training-and-cle/webinars/dv-capacity-building-for-clcs>