

SETSCoP

Communique: SA and Tasmania Domestic and Family Violence sub-group

Videoconference – 8 September 2022

On 8 September, 2022, SETSCoP held a meeting for members of the South Australian and Tasmanian Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) sub-group. The focus of the meeting was to share the tools developed as a result of the needs analysis previously published, which are to support practitioners who are working with clients who have experienced DFV. In addition, the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations provided an update on activities being delivered by their member organisations in South Australia and Tasmania. Questions about COVID-19 vaccination booster uptake were also posed to participants.

Supports available for Ukrainians

In South Australia, the Association of Ukrainians in SA have connected to approximately 400 Ukrainians. They are basing many of their activities from a community centre in Hindmarsh, Adelaide. This has included giving free meals for new arrivals, Ukrainian school, a dance group, a women's group and Friday night meet ups. English classes and information sessions have been delivered by volunteers. A number of excursions have been conducted. They have also provided support for people to access accommodation. Ukrainian arrivals have a strong need for connection to their community.

In Tasmania, the Association of Ukrainians in Tasmania have connected to approximately 30 arrivals and have been working with one of the Migrant Resource Centres. They have been providing a clothing hub. They are actively sharing information on activities through their Facebook page.

Tools to support working with victim-survivors of DFV

Tools have been developed by SETSCoP in partnership with inTouch in response to the Needs Analysis which was published in June 2022. The documents link to some of the existing national and state-based frameworks and resources, including the 1800RESPECT resources on their website. When using these documents, it is important to apply the principles of cultural humility, culturally responsive practice, intersectionality and a client-centred approach.

It is important to use an appropriate interpreter when required, some of the existing directory links have been provided in the high-level directory which has been developed. We acknowledge this is not extensive and that some services may change over time.

The framework in South Australia does not include a risk assessment tool and the Tasmanian framework is still in draft format. Therefore, the 1800RESPECT risk assessment and safety planning document, or the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Management (MARAM) Framework risk assessment and safety planning tools.

The decision tree supports practitioners to move through the process and refer to other organisations when required and decide which tools and template to use.

COVID-19 and vaccinations

In South Australia the Department of Health have identified several language groups which are behind on their booster COVID-19 vaccines. These include: Arabic speakers from the middle east, Hazaragi, Kirundi and Uyghre. In Tasmania there were no specific language groups identified as being behind. Members suggested that Arabic speaking communities are more likely to listen to news back home and information from family members back home. They also need assurance that nothing bad will happen if they get vaccinated. In addition, providers suggested that the mandatory requirement for the first two vaccines encouraged people to get these, however, the non-mandatory requirements for other vaccines mean that these are not being accessed. Also, providers are no longer hosting vaccine clinics at their centres, which previously provided easy access for clients.

Shared resources

Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations:

<https://ukrainians.org.au/welcome/>

Domestic Violence Support in Settlement - Sector Needs Analysis:

https://setscop.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/DFV-Needs-Analysis_Final.pdf

Guidance document:

<https://setscop.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Guidance-document.pdf>

Directory:

<https://setscop.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Directory-of-DFV-Services-National-State-Territory.pdf>

Decision tree:

<https://setscop.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/decision-tree.pdf>

MARAM Framework:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/maram-practice-guides-and-resources>

1800RESPECT Resources:

<https://www.1800respect.org.au/resources-and-tools/risk-assessment-frameworks-and-tools/risk-assessment>

COVID-19 oral treatments: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-oral-treatments>