



DAHLIA-19

DOMESTIC ABUSE:
Harnessing Learning Internationally under COVID-19

Call for assistance: Identifying policy and practice responses to domestic and family violence under COVID-19 in Australia

Domestic Abuse: Harnessing Learning Internationally under COVID-19 (DAHLIA-19) is a new research study capturing and assessing policy and practice initiatives in responding to domestic and family violence (DFV) under COVID-19 in four countries: the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia and South Africa. We are identifying policy and practice responses aimed at all family members experiencing DFV (adult victims and survivors, children and young people, and perpetrators) and examining which initiatives, if any, have had a coordinated approach, and which groups have benefitted from those initiatives. The Australian arm of the project is led by Professor Cathy Humphreys, University of Melbourne, in collaboration with partners Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) and Family Safety Victoria (FSV). The project is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council in the UK. For more information, visit <https://www.dahlia19study.com>.

We are working closely with DFV partner organisations and experts across Australia to identify what DFV practice and policy interventions and strategies have been introduced under COVID-19, whether successful or not.

Please tell us about any interventions and strategies you know about – top-down and bottom-up – and any evidence of their impact across the following priority areas:

- **new ways of identifying and supporting adult victims and survivors**
- **new ways of identifying and supporting children and young people living with DFV**
- **new or strengthened routes to safety including:**
 - policing and courts
 - housing and refuges
 - financial services
 - health services
 - sexual assault services
 - outreach and community-based DFV services
 - intersectional responses
 - coordination across services
 - strengthening capacity of services and professionals
- **awareness-raising initiatives and prevention**
- **media**
- **perpetrator services**

Please use these priorities as headings to structure your response and submit reports, relevant data sets or links to: dahlia19@anrows.org.au by **23 April 2021**.