

Attachment 5:

Confidentiality Declaration

Safety is Everyone's Right

Date of Family Safety Meeting: _____ Chair: _____

THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING REMINDS ALL ATTENDEES OF:

- THE INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOLS AGREED TO UNDER THE FAMILY SAFETY FRAMEWORK, AND
- THAT MEETINGS ARE BASED ON A FUNDAMENTAL COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY AND TO TREATING ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY.

The information discussed by agency representatives at the Family Safety Meeting is strictly confidential and should not be disclosed to agencies or their employees who are not party to the Family Safety Framework.

All agencies should ensure that the minutes are retained in a confidential and appropriately restricted manner. The minutes will aim to reflect that all individuals who are discussed at the Family Safety Meeting are treated with fairness and respect and without discrimination. All work undertaken in these meetings is informed by a commitment to equal opportunities for all individuals in our community irrespective of race, gender, sexuality and ability.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. to share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of women and children affected by D&FV;
2. to jointly construct and implement an action plan that provides professional support to women and children at risk and that reduces the risk of harm;
3. to increase perpetrator accountability;
4. to reduce repeat victimisation;
5. to improve agency accountability; and
6. improve support for staff involved in high risk D&FV cases.

The responsibility to respond to actions rests with individual agencies. Each agency is responsible for completing the actions allocated to it on the action plan. This responsibility is not transferred to the FSM. The role of the FSM is to facilitate effective information sharing across agencies and to jointly identify appropriate actions to improve safety.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE PRINCIPLES.

Name of Attendee	Agency	Signature
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