

BAYSIDE PENINSULA CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES INTEGRATED PRACTICE PROTOCOLS SUMMARY

INTENT & PURPOSE

The Integrated Practice Protocols are a joint initiative of the Bayside Peninsula Integrated Family Services Alliance and the Bayside Peninsula Integrated Family Violence Partnership, to foster a culture of integrated practice.

The Protocols draw on the findings and recommendations of the 2016 Royal Commission into Family Violence, which highlight multi-agency/sector collaboration and information sharing as key to building an integrated response to family violence that will help keep victim-survivors safe and people who use violence held to account.

The Protocols support the MARAM framework and the Family Violence and Child Information Sharing Schemes known as FVISS and CISS and speak to the key reform within the child and family services sector, the 2016 Roadmap for Reform: Strong Families, Safe Children.

The Protocols focus on three key areas of integrated and collaborative practice:



Secondary Consultations



Joint Practice



Practice Development

The Protocols espouse an intersectional practice approach that understands family violence within a context of intersecting social disadvantage. Further to this, the protocols recognise the unique vulnerability and disadvantage of Aboriginal families, CALD families, LGBTIQ families, families with Disability and therefore their priority in this space.

The aim of the protocol document is to reinforce the importance of collaboration, strengthening our collective service response, building our skills and knowledge and drawing upon the expertise and skills that we have in the sector.

The document highlights how each of the three key areas can support integrated and collaborative practice as well as providing some relevant case examples. A useful list of acronyms is also provided.

It is envisaged that the practice protocol will provide the framework to draw upon and inspire further collaborative work in the Family Services and Family Violence sector in Bayside Peninsula.