

# Making NSW a safer place for our children

## FACTSHEET

The NSW Government has made significant progress in implementing the recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The achievements are outlined in the 2020 NSW Annual Report on Progress.

### What is the new report and why does the NSW Government complete it?

In 2018, the NSW Government publicly responded to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The NSW Government committed to report on its implementation of the recommendations through five consecutive annual progress reports to be tabled in NSW Parliament.

### What are some of the key achievements in 2020?

Despite the demands of 2020, Government agencies have made significant progress, including:

- Rolling out trauma-informed care training to caseworkers and carers;
- Changes to NSW Youth Justice Centres to improve the experience and safety for young people;
- Increased training and resources for teachers and schools;
- Rolling out state-wide services for 10-17 year-olds with harmful sexual behaviours;
- Establishing an Aboriginal Knowledge Circle comprising community leaders and sector experts to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care;

- Delivering online training about child-safe practices throughout COVID-19;
- Piloting a wraparound service model for adult survivors of child sexual abuse with complex needs.

### What is the cost of the response to the Royal Commission?

The NSW Government is making record investments to implement its response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission. This includes \$127 million over five years to prevent child abuse, ensure greater access to treatment and support services and toughen the criminal justice response to child offence matters.

### What will the focus be over the next 12 months?

NSW will continue to implement major reforms to prevent child sexual abuse and ensure better outcomes for children, young people, survivors of child sexual abuse and the NSW community. This will include the following key initiatives:

- Developing a *NSW Framework for Preventing and Responding to Problematic and Harmful Sexual Behaviours*, anticipated to be delivered in June 2021;
- Developing a register of residential care workers to promote the safety of children and young people in residential care;
- Developing the mandatory Child Safe Standards Scheme, with legislation expected to formally commence in mid-2021.

The 2020 Annual Report can be accessed at <https://www.opengov.nsw.gov.au/publications/19070>

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