

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 2021 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 2021?

Throughout the challenges of 2021, NSW Government agencies continued to implement its response to Royal Commission recommendations. Key achievements include:

- Introducing new laws establishing the Child Safe Scheme, which embed the Child Safe Standards as the primary framework guiding child safe practice in certain NSW child-related organisations
- Developing a new framework to address problematic and harmful sexual behaviours in children and young people
- Working with the Australian Government and other jurisdictions to develop the National Strategy to Respond to Child Sexual Abuse
- Completing the build of the residential care workers register

- Increasing protection and support for children and young people in youth justice centres
- Piloting integrated specialist treatment services for survivors of child abuse
- Developing child protection education support materials for use in schools
- Rolling-out a new child protection audit tool.

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 sexual offence matters.

What will the focus be over the next 12 months?

In 2022, collaboration between government, non-government and community sector organisations will continue to implement reforms to prevent child sexual abuse, improve responses to reports of abuse, and ensure that survivors receive appropriate support, redress and justice.

The final report on progress in delivering the NSW Government response to the Royal Commission will be published in December 2022.

The 2021 Annual Report can be accessed at nsw.gov.au/nsw-government-response-to-royal-commission

For more information on these changes, visit www.dcj.nsw.gov.au