

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATION SHARING

Part 13A of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 **and the Information Sharing Protocol**

The Department of Justice is running professional workshops that aim to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to share information under Part 13A of the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007* and the Information Sharing Protocol (Protocol).

In 2014, amendments were made to the *NSW Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007* to introduce Part 13A. Part 13A creates exceptions to NSW privacy laws to allow information sharing between certain service providers for the purpose of facilitating domestic violence victims' access to support services and to prevent or reduce serious threats to the life, health or safety of any person as a result of domestic violence.

An Information Sharing Protocol (Protocol) was developed to assist service providers understand their obligations when applying Part 13A. Part 13A and the Protocol support *It Stops Here Safer Pathway* under the NSW Government's Domestic and Family Violence Framework for Reform.

The workshops are aimed at personnel from government and non-government organisations and individual services providers who come in contact with people who are at risk of domestic violence as part of their work.

At the end of the workshop, participants will understand:

- The legal basis and legitimate purpose for sharing information under Part 13A
- Consent requirements
- What information may be shared
- How to deal with a conflict of interest
- Right to access and amend information
- Existing legal privileges and how to respond to subpoenas
- Information management principles
- The Protocol compliance framework
- Interaction with child protection
- Information sharing and safety action meetings

Date: Thursday, May 7th 2015
Start: 1:30 PM
Finish: 4:30 PM
Venue: TAFE Greater Western Sydney
Training Room
1B, 69 Phillip Street
Parramatta NSW 2015

Other workshop locations are:
Bankstown - Friday, May 8th
Broken Hill - Monday, May 11th
Tweed Heads - Friday, May 15th

To register for any of the workshops please go to the DFV Strategy Website at
<http://swsi.edu.au/dfvstrategy/>
