

Evidence Used and Rationale  
Kimberley Clinical Protocols

# Family and Domestic Violence (FDV)

**Rationale:**

The protocol was updated to reflect current practices and WA Government priorities under the Path to Safety: Western Australia's Strategy to Reduce Family and Domestic Violence 2020 – 2030.

**Working Group:**

Department of Communities liaised with Child Protection Service Delivery, Office of Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, Kimberley joint response team for family and domestic violence (Department of Communities and WA Police).

**Review / Input from:**

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Reviewed by: KAHPF Maternal, Child, Family and Youth Health Sub-committee.

**Discussion Points:**

Screening for Family and Domestic Violence

- Clinical presentations and indicators of FDV and Red Flags
- Screening for FDV – questions to ask
- Risk assessment where Red Flags are identified

Safety Planning and Supports

- Available with support from Department of Communities and WA Police, Anglicare and other Kimberley local services – such as refuges and safe houses.
- Referral pathway matrix

Contacts and Resources

- Updated contacts provided, including referral services
- Links to current resources and guidelines

**Resources and References:**

Protocol updated to reflect

- Practice Tool 2: [Common risk assessment tool](#) (Department of Communities).
- ['Family and Domestic Violence – guideline, reference manual, policy, education and training](#) (WNHS)
- [White Book](#) (Abuse and violence: working with our patients in general practice (RACGP))

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