

Code of Practice Communiqué



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Hello all,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter, and the long weekend gave you a chance to recharge.

The Code of Practice team has been busy since our last Communiqué and the Code and audit tool is progressing well.

The team participated in auditor training which has provided a solid foundation for understanding the basis of self-assessment and how to identify types of evidence to support the self-assessment rating.

Since then, the first draft of the Code has been presented to stakeholders in the family and domestic violence specialist response sector at a workshop on the 5th March. The feedback provided by this group was invaluable and supported the next stage of review.

During March, the Code of Practice team made the decision to develop the audit tool using an online platform, which allows for easier updates to content, easy access to links and resources and a more positive user experience. The online platform was presented to a small but diverse group of the sector in a workshop on 27th March and feedback from this workshop is informing the next stage of the development of the audit tool. It was agreed that both a paper based, and an online version of the audit tool would assist organisations to undertake a self-assessment and the results could be updated, monitored, and actioned.

The Code team would like to acknowledge the continued support of the expert reference group who met on 29th February to view the first draft of the Code prior to the workshop on 5th March and continue to be available to support the development and implementation of the code.

Further development and refinements to the Code and audit tool are occurring across April and May and preparations are already underway for the implementation of the Code.

There will be a range of supports offered to implement the Code in recognition of the diversity in service mix, size, location, experience, and resourcing of organisations in the specialist family and domestic violence response sector. Stay tuned for advice as to when the Code team will be offering workshops and training opportunities in or around your location.

Feel free to contact the Code of Practice team at codeofpractice@csw.org.au. All Code of Practice information and updates can be found on the Code of Practice landing page [here](#), or if you are interested in joining one of the following Communities of Practice.

- Refuge staff
- Children FDV counsellors
- FDV counsellors
- Advocates and Outreach workers.



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