



# Family Violence

Are you asking?



# Objective of session

- ▶ To be confident and comfortable screening for family violence.
- ▶ Have resources to be able to provide support if a disclosure is made.



# Statistics

- ▶ Responding to Family Violence take up to 41% of frontline police time. (1)
- ▶ Total number of family violence investigations in 2016 where 118,910 (1)
- ▶ New Zealand has highest rate of IPV in the OECD (3)
- ▶ 1 in 3 ever partnered NZ women 35% experienced physical or sexual IPV

## **From Plunket electronic health record statistics;**

- ▶ Women living in higher deprivation more likely to declare they are victims of family violence
- ▶ Māori and Pacific women are most likely to declare they are victims of FV
- ▶ Clients assessed as high need long term more likely to declare they are victims of family violence
- ▶ Twice as many disclosures at core 1 than any other core



# Barriers to screening

- ▶ Someone in room older than 2yrs age
- ▶ Cultural barrier – the clients understanding of harm
- ▶ Language barrier
- ▶ Practitioner and client feel its just a “tick box” question
- ▶ Practitioner confidence in asking about family violence.
- ▶ Not able to get client alone.- Out to car, you can ring me, providing written questions
- ▶ Challenge yourself to think about what are your personal barriers- is it confidence? Is it lack of knowing what to do with a positive disclosure?



# Screening in community:

- ▶ **Consent:**

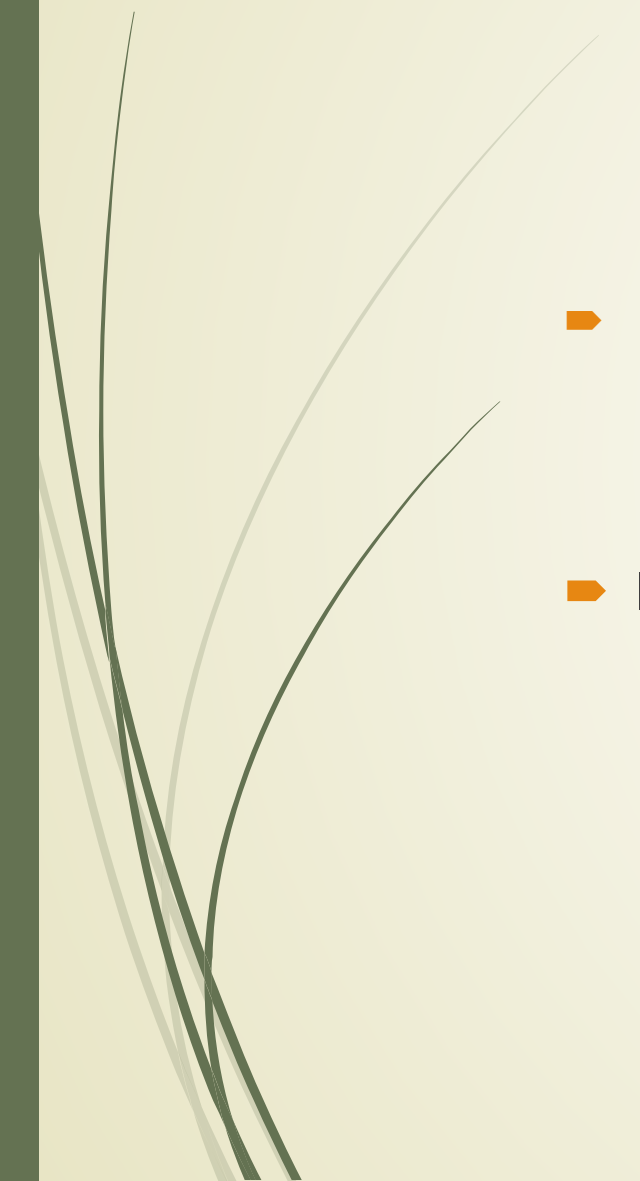
- ▶ Client expectations around routine screening

## Setting the scene:

- ▶ needs to be a conversation, be genuine in your approach
  - ▶ Open body language, turn towards the person, look at the person
  - ▶ You want to know the answer.
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- ▶ Practitioner's need to become confidant in screening and assessing risk if FV present.



# Asking family violence screen

- ▶ **Example:** Framing up and defining.
  - ▶ If you get a disclosure:
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# Where to get help

## Phone:

- ▶ 0800 733 843 Women's Refuge crisis line.
- ▶ 0508 744 633 Confidential domestic abuse helpline.
- ▶ 0800 456 450 Are you ok? It's ok to ask for help.

## Online:

- ▶ Women's Refuge Shielded Site service online — available on popular New Zealand websites. Eg: The warehouse, countdown, Trademe
- ▶ Shine [www.2shine.org.nz](http://www.2shine.org.nz)

## Counselling support:

- ▶ National network of stopping violence
- ▶ Childrens safety programme
- ▶ Family Services Directory
- ▶ **Practitioners:**
- ▶ Ministry of Health
- ▶ Childmatters





# Recap:

- ▶ Asking about family violence in a way that makes women feel comfortable to declare they are victims of family violence,
- ▶ Ensuring we respond to declarations of family violence in a way that supports the victims of family violence.
- ▶ Normalising routine enquiry about family violence, when it is safe to do so
- ▶ Feel confident in asking and ask the question like you really want to know the answer.
- ▶ We are here to support, We are here to care, Violence is not ok!



# Questions?

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