

Table 1. Apportionment of the cost of key services to family violence, Tranche 1, 2013-14 *

Department	Program, service and/or area name	Program, service and/or area description e.g. objectives, target group, eligibility criteria	2013-14				Basis of calculation i.e. methodology	Assumptions, Caveats and Known Evidence Gaps
			Total Clients	FV flags	Total Expenditure (\$)	Expenditure apportioned to family violence (\$)		
DHHS	Family Services	Child FIRST (Family Information and Referral Support Teams): Family services referral service	16,097	6,563	9,676,926	3,945,435	The proportion of cases where FV has been flagged as an 'issue of concern' in the database as a proportion of total service expenditure.	Caveat: FV may be one of several issues flagged. Assumption: The average cost of clients with FV issues is the same as all clients.
DHHS		Family Services (excluding Family Violence and Sexual Assault services)	16,360	5,521	78,677,296	26,551,183		
DHHS		Sexual assault services	17,365	607	24,456,000	854,869		
DHHS	Child Protection	Reports to the child protection service	82,073	37,492	N/A	13,982,266	Unit price of service multiplied by the number of clients where FV flagged. Unit price calculated using 2011-12 Activity Based Costings and inflated by CPI (2.5%) for 2 years. FV client numbers calculated where any of the following fields were flagged: Police - FV L17 report Area of Concern - FV - emotional or psychological impact Area of Concern - FV - physical development or health impact Area of Concern - FV - risk of or actual physical injury Parent or carer capability - FV Family characteristics - FV likely	There are more than 200 areas of concern and a client may have multiple flagged. Clients may have more than one report, investigation or intervention in a year and commonly have multiple orders in a year. The average cost of clients with FV issues is the same as all clients. A small number of clients are re-investigated within 12 months. DHHS is otherwise unable to disaggregate costs of the various components of child protection. A small number of clients have more than one intervention within 12 months. It is not possible to track costs at individual client level with existing child protection systems. DHHS is otherwise unable to disaggregate costs of the various components of child protection.
DHHS		Investigations	21,222	11,404	N/A	13,706,240		
DHHS		Protective interventions (activity with substantiated cases up to the point of a court order being issued).	9,458	6,633	N/A	16,513,450		
DHHS		Protective Orders (all orders including those that do not lead to an Out of Home Care placement)	3,070	2,104	N/A	40,675,517		
DHHS	Out of Home Care	Out of home care placements at 30 June 2014	7,070	3,400	283,663,872	136,415,441	The proportion of cases where FV has been flagged as an 'issue of concern' in the child protection client database as a proportion of total service expenditure. FV client numbers calculated where any of the following fields were flagged: Police - FV L17 report Area of Concern - FV - emotional or psychological impact Area of Concern - FV - physical development or health impact Area of Concern - FV - risk of or actual physical injury Parent or carer capability - FV Family characteristics - FV likely	There are 200 areas of concern and an individual may have multiple areas of concern. The actual number of placements during the year is higher because many clients are placed more than once in a year. It is assumed that the average cost of clients with FV issues is the same as all clients. Overheads and expenditure not attributable to an individual (e.g. central office, research, learning and development) have been excluded.
DHHS	Hospitals	Hospital inpatient separations	N/A	648	N/A	3,315,130	Where the patient episode cost is available, the patient episode cost was applied. In 7% of cases where the patient episode cost is not available, an average diagnostic related groups (DRG) cost was applied.	Cost of care is not directly measured. Incidents of family violence presented in emergency departments (0.03%) are most likely under-estimated. Previous research has also found that between 2-3% of all women presenting in Victorian emergency departments were due to family violence related incidents (Sherrand et al, 1994; Diemer, 2012).
DHHS		Emergency Department presentations	N/A	486	N/A	282,977		
Total cost apportioned to FV (Tranche 1)						256,242,507		

* The costs only include those related to the use of services as a direct result of family violence. It does not include costs that may result due to past experiences of family violence that may be a causal factor in subsequent service use.