

# Responding to Domestic and Family Violence: A Primary Care Perspective

## PHN EDUCATION SESSION

Starting the conversation can be challenging, but health professionals are well-placed to identify and respond to domestic and family violence. With the right tools and supports, you can help empower people who experience domestic and family violence, to break the silence and seek safety.

Often people in a violent or abusive relationship want to talk about the issue but are unsure who to tell, what to say or how to bring it up. One out of every five women who present to Primary Care services with depression will be experiencing Domestic and Family Violence.

### Session Overview / Learning Outcomes:

A short session on the Primary Care / Outreach Nurses role in Recognising, Responding and Referring Domestic and Family Violence within the New England Region.

The training program aims to support and build upon nurse's skills in:

- Active listening and responding skills to build trust with patients using the World Health Organisations LIVES framework - **Listen, Inquire, Validate, Enhance safety, Support**
- Information on New England's Domestic Family Violence Local Coordination Point. The training will advise how to refer for risk assessment, safety planning, crisis services and DFV case management specialist support.

**SPEAKERS:** **Dr Colette Hourigan** (Women's Health GP and Domestic Violence Specialist), **Cassandra Cutmore** (Manager, New England's Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service and the Local Coordination Point)

**WHO:** **New England Region Primary Care Nurse Workforce**

**WHEN:** **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm**

**WHERE:** **Online via Teams**

**RSVP:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)