

# Turn Input Into Action Forum Summary

## Progressing Victim Survivor Experience Mapping Recommendations

On 30 March 2023, organisational leaders in the northern metropolitan region progressed recommendations arising from the [Victim Survivor Experience Mapping report](#). Participants heard from those involved in the Mapping, gained insight into the Victoria Police Predominant Aggressor Project, and developed collaborative plans to contribute to the next [NIFVS RIC](#) Strategic Plan.



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*One person can really make a difference, being able to navigate the wave, to not being able to cope.*

*Victim Survivor quote*

### Proposed Actions arising from the Recommendations include:

- Develop a tip sheet for workers about what legal support is available and how it could support victim survivors.
- Build a trauma and violence informed approach at Magistrates' Courts.
- Map expertise in the region regarding provision of cultural awareness training.
- Explore the idea of an emergency number for police to call to help identify the predominant aggressor.
- In interviews, organisations to allow people to see questions beforehand and welcome applicants bringing in notes.



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## Impact of Child Removal on Aboriginal Communities (Ruby Bovill, VACCA)

Aboriginal children are being removed in higher numbers than ever before and barriers to access services include fear of child removal, lack of transparency by practitioners and misidentification, which puts children's safety at risk.

Culturally Competent Practitioners:

- Are open and transparent about who will have access to the information provided and what connection they have to Child Protection.
- Offer flexibility with appointments and respect the load that Aboriginal community members carry.
- Ensure development of cultural awareness is ongoing.
- Respect that cultural connection can benefit Aboriginal people, but this is a choice.

## Victoria Police Dominant Aggressor Project (Senior Sergeant Dagmar Anderson)

The Victoria Police ND5 trial project's primary objectives are to reduce, rectify and remedy police misidentification of the predominant aggressor through:

- updates to Vic Pol policy and curriculum to reflect best practice, and MARAM alignment.
- establishing quality assurance mechanisms and incident review checkpoints for Family Violence Liaison Officers and Supervisors.
- examining how pre-court engagement can be used to ensure misidentification is resolved ahead of court and transfer of information is enhanced.
- identifying clear notification points for specialist agencies and legal services to notify Victoria Police of possible misidentification.
- reviewing how family violence records are captured in LEAP and develop options for corrective action when misidentification occurs.



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