Connect WANNEROO

Wellbeing
Family domestic violence accommodation and support services

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

The City of Wanneroo is one of Western Australia's largest growing local governments, with a population of over 250,000 projected to reach 438,190 by 2046.

Family domestic violence (FDV) is rising alongside this growth. In 2024/25, WA Police reported 1,861 family assault cases and 377 threatening behaviours (family) incidents.

In 2025/26, family assault cases increased by 5% and threatening behaviour incidents by 39% in a single year. These figures reflect reported cases only.

On average, seven people experience FDV in the City of Wanneroo each day[1]. Without early intervention, FDV escalates pressure on policing, health, housing and justice systems, with significantly higher long-term costs.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE?

Local FDV accommodation and wrap around service providers are facing escalating pressures.

Patricia Giles Centre for Non-Violence (PGCNV) identities additional refuge accommodation in the Northern Corridor as an advocacy priority. Despite population growth and increasing demand for services the availability of refuge accommodation has not increased since 2012. There are currently five refuge beds for single women in the Northern Corridor.

In 2025/26 Anglicare WA delivered 573 specialised FDV counselling session and 178 session s through its Connect and Respect Men's Behaviour Change program. The FDV Victim Support Service supported over 900 incidents. Anglicare reports 170 people currently waitlist across its suite of services including 63 awaiting specialised FV counselling showcasing significant demand and unmet needs within the region.

Encompass Legal and Community Services reported that 42.8% of City residents had FDV indicators, up from 32.5% in 2023/24.

Despite $106 million in State funding in 2026/27, no new facilities are planned for Perth's North-West sub-region despite substantial population growth expected in particular in Two Rocks and Yanchep. For residents in the City's northern most suburbs, the nearest FDV hub is over 40 kilometres away.

[1] WA Police, Crime Statistics, retrieved October 2026
Suburb of Woodvale is not included
https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Crime/CrimeStatistics#/

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY NEED?

Locally based FDV accommodation and support services, including:

- A continuum of safe accommodation: supported crisis, short-term refuge, medium term transitional accommodation with a primary focus on refuge beds for single women
- FDV One Stop Hub that is culturally safe and wrap-around support services in City of Wanneroo

Local FDV services enable faster access to safety, sustain connection to personal support networks and greater continuity in school and work during crises.

HOW CAN WE MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN?

The City of Wanneroo asks the State and/or Federal Government to:

- Establish, operate and maintain additional supported crisis accommodation, short term refuge accommodation and medium-term transitional accommodation services in the City of Wanneroo, with focus on single women in need of refuge
- Appoint and fund an appropriate agency or agencies to establish, operate and maintain an FDV One Stop Hub, providing support and culturally appropriate wrap-around services within the City of Wanneroo's northern suburbs.

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