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Major contract awarded to support victims of violence

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Quantum Support Services has been appointed to play a key role in Gippsland Primary Health Network's national pilot project to support victims of family, domestic and sexual violence.

Gippsland PHN was one of only six Primary Health Networks nationally to receive the Australian Government funding of \$10.6 million to pilot the 'Supporting Recovery' project with the Baw Baw and Latrobe regions experiencing some of the highest rates of family, domestic and sexual violence in Victoria.

Quantum Support Services will be the local care coordination team for Latrobe City and Baw Baw Shire until 30 June 2026. It will significantly expand existing case management and care coordination in the family domestic and sexual violence sector and empower victim-survivors to be involved in the development of their own Supporting Recovery care plans.

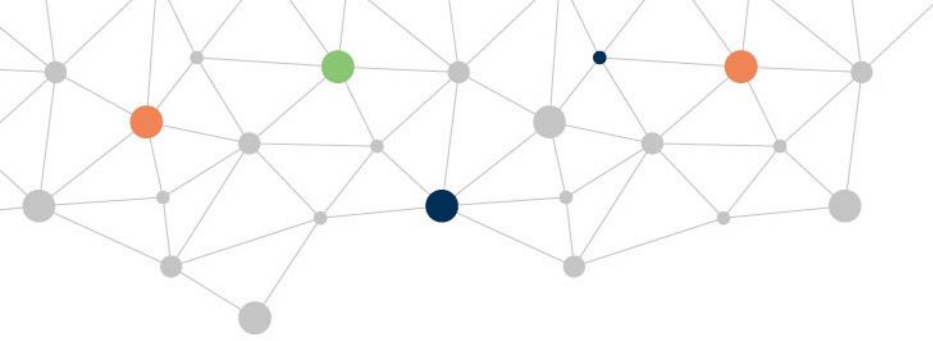
The Gippsland project will see a new model of care trialled to improve coordination and access to trauma-informed recovery services for victim-survivors of family domestic and sexual violence.

Gippsland PHN's Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said the funding was an endorsement of the critical need to support a local system under increasing pressure.

"There is currently a very high demand for family violence case management services, with limited therapeutic and recovery services available to victim-survivors," Ms Proposch said. "We are very pleased to have Quantum ready to start work on a significant part of our project.

"The program is based on the recovery and healing domain of the [National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children](#). It aims to reduce the risk of re-traumatisation and support victim-survivors to be safe and healthy to be able to recover from trauma and the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and cultural, and economic impacts of violence."

As part of the pilot, Gippsland PHN also released a public Request for Tender on Monday 12 February 2024 to deliver trauma-informed mental health therapeutic services. These will be delivered in Latrobe and Baw Baw to victim-survivors of family domestic and sexual violence who are experiencing mental health challenges.



You can find out more or apply at <https://gphn.org.au/procurement-and-tendering/commissioning-opportunities/> The tender closes at 5pm on Friday 1 March 2024.

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Please note:

If you or someone you know is experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, family, domestic, or sexual violence, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or visit [1800RESPECT.org.au](https://www.1800respect.org.au).

If you are concerned about your behaviour or use of violence, you can contact the Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491 or visit www.ntv.org.au.

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