The NSW Government has announced $127 million of new investment to implement key recommendations from the Royal Commission, bringing the total level of investment to more than $570 million.

New Investment Highlights

$58.8 million for new measures for the prevention of child sexual abuse

$36 million to improve therapeutic services and support for children and adult survivors

$32.4 million to strengthen criminal justice responses to child abuse matters
We will prevent Child Sexual Abuse by

- Consulting with NGOs on implementing child safe standards in NSW
- Introducing a register for Therapeutic Care workers
- Additional child safe training for 72,000 providers working with children and new resources for parents
- Additional training for NGOs to better respond to complaints
- Expanding the reportable conduct scheme to religious faiths
- Improving the safety of children in juvenile detention with upgraded CCTV in four centres
- Strengthening carer checks for out-of-home care
- Specialist therapies for children at risk, including early intervention and support for adult survivors of child sexual abuse

We will improve therapeutic supports for children and adult survivors by

- Enhancing funding for survivor groups and community support organisations
- Establishing new integrated specialist therapeutic services for children and adult survivors complex needs
- Enhancing sexual assault outreach for vulnerable groups including Aboriginal & Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities and people with disability
- Funding additional resources for NGO carers and caseworkers to respond to children with complex needs

We will strengthen the criminal justice response by

- Expanding the capacity of the Local Court to respond to child sexual offence matters allowing cases to be processed more efficiently
- Adding two additional magistrates in 2019

This new investment continues the NSW Government’s ongoing commitment to support victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.

- We have legislated and joined the National Redress Scheme
- We have introduced extensive criminal law reforms, including life sentences for persistent child sexual abuse
- We have created new offences for failure to report or protect against child abuse
- We introduced the Civil Liability Amendment (Institutional Child Abuse Bill) bringing an end to the legal loophole that prevented victims from suing institutions
- We have prioritised adult survivors of child sexual assault, where eligible, for social housing
- We will transfer the reportable conduct scheme from the NSW Ombudsman to the NSW Office of the Children’s Guardian

Where to get help

The NSW Government encourages survivors of child sexual or physical assault to access confidential counselling available through the Victims Support Scheme on 1800 633 063.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

- Survivors & Mates Support Network (SAMSN) Helpline – 1800 472 676
- Child Protection Helpline - 132 111
- Lifeline – 13 11 14