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From: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 4:26 PM
To: SG Community Safety and Crime Prevention All
Subject: FW: New Sexual Assault Services Programs Announcement

Hi everyone,

Sharing some exciting news about the launch of our new Sexual Assault Programs!

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Executive Director, Service Delivery
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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
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Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 3:55 PM
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July 24, 2023

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These new programs and standards are a significant step forward in strengthening the response to sexual assaults and will better support victims and survivors.

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In the weeks and months ahead, SAS service providers will be engaging with organizations and programs in their community to build collaborative relationships that support coordinated survivor-centred services. The Branch's Community Programs team and others will be supporting this work. Please contact Allison Felker, Director, at vspcontracts@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

We plan to continue to add more programs and supports later this year including five Sexual Assault Centres with co-located spaces for justice, health, and other services to provide wrap around, trauma-informed services to survivors. A link to the BC Bid procurement for Sexual Assault Centres is here: [Call for Responses: Sexual Assault Centres - Lot : 1 / Amendment : 0: BC Bid \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://gov.bc.ca/bid-opportunities/call-for-responses/sexual-assault-centres)

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From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 8:36 AM
To: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX; Aube, Mike PSSG:EX
Subject: FW: Final comms package for SAS event
Attachments: SN - MMF - Sexual assault policing standards 21Jul23.docx; MA - 29262.pdf; NR MLA Template - SAS_21Jul23 FINAL.docx; KMQA - Sexual assault services policing standards 21July 23 ADM Approved.docx; SN - MMF - Sexual assault policing standards 21Jul23.docx; SAS Program MLA Speaking Points_18Jul23_Clean.docx; NR - Sexual Assault Standards and Services - FINAL.pdf; SN - emcee - Sexual Assault Services and Standards_21Jul23.docx

FYI.

I'll have these posted to our teams page shortly.

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Project Director, Program Development and Strategic Initiatives
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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 8:02 PM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Final comms package for SAS event

Evening Catherine,

Final clean copies of all the comms materials for your records.

Have a great weekend.

Alisha Evans | Public Affairs Officer
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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 4:01 PM

To: Evans, Alisha GCPE:EX <Alisha.Evans@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Do you mind sending me the final clean versions of all the comms documents once they are complete?

I just like to have those on hand if needed for our staff etc.

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To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Thank you Catherine! Appreciate it

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Subject: RE: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR
Importance: High

Hi Alisha,

Thank you for your patience. Attached are the final copies approved by our ADM. I've left the markups so you can see what's changing.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Kind regards,

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Hello Catherine,

Any update on the KMQA/ MLA template?

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To: Evans, Alisha GCPE:EX <Alisha.Evans@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Hi Alisha,

All of the edits/comments are with the ADM for approval so I will get you a final copy back shortly.

Thanks,

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Hi Catherine,

We just received the KMQA back from GEO and the MO has a couple questions/ comments in the document attached. Just wanted to bring to your attention as you are doing a final review of the KMQA. If you want to address the comments, I can incorporate them into the final, approved document you send back.

Thanks!

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Thank you!

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To: Evans, Alisha GCPE:EX <Alisha.Evans@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Hi Alisha,

We are good to go on the Issues Directors comments. Our changes are mostly in the backgrounder information on page 2.

I'll review these two documents and get them back to you asap.

Thanks!

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To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Thanks Catherine. Just confirming that I don't see any comments from your team, but the comments from our Issues Director are good to go?

KMQA attached. Can you also confirm that the information is correct in the MLA template?

We are wanting to have these finalized by this afternoon.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR
Importance: High

Hi Alisha,

Attached please find the NR with our comments, and ADM approval. We are fine with the suggested comments from the Issues Director.

Also, can you send us the final copy of the KMQA document? We just want to double check the numbers one last time.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:30 AM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Hi Catherine,

My name is Alisha and I am covering for Kristen while she is out of office. I am working to finalize the NR for the SAS announcement and our Issue's Director made some changes to the third paragraph. Before accepting them, I wanted to run them past you to make sure the language is okay to use. Can you confirm that these changes are okay?

Thank you!

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Event Information / Speaking Notes –

Event: Sexual assault services and policing standards

When: Monday, July 24, 2023, 10:30am

Where: Family Services of Greater Vancouver
Lobby, 1638 E Broadway

Vancouver, BC

Word count: 425 words

Speaking Notes
for the
Hon. Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Sexual Assault Services and Policing Standards
Family Services of Greater Vancouver
Vancouver, BC

Monday, July 24, 2023
10:30am

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

Introduction

- Hello, and thank you for joining us today.
- I'd also like to acknowledge that we are speaking with you from the traditional, unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish peoples.
- I'm honoured to be here with sexual assault service providers and our policing partners.

<PAUSE>

Commitment to supporting survivors

- As my colleague, Parliamentary Secretary Paddon, has made clear...
- Our government is making sure sexual assault survivors have access to the supports they need.
- It's also crucial that survivors are treated fairly when they decide to report a sexual assault to police.
- We know that too many survivors choose not to report sexual assaults.

- They are concerned they will not be believed...
- That they will face victim-blaming...
- Or they distrust the criminal justice system.
- That's why we're making changes to help ensure survivors are treated fairly, empathetically and respectfully.

<PAUSE>

New policing standards

- Provincial policing standards help to ensure consistency and best practices...
- And they apply to all police officers serving in British Columbia.
- The new standards on police responses to sexual assaults...
- Will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches.
- Survivors' unique, diverse needs will be supported...

- And they will be empowered with information to help them decide how they want their case to proceed.
- The new standards, which will take effect in 12 months, will make sexual assault investigations more effective...
- And help survivors get the justice they deserve.

<PAUSE>

- The new policing standards will help avoid further harm to survivors during the investigation...
- And connect them to appropriate services.
- Survivors have the option to be further supported by victim services workers...
- Whether or not they report a sexual assault to police.
- The standards promote police coordination with health services and community supports.

- As well, they require supervisory oversight to make sure investigations are responsive and impartial...
- And a review of closed cases to improve future investigations or inform training moving forward.
- Indigenous survivors will be met with culturally appropriate procedures and practices...
- To better respond to intergenerational trauma and address racial discrimination and bias.

<PAUSE>

Building on existing work

- The new standards build on existing ones that promote unbiased policing...
- Which require police officers take training on fair and impartial policing, trauma-informed practice, intimate partner violence, and Indigenous cultural safety.
- And they align with BC's action plan to address gender-based violence.

<PAUSE>

Conclusion

- We'll continue our work to prevent and eradicate sexual violence...
- And to make sure survivors have the supports they need to find a pathway to healing.
- Thanks to the dedication of frontline service providers...
- Indigenous leaders, policing partners...
- And, most importantly, the courage of survivors...
- We are making important progress together.
- Thank you.

-END-

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

July 23, 2023

MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Vancouver; teleconference

VANCOUVER – Media are invited to join Kelli Paddon, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, and Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, for an announcement regarding sexual assault services and new policing standards for responding to sexual assaults in British Columbia.

Event date: Monday, July 24, 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m. (Pacific time)

Location:

Family Services of Greater Vancouver
Lobby, 1638 E. Broadway
Vancouver

Media dial-in information:

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NDP MLA says new sexual assault services and standards for policing will benefit vulnerable British Columbians in [region]

[LOCATION] –New Democrat MLA [Insert MLA] says that vulnerable people of [location] will benefit from the new sexual assault programs and new policing standards on responding to sexual assaults.

Sexual assaults are predominately perpetrated against women and girls. Indigenous or racialized women and girls, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, sex workers, people with disabilities, and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness have higher rates of victimization. Many survivors are hesitant about reporting sexual assault due to a distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear that they will not be believed.

Survivors are encouraged to contact the sexual assault program, crisis lines or general victim services programs, for support as well as to seek medical attention, whether or not they want to report to police. The decision to report to the police or not may be made at a later date.

[Insert MLA Quote].

The New Democrat government is providing \$10 million in stable annual funding to support survivors of sexual assault and violence. To date, 56 service providers in 7 regions are receiving \$6,663,408.00 in funding with some delivering services in more than one region. The new sexual assault programs will deliver co-ordinated, community-based sexual assault services in the following regions:

Region	# of Service Providers	Amount
Fraser	11	\$1,349,962.00
Northern	7	\$651,488.00
Northwest	4	\$475,000.00
Okanagan-Kootenays	10	\$1,103,885.00
Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	7	\$729,998.00
Vancouver Coastal	8	\$976,569.00
Vancouver Island	11	\$1,376,506.00
Total:	58	\$6,663,408.00

Both the sexual assault programs and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches. They will be key components of B.C.'s Action Plan to address gender-based violence, which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts, and advocates.

The funding for sexual assault services programs will begin in July 2023, and the new policing standards will take effect in 2024 to allow time for police to implement the requirements.

Quick Facts:

- Provincial standards set requirements for all British Columbia's police agencies to promote best practices, accountability, and consistency.
- Between March 2020 and March 2021, the Province provided \$20 million for the multi-year Emergency Sexual Assault Services grant program to support the delivery of emergency sexual assault services throughout B.C until March 2023.
- The Province provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 470 victim service and violence against women programs operating in communities across BC.
- This includes, \$10 million annually provided in Budget 2022, beginning in April 2023, to support the delivery of sexual assault programs that are victim-centred, trauma-informed, and coordinated depending on client needs.

Learn More:**For crisis line support for victims of gender-based violence**

For more information on supports for people facing gender-based violence and B.C.'s Gender Based Violence Action Plan, see: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/gender-equity/ending-gender-based-violence>

To read about B.C. police standards, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards>

KMQA
Sexual Assault Services, Policing Standards
July 24, 2023

KMs:

- Sexualized violence is deeply traumatic and has devastating effects on survivors, families, and communities.
- Sexual assaults predominately affect women, girls and gender diverse people.
- Indigenous and other racialized women and girls, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, sex workers, people with disabilities, and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness have higher rates of victimization.
- Furthermore, many survivors experience barriers to reporting sexual assaults, including not being believed, victim-blaming or distrust of the criminal justice system.
- That's why the Province is providing stable funding for sexual assault services and implementing new policing standards on responding to sexual assaults that will respect and support the diverse needs of survivors and make investigations more effective.
- A total of \$10 million will be distributed across the province for the delivery of coordinated, community-based Sexual Assault Services (SAS) programs.
- Survivors are encouraged to contact the sexual assault program, crisis lines or general victim services programs, for support as well as to seek medical attention, whether or not they want to report to police. The decision to report to the police or not may be made at a later date.
- Both the specialized sexual assault services and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches.
- It is crucial that the public has confidence that policing throughout British Columbia is high-quality and unbiased, and that there is consistent guidance for police agencies to respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- Everyone deserves to be treated fairly by the justice system, and these new standards will complement existing government work and other standards and training required to improve police responses and ensure unbiased policing. This includes police training on trauma-informed practice, investigations of intimate partner violence, fair and impartial policing, and Indigenous cultural safety.

QAs:

SAS Funding/Procurement

1. Who will benefit from the funding?

- This initial procurement establishes 68 SAS programs operated by 56 organizations in all regions of the province.

- Stable, annual funding will help ensure service providers are able to focus on providing care people need without having to reapply each year.
- Ending violence, supporting safety, and creating security are central to our work as government.
- It's essential that people who have been sexually assaulted have immediate access to program services, counselling, and support.

2. How many organizations will receive funding?

- 56 organizations will receive funding for the delivery of 68 new SAS programs. Contracts are effective July 1, 2023.
- There are 68 individual contracts.
- There are a total of 56 service providers (agencies) that are receiving contracts, with some receiving more than one contract.
- On a regional basis (listed below) there are 58 service providers because some service providers have a contract in more than one region.

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3. How was it determined who would receive the funding?

- Throughout the past year, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Ministry) initiated a rigorous engagement and a fair, open, and transparent procurement process via BC Bid.
- The successful organizations were chosen based on demonstrated ability to meet the local needs of survivors in their community and establish and deliver a SAS program that is coordinated, culturally safe, client centred, and trauma informed through either direct support, counselling services or both.

4. Why were some organizations that previously received funding not successful this time?

- Some organizations that previously received ESAS grants did not submit an application for the SAS program or the respondents were not the highest scoring for their service area.
- Five organizations that received an ESAS grant did not receive a SAS contract.

5. What about programs that are not successful in getting this new, stable funding? What if a program received funding via the Emergency Sexual Assault Services grant program administered by Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) and then was not successful in the procurement process? Won't that create a disruption of services in the community?

- The majority (46 of 53) of ESAS grant program recipients were successful in the procurement process and have been invited to enter into a SAS contract.
- The Ministry has worked with EVA BC to ensure a smooth transition between the end of the ESAS grant projects and the completion of the procurement process to award contracts for the new ongoing SAS Program. Bridge funding has been provided to all ESAS grant agencies that requested it.
- Further, ESAS grant recipients who did not apply for ongoing SAS program funding, or who were not successful in the procurement, will have the ability to use any surplus ESAS grant funds, or apply to the Ministry for funding to wind-down their projects and transition any clients to the new ongoing SAS programs in a trauma-informed way.
- With the addition of the \$10M in new funding, we will now be providing over \$54 million annually in funding to support over 470 victim service, violence against women and sexual assault program services across the province.

6. How will this funding help Indigenous survivors of sexual assaults?

- All sexual assault program services will be culturally appropriate.
- In areas with high Indigenous populations, the ministry sought to procure Indigenous focused programs. In total, 17 Indigenous focused programs were successful in the SAS procurement process and have been invited to enter into a SAS contract.

7. How does this funding support B.C.'s Gender Based Violence Action Plan?

- We are committed to preventing and ending gender-based violence, and to supporting survivors, families and communities impacted by its devastating effects.

- A provincial action plan to help end gender-based violence, support survivors and promote healing, community awareness and prevention is being developed by the Ministry and the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity.
- We are also partnering with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts and advocates to create the plan.
- Both the specialized sexual assault services and the new policing standards will be key components of the plan.

8. What is the total funding amount for gender-based violence services

- Budget 2022 allocated stable annual funding of \$10 million for community-based sexual assault services to support victims of sexual and gender-based violence starting in 2023/24.
- The Province now provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 470 victim service, violence against women and sexual assault programs operating in communities across BC.
- Between March 2020 and March 2021, \$20 million was provided for a multi-year ESAS grant program, administered by EVA BC, to support the delivery of coordinated, community-based sexual assault response services throughout the province until March 2023.

9. Why was no funding for sexual assault service providers provided in 2022/23?

- Sexual assault service providers currently have funding via the ESAS grant program that runs until the end of March 2023.
- This new stable, annual SAS funding will start July 1, 2023. The Ministry has worked with EVA BC to ensure a smooth transition between the end of the ESAS grant projects and the completion of the procurement process to award contracts for the new ongoing SAS Program. Bridge funding has been provided to all ESAS grant agencies that requested it.

10. Existing victim service and violence against women programs have waitlists and need to fundraise to provide needed services. Why is there no additional funding for them?

- We recognize the devastating impacts of violence on survivors, families, and communities, which is why we are choosing to provide stable, annual funding for SAS programs.
- Stable funding will improve supports for survivors and help ensure they have immediate access to medical services, counselling, and support.
- The Province now provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 470 victim service, violence against women and sexual assault programs operating in communities across BC.

- All existing victim service and violence against women programs will receive funding lifts as part of government's Shared Recovery Mandate (SRM).
- Under the Shared Recovery Mandate, existing programs will also receive a compensation funding lift totaling 17.04% over the agreement term (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025).

Policing standards on responding to sexual assaults

1. Who will benefit from the new standards?

- Everyone deserves to be treated equally and empathetically by the justice system, but too many survivors of sexual assault do not report the crimes committed against them. This is often due to fear they will not be believed, victim-blaming, and/or distrust of the criminal justice system.
- It's crucial that police have the guidance and training required to respond to the needs of victims, including vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- These new standards, guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive and culturally safe approaches will lead to more empathetic, respectful and effective investigations.
- The standards will increase public trust and help to ensure that everyone has consistent access to high-quality, unbiased policing throughout British Columbia.
- The standards are made public and available to view at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards>

2. How will the standards shape survivors' experience with the police during the reporting and investigation of sexual assaults?

- The new standards will empower survivors with information to help them decide how they want their case to proceed, avoid further harm throughout the investigation, and connect survivors to appropriate services.
- During the intake process, when the sexual assault is first reported, survivors will meet with police officers with the option to be further supported by victim services workers. They will consider the survivor's unique needs as they inform them of their rights, options, and the services available to them.
- The standards will also require supervisory oversight throughout sexual assault investigations to make sure they are responsive and impartial, and a review process for closed cases to inform training needs and future investigations.
- As well, the new standards will promote police coordination with local health services and other community-based supports. Survivors may do a third-party report, through a community-based victim services to provide information to police if they would otherwise not report to police.

3. Are all police departments operating in B.C. required to implement these standards?

- Yes. Like all policing standards, the standards on responding to sexual assaults apply to police boards and police agencies operating in B.C. The BC RCMP will also harmonize its policies and procedures with the provincial policing standards.
- Each police department is responsible for putting in place internal policies to ensure compliance and alignment with the standards.

4. How much will it cost to put the standards in place?

- Police agencies will put in place processes in alignment with the standards to support police officers during investigation. Some police agencies already have these processes in place and so cost may vary across police agencies.

5. When will the standards come into effect?

- The standards will take effect in 12 months to allow time for police boards and police agencies to implement internal policies that support the standards. The effective date is noted in the standards on our website.
- The standards apply to all police agencies operating in B.C., in municipal police and First Nations departments, as well as the BC RCMP.
- Each police department is responsible for putting in place internal policies to align with the standards.

6. Whom did the Province engage during the development of the standards?

- Throughout the process, the Province engaged with various community groups and with service providers who represent the interests of and who support survivors of sexual assaults. For example, there were discussions at various stages of the project with:
 - Ending Violence Association of BC;
 - BC Society of Transition Houses;
 - Disability Alliance BC;
 - Police-Based Victim Services of BC;
 - West Coast Leaf; and
 - Sexual assault centers (Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre; Victoria Sexual Assault Centre; Prince George Sexual Assault Center; and Oak Centre Vernon).
- The Province also engaged with Indigenous organizations including the BC First Nations Justice Council, the Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women, Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC.
- These are in addition to a standing committee engaged as a matter of course during the development of all standards, as well as a working group of police representatives with subject matter expertise in sexual assault investigations.

7. How will these standards help Indigenous survivors of sexual assaults?

- Indigenous survivors face unique barriers to reporting crime to police and accessing justice.
- With the new and existing standards, as well as police training requirements, survivors will be met with culturally appropriate procedures and practices that address racial discrimination, bias and intergenerational trauma.
- Indigenous survivors will also be connected to cultural and Indigenous-specific services and programs.
- The Ministry considered the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as alignment with the:
 - National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
 - BC First Nations Justice Strategy; and,
 - Métis Justice Strategy.

8. The standards are focused on adult survivors – will they also help youth who have been sexually assaulted?

- While the standards were developed for responding to adults who have been sexually assaulted, younger persons will also benefit from trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches that will ensure investigations are respectful, empathetic and effective.
- Standards in place already require police agencies to have procedures in place governing investigations likely to involve persons in vulnerable circumstances, including youth.

9. Are these standards being developed in response to the historical allegations of sexual abuse of First Nations women and girls by members of the Prince George RCMP?

- The allegations of historic misconduct of members in Prince George are disturbing and our government takes them very seriously.
- The Director of Police Services appointed the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) to conduct the investigation as it is an independent, external, civilian-led organization that investigates serious and sensitive allegations of police misconduct.
- ASIRT is working with Indigenous communities, and consulting with the Assembly of First Nations and other Indigenous organizations.
- As this is an active investigation, further comment will be made when it is deemed appropriate.

10. How do these standards build on other initiatives that promote unbiased policing?

- Everyone deserves to be treated fairly by the police, and it's crucial that the public have confidence that policing and community safety services throughout British Columbia are high-quality and unbiased.
- The policing standards on responding to sexual assault complement a set of provincial policing standards to promote unbiased policing established in 2021 (they are effective now) to improve police responses to marginalized and vulnerable people.
- This includes standards requiring police training to improve police responses and ensure unbiased policing such as trauma-informed practice, investigations of intimate partner violence, and Indigenous cultural safety, as well as other requirements for police to engage with community-based groups when creating or amending certain policies or procedures.
- The sexual assault standards are also consistent with the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act's recommendations on enhancing and standardizing police education and training and ensuring communities everywhere in B.C. can access high quality policing and public safety services.

11. If a survivor does not feel appropriately treated by the police, where can they go for help?

- Survivors can contact the BC Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner if they have concerns about the conduct of any municipal or designated police officer or department.
- Survivors can reach out to the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP if they have complaints about the conduct of RCMP members.
- Survivors are encouraged to file a complaint with their police of jurisdiction or contact the Officer in Charge.

NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

New programs, police standards support sexual assault survivors

VANCOUVER – Stable funding for sexual assault programs, as well as the establishment of new policing standards for responding to sexual assaults, will respect and support the diverse needs of survivors and ensure more effective investigations.

Sexual assaults predominately affect women, girls and gender-diverse people. Indigenous and other racialized women and girls, members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, sex workers, people with disabilities, and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness are most at risk of being targeted with violence. Many survivors are hesitant to report sexual assault due to a distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear that they will not be believed.

To support the recovery of survivors, the Province is providing stable, annual funding for 68 new sexual assault programs that will deliver co-ordinated, community-based services throughout British Columbia. The ministry will add more new programs and supports this year, including five regional sexual assault centres that will provide dedicated co-located spaces to deliver wraparound services for survivors of sexual assault.

“Sexualized violence is deeply traumatic and has devastating effects on survivors, families and communities,” said Kelli Paddon, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity. “Too many people face gender-based violence in communities across B.C., with women, girls, and gender-diverse people being disproportionately affected. Stable, reliable funding to support dedicated sexual assault programs, as well as these new police standards build on other life-saving work to support survivors across the province, including counselling, outreach and crisis support, and victim-service programs.”

The sexual assault programs and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive and culturally safe approaches. The services are a key component of B.C.’s action plan to address gender-based violence, which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts and advocates. The new standards also align with the plan.

Under the new policing standards, police officers will work in collaboration with victim-services workers to consider the survivor’s unique needs when they first report the sexual assault.

There will be supervisory oversight during investigations to make sure they are responsive, trauma-informed and impartial, as well as a review of closed cases to improve training and future investigations. The new standards promote police co-ordination with local health services and other community-based supports, and will apply to all police officers in B.C.

“All survivors deserve fair and empathetic treatment after they have experienced the trauma of sexual assault,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “New

policing standards and investments in sexual assault programs will empower survivors to decide how they want their case to proceed, shield them from further harm and connect them with services for a pathway to healing. Our government is building a safer, healthier and more just province for all of us by promoting high-quality and unbiased policing and providing stable funding for crucial services that support survivors.”

The funding for sexual assault services programs begins in July 2023. The new policing standards will take effect in 2024 to allow time for police and police boards to implement the requirements.

Quick Facts:

- Provincial standards set requirements for all British Columbia’s police agencies and police boards to promote best practices, accountability and consistency.
- Policing standards to promote unbiased policing, which were approved in 2021, advance equitable policing throughout the province by requiring policies and procedures, training, audit activity and community engagement.
- The Province has provided \$20 million for the multi-year Emergency Sexual Assault Services grant program to support the delivery of emergency sexual assault services throughout B.C. from March 2020 until March 2023.
- The Province now provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 470 victim-service, violence-against-women and sexual assault programs operating in communities throughout BC.
 - This includes \$10 million annually, beginning in April 2023, to support the delivery of sexual assault programs that are victim-centred, trauma-informed, and co-ordinated, depending on client needs.

Learn More:

For more information about supports for people facing gender-based violence and B.C.’s Gender Based Violence Action Plan, see: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/gender-equity/ending-gender-based-violence>

To read about B.C. police standards, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards>

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUND

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Sexual assault services receiving stable funding

The following outlines the number of service providers and the amount of total funding received by region.

There are 56 service providers in British Columbia receiving funding with some delivering services in more than one region.

The total amount of funding throughout the Province is \$6,663,408.

- The Fraser region will receive \$1,349,962 between 11 service providers.
- The Northern region will receive \$651,488 between seven service providers.
- The Northwest region will receive \$475,000 between four service providers.
- The Okanagan-Kootenays region will receive \$1,103,885 between 10 service providers.
- The Thompson Cariboo Shuswap region will receive \$729,998 between seven service providers.
- The Vancouver Coastal Region will receive \$976,569 between eight service providers.
- The Vancouver Island Region will receive \$1,376,506 between 11 service providers.

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Event Information / Speaking Notes –

Event: Sexual Assault Services and New Sexual Assault Policing Standards – Vancouver

When: July 24, 2023, 10:30am

Where: Family Services of Greater Vancouver
Lobby, 1638 E Broadway
Vancouver, BC

Word Count: approx. 525 words

Speaking Notes
for
Hon. Brenda Bailey
Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation and
MLA for Vancouver-False Creek

Sexual Assault Services and New Sexual Assault Policing
Standards

Vancouver, BC

Monday, July 24, 2023
10:30a.m.

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Introduction

- Hello everyone.
- Thank you for joining us today on the territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh [Slay-wa-tooth] peoples.
- My name is Brenda Bailey and I am the MLA for Vancouver-False Creek and the Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation.
- It's great to be here today in my constituency, at the Family Services of Greater Vancouver offices.
- I'm pleased to be here to talk about how our government is supporting the hard work being done by service providers, community groups, Police and RCMP so they can continue to do the difficult work of supporting survivors of sexual assault.
- I'd like to introduce today's speakers:
 - Kelli Paddon, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity;
 - Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General;

- Darcy Paul, Qwí:qwelstóm [*kwee-cull-stom*] Elder and Sexual Violence Response team facilitator and wellness worker with Stó:lō [*stow-low*] Service Agency;
 - Maria Howard, CEO and Cheryl Melder, Program Director of Family, Trauma and Victim Support with Family Services of Greater Vancouver
 - Dalya Isreal, Executive Director of Salal; and,
 - Inspector Phil Heard from the Vancouver Police Department.
- I'm proud to represent the gorgeous, vibrant city of Vancouver-False Creek and the people who call it home.
 - And, like so many of you, I am concerned about higher rates of victimization of Indigenous and other racialized women and girls, members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, sex workers, people with disabilities and individuals who are experiencing poverty or homelessness across the province.
 - I've heard from survivors of sexualized violence how devastating and deeply traumatic the effects are on women, families and communities...

- And I've heard that many survivors experience barriers to reporting sexual assaults...
- Ranging from not being believed, to victim blaming or distrust of the criminal justice system.
- The concerns we're seeing in Vancouver are mirrored in many parts of our province, and across Canada.
- That's why we are taking decisive, concrete action to deal with this complicated problem.
- To talk about the Sexual Assault Services funding I'd like to invite Kelli Paddon, Parliamentary Secretary for the Gender Equity Office to speak.
- *[PS Paddon speaks for approx. 2-3 min]*
- Thank You PS Paddon.
- Now I'll invite Darcy Paul, Qwí:qwelstóm Elder and Sexual Violence Response Team facilitator and wellness worker with Stó:lō Service Agency to the podium.

[Darcy Paul speaks for approx. 3 minutes]

- Thanks.
- Next, I'd like to ask Maria Howard, CEO and Cheryl Melder Program Director with Family Services of Greater Vancouver to share their remarks.

[Maria and Cheryl speak for approx. 3 min]

- Thank you, Maria and Cheryl.
- Now I'll invite Dalya Israel, Executive Director from Salal and representing the gender-based violence advisory committee to speak.

[Dalya Israel speaks for approx. 2-3 min]

- Thank you, Dalya, for those remarks.
- Now, to provide more details on the new policing standards and the impacts they will have, I would like to invite Minister Farnworth to the podium.

[Minister Farnworth speaks for approx. 3 minutes]

- Thank you, Minister Farnworth.

- Finally, I'd like to invite Inspector Phil Heard to say a few words.

[Inspector Heard speaks for approx. 2 minutes]

- Thank you, Inspector Heard.

Conclusion

- British Columbians deserve to feel safe in their communities.
- And while there's still a lot of work in front of us, we're taking steps that will lay the foundation for safer communities.
- By working with our law enforcement partners...
- And by connecting survivors with supports to help them heal...
- We're investing in a British Columbia where we all feel secure wherever we live.
- A place where families feel safe on our streets...

- Thank you. We're pleased to take questions.

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Speers, Christine PSSG:EX

From: Mezzarobba, Marcie PSSG:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 2:41 PM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX
Cc: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX; Aube, Mike PSSG:EX
Subject: KMQA - Sexual assault services policing standards DRAFT_21July23_ch
Attachments: KMQA - Sexual assault services policing standards DRAFT_21July23_ch.docx; NR MLA Template - SAS_21Jul23_ch.docx

Hi – made an additional revision to the KMQA – both are good to go with the edits.

Thanks,
Marcie

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From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 12:22 PM
To: Vallieres, Lucie PSSG:EX
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX; Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: BCPPS on SA & funding for SA Centers - public announcement and stakeholder notification
Attachments: NOTES for MO re Contact for curtesy notifications_adm approved.docx; UPDATED Community Based Groups Mail Merge Contacts 2023 07 18_adm approved.xlsx; 655020 Courtesy notification external - MMF re standards_adm approved.docx

Importance: High

Hi Lucie,

Attached please find the documents with our updates. Our A/ADM has approved of these changes.

I will also update eapps with these updated documents and send them along to you, so we have formal record.

If you need anything else please let me know.

Kind regards,

Catherine Holder (she/her)
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From: Vallieres, Lucie PSSG:EX <Lucie.Vallieres@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:01 AM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>; Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCPPS on SA & funding for SA Centers - public announcement and stakeholder notification

Good morning – I'd like to get your input about the information we'd like to provided the MO to assist them with the addressees for the correspondence they intend to send (77535 - BCPPS on Sexual Assault and other related initiatives - Courtesy notification stakeholders) currently sitting with you. Attached is a note and a spreadsheet with updates (to replace the list on eapp now / that was set up by our coordinator who is now on vacation).

I'm not great at mail merge – but the note include different instructions for correspondence coordinator.

The curtesy notification normally comes from our program area but in this case the Mo wants to send it and we are trying to assist.

I can upload to Eapp, but the item is with you and I thought you might have input (or awareness?).

Happy to connect as you see fit.

Thx!
Lucie

From: Vallieres, Lucie PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:41 PM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mooney, Madalaine PSSG:EX <Madalaine.Mooney@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCPPS on SA & funding for SA Centers - public announcement and stakeholder notification

Hello – fyi – there is an excel table in the eapp item – will be modifying the contacts in the table to whom the letters should to go (that list of contacts was for the option of us/PSB contacting the stakeholders to notify). Now that this is coming from the Minister's office, it may be more appropriate to have the recipients of the MMF letters to be the ED / Board Chair in all cases (with a CC to others who were involved more directly when our engagement did not involved the ED).

Should I send the Excel table to you for awareness / input / to put in eApp?

Thx!
Lucie

From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Vallieres, Lucie PSSG:EX <Lucie.Vallieres@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>; Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCPPS on SA & funding for SA Centers - public announcement and stakeholder notification

Good morning,

Kimberley thank you for the introductions. Lucie I will be in touch with you once I have reviewed the letter.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:33 AM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>; Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCPPS on SA & funding for SA Centers - public announcement and stakeholder notification

Thx & happy to connect see the wording – it's a delicate balance for that language.

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:16 AM
To: Vallieres, Lucie PSSG:EX <Lucie.Vallieres@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>; Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCPPS on SA & funding for SA Centers - public announcement and stakeholder notification

Hi Lucie and thanks for reaching out.

Catherine Holder, cc'd here, is the SA project director and has been working on comms for us, so can take this on. I am trying to massage language/messaging to make it clear that victims do not have to go to the police... we know that they do so only 6% of the time... but that they should seek support.

Have a great day. Tx K

From: Vallieres, Lucie PSSG:EX <Lucie.Vallieres@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:59 PM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: BCPPS on SA & funding for SA Centers - public announcement and stakeholder notification

Hi Kimberley, I'm assuming you are involved in the comms / aware that the BCPPS on SA and the funding on SA Centers are being packaged together for a public release / announcement in the next few days.

The MO wants to send correspondence from the Minister to the various stakeholders (e.g. community-based groups and others) we engaged with so we have drafted a letter with wording about the standards and a placeholder for other initiatives – for your branch to draft.

I'm cc'ing Vedrana Covic in PSB who is filling in the communication role and she would need to know who to send it to – if you could let her know who in CSCP Branch to send this to in Eapp that would be great – or to the CSCP Branch correspondence coordinator?

I don't want to assume it goes to you or muddy the waters...

Hope you are well.

Thx!
Lucie

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A safe, secure, just, and resilient British Columbia

Acknowledging with humility, respect, and gratitude that I live and work in the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), and Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) Nations.

- The spreadsheet attached in the eApp item #77535 contains contact information to be used by the Minister's Office as the list of community-based stakeholders who would receive the correspondence.
- These are in addition to chairs of Police Boards and the chief constables of police agencies (and RCMP E Division)
- The list was originally created for the program area's own purposes (PSB – Standards and Training unit normally sends a courtesy email, to advise of the approval of the standards, to the persons we engaged with – some were EDs or delegates from the community-based organizations involved).
- The organizations listed in the spreadsheet are those who participated in the development of the Standards by reviewing drafts, providing feedback. There are other organizations that may be aware of the project and were less intensively or directly involved or participated in the context of working groups. For example Metis Nation BC sits on an advisory committee and while they did not provide input directly on drafts, they are aware of the work (and will receive an email that will be sent to the committee. The MO may consider whether to send communication to them as well (?))
- **Given that the MO will be sending the correspondence signed from the Minister, we felt it may be more appropriate that the correspondence would be sent to ED/Head/Chair etc. of the organizations, rather than the person we actually spoke with (at times they are ED's and for other organizations, these were delegated at the staff level to e.g. policy analysts).**
- To Assist, PSB is providing contact information for the Executive Director / chair of governance councils etc., or equivalent, as appropriate for communications from the Minister (at the discretion of the MO office, of course).
- The following is additional information for the organizations to inform the MO Decision / may consider regarding who to send the correspondence to:

- **BC First Nations Justice Counsel (BCFNJC):**

- the MO may consider whether to send the correspondence to the Board chair of the BCFNJ Council or head staff (CEO), and CC others that were more directly involved in providing input / to policing-specific contacts within the BCFNJC. For example, the CC could include the Council Member responsible for Policing and correction portfolio, and/or the staff leading the policing portfolio and other BCFNJC staff who provided input in the standards.

Contacts:

- Kory Wilson, Chair of the BC First Nations Justice Council, (and BCFNJC Lead on Indigenous Justice Centres and Women and Justice) kory.wilson@bcfnjc.com - jointly appointed by First Nations Summit, B.C. Assembly of First Nations, and the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs
- Amanda Carling, CEO (Staff)

(Both the CEO and the Chair of the BCFNJC were not directly involved in providing input into the standards)

With a CC to:

- Boyd Peters, BCFNJC (Council Member responsible for policing) who sits on an advisory committee and provided input in that context on the standards throughout the development process: boyd@bcfnjc.com appointed by UBCIC

And a cc to:

- BCFNJC staff worked with us directly throughout the development process:
 - Curtis Bedwell, BCFNJC staff Director of Policy
 - Delaine Zwick, BCFNJC staff and Director of Policy, Policing and Oversight

- **Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs (UBCIC):**
 - The MO may want to consider whether a letter to UBCIC staff is appropriate or whether it should be sent to the UBCIC executive
 - with a CC to staff who were directly involved in providing input / who have knowledge of the project:
 - Policy Director Andrea Glickman.
 - Laura Beaudry, Policy Analyst, and
 - Cheyenne Arnold-Cunningham, Junior in-house counsel, provided feedback on the draft Standards.
- **Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC:** our previous (staff) contact who provided input is not longer with the organization. We recommend sending to Hugh Breaker, President nccabc@nccabc.net (see: <https://bcfnjc.com/meet-the-council/>)
- **Victoria Sexual Assault Centre (VSAC):** Executive Director, Samantha Loppie. (This is the current ED, who was not involved, as there has been a change in leadership since we engaged in the development of the standards)
- **West Coast Leaf:** recommend sending to Executive Director, Raji Mangat who is aware of the project (and met with us in the early stages. We recommend a CC to Humera Jabir, Staff Lawyer, who was involved more directly in the development of the Standards.
- **BC Bad Date & Aggressor Reporting Project (BC BDAR):** send to Andrea Cupelli, Project Coordinator, who worked directly with PSB during the development of the standards. She is the appropriate contact (this is a small organization, more of a collective) with a CC to Research Lead, Courtenay Demone.



November 1, 2023

Ref:

Name

Email:

Dear:

Re:

I am writing to let you know you about several new government initiatives related to gender based violence and services to support survivors of sexual assault across the province of BC.

To support the recovery of survivors, the Province is announcing sixty-eight new sexual assault programs that will deliver co-ordinated, community-based sexual assault services in communities throughout British Columbia. The Ministry plans to continue to add more new programs and supports later this year including five Sexual Assault Centres that will provide dedicated co-located spaces that will deliver wrap around services for survivors of sexual assault.

The sexual assault programs will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches, and are available to ~~victims~~ all survivors regardless of police involvement. They will be a key component of B.C.'s action plan to address gender-based violence, which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts and advocates.

[PLACEHOLDER CSCP / funding of SA centres wording /GBV action plan]

Also, I would like to ensure you are aware that I have recently approved new Provincial Policing Standards (Standards) on police response to sexual assault. These can be found online in Sub-section 5.4 of the Provincial Policing Standards web page (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards>).

These Standards will take effect in 12 months to allow time for implementation and include requirements to ensure that police responses to sexual assault are consistently effective throughout BC. Specifically, these Standards will emphasize victim-centred, trauma-informed, and culturally safe practices and will require police to have robust policies and procedures for sexual assault investigations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in these important matters and for your invaluable contributions in the development of the Standards. As you know,

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ministry staff in the Policing and Security Branch developed these standards with engagement from partners and stakeholders throughout the process, including community-based organizations and service providers representing a diversity of interests.

Regards,

Speers, Christine PSSG:EX

From: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:28 AM
To: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX
Subject: FW: NR - Sexual Assault Standards DRAFT 21July23 0945
Attachments: NR - Sexual Assault Standards DRAFT 21July23 0945.docx

Importance: High

Sorry – here is our revisions to the NR. That darn 58 versus 56 service providers!

From: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:27 AM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>; Mezzarobba, Marcie PSSG:EX <Marcie.Mezzarobba@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: NR - Sexual Assault Standards DRAFT 21July23 0945
Importance: High

See revised.

Steve

Speers, Christine PSSG:EX

From: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:10 AM
To: Mezzarobba, Marcie PSSG:EX
Cc: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX; Aube, Mike PSSG:EX
Subject: FW: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR
Attachments: NR - Sexual Assault Standards DRAFT 21July23 0945.docx

Importance: High

Hi Catherine – I'm ok with these edits. Marcie for your review approval.

From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX <Stephen.Ford@gov.bc.ca>; Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR
Importance: High

Good morning,

There has been one more change to the NR for SAS that requires our approval. Please see attached and let me if you approve asap.

Thanks!

Catherine Holder (she/her)
Project Director, Program Development and Strategic Initiatives
Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
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From: Evans, Alisha GCPE:EX <Alisha.Evans@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 10:30 AM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: [URGENT] SAS Standards Announcement NR

Hi Catherine,

My name is Alisha and I am covering for Kristen while she is out of office. I am working to finalize the NR for the SAS announcement and our Issue's Director made some changes to the third paragraph. Before accepting them, I wanted to run them past you to make sure the language is okay to use. Can you confirm that these changes are okay?

Thank you!

Alisha Evans | Public Affairs Officer

Communications Operations | Government Communications Public Engagement

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

W: 778 520-2668 C:s.22 | Email: Alisha.Evans@gov.bc.ca

I would like to acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen people, including the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations, whose land I am grateful to live, work and play on.

NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General

New programs and police standards support sexual assault survivors

VICTORIA – Stable funding for sexual assault programs, as well as the establishment of new policing standards on responding to sexual assaults, will respect and support the diverse needs of survivors and ensure more effective investigations.

Sexual assaults predominately affect women and girls. Indigenous and other racialized women and girls, members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, sex workers, people with disabilities, and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness are most at risk of being targeted with violence. Many survivors are hesitant about reporting sexual assault due to a distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear that they will not be believed.

To support the recovery of survivors, the Province is providing stable, annual funding for ~~announcing~~ 68 new sexual assault programs that will deliver co-ordinated, community-based sexual assault services in communities throughout British Columbia. The Ministry ~~plans to~~ will add more new programs and supports later this year including five regional Sexual Assault Centres that will provide dedicated co-located spaces ~~that will~~ to deliver wrap around services for survivors of sexual assault. ~~These services are a result of the \$10 million in stable funding.~~

Commented [OMG1]: Are these all new? Or have some existed already with the year-over-year funding structure?

Commented [EAG2R1]: They are all new. Confirmed in the ADM approved KMQA.

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The sexual assault programs and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive and culturally safe approaches. The services are a key component of B.C.'s action plan to address gender-based violence, which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts and advocates. The new standards also align with the plan.

Under the new policing standards, police officers will work in collaboration with victim services workers to consider the survivor's unique needs when they first report the sexual assault.

Commented [OMG3]: This is an opportunity to provide contrast in a quote. I'd suggest removing this part and saying something like:

20 years ago the previous government eliminated stable funding for sexual assault service providers, making it difficult for them to provide invaluable services for survivors.

There will be supervisory oversight during investigations to make sure they are responsive, trauma-informed, and impartial, as well as a review of closed cases to improve training and future investigations. The new standards promote police coordination with local health services and other community-based supports, and will apply to all police officers in B.C.

“All survivors deserve fair and empathetic treatment after they have experienced the trauma of sexual assault,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “New policing standards and investments in sexual assault programs will empower survivors to decide how they want their case to proceed, shield them from further harm and connect them with services for a pathway to healing. Our government is building a safer, healthier and more just province for all of us by promoting high-quality and unbiased policing and providing stable funding for crucial services that support survivors.” **NOT APPROVED**

The funding for sexual assault services programs will begin in July 2023, and the new policing standards will take effect in 2024 to allow time for police and police boards to implement the requirements.

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Quick Facts:

- Provincial standards set requirements for all British Columbia’s police agencies and police boards to promote best practices, accountability and consistency.
- Policing standards to promote unbiased policing, which were approved in 2021, advance equitable policing throughout the province by requiring policies and procedures, training, audit activity, and community engagement.
- The Province has provided \$20 million for the multi-year Emergency Sexual Assault Services grant program to support the delivery of emergency sexual assault services throughout B.C. from March 2020 to March 2023.
- The Province now provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 470 victim service, violence against women and sexual assault programs operating in communities across BC.
 - This includes \$10 million annually, beginning in April 2023, to support the delivery of sexual assault programs that are victim-centred, trauma-informed, and coordinated depending on client needs.

Learn More:

For more information on supports for people facing gender-based violence and B.C.’s Gender Based Violence Action Plan, see: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/gender-equity/ending-gender-based-violence>

To read about B.C. police standards, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards>

Backgrounder to follow.

Contact:

Media Relations

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BACKGROUND

Sexual Assault Services receiving stable funding

The following outlines the number of services providers and the amount of total funding received by region. The total number of service providers in British Columbia receiving funding is 56 with some delivering services in more than one region. ~~The total amount of funding throughout the Province is \$6,663,408.00.~~

The Fraser Region will be receiving \$1,349,962.00 between 11 service providers.
The Northern Region will be receiving \$651,488.00 between 7 service providers.
The Northwest Region will be receiving \$475,000.00 between 4 services providers.
The Okanagan-Kootenays Region will be receiving \$1,103,885.00 between 10 service providers.
The Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Region will be receiving \$729,998.00 between 6 service providers.
The Vancouver Coastal Region will be receiving \$976,569.00 between 8 service providers.
The Vancouver Island Region will be receiving \$1,376,506.00 between 12 service providers.

Speers, Christine PSSG:EX

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 12:02 PM
To: Speers, Christine PSSG:EX
Subject: FW: SN - MMF - Sexual assault policing standards DRAFT 17Jul23
Attachments: SN - MMF - Sexual assault policing standards DRAFT 17Jul23.docx

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>; Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Vallieres, Lucie PSSG:EX <Lucie.Vallieres@gov.bc.ca>; Bard, Jenni PSSG:EX <Jenni.Bard@gov.bc.ca>; Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX <Stephen.Ford@gov.bc.ca>; Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SN - MMF - Sexual assault policing standards DRAFT 17Jul23

Hello – I am reading all of these notes quickly and put a few suggestions in these notes for PSB to consider, and I don't have them all open at once, but I am not sure I have seen any mention of the \$10M investment in new SA services this year and the number of contracts we are announcing across the province and that five new centres are coming. MMF only speaks to the policing standards, when he is also responsible for the new SA programs, and no one explains what the new sexual assault services are doing. I am surprised that the \$10M investment would not be front and centre – can someone explain why that is? Thanks! Kimberley

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To: Speers, Christine PSSG:EX
Subject: FW: SN - emcee - Sexual Assault Services and Standards_DRAFT 18Jul23
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From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 10:11 AM
To: Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX <Stephen.Ford@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>; Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SN - emcee - Sexual Assault Services and Standards_DRAFT 18Jul23

Hi - Here are some quick edits. Steve may have others if there is time.

We were asked which Indigenous org could provide a quote and suggested Sto:lo, and I see that STo:lo is speaking on M/T/S territory, not doing a welcome or opening prayer or anything like that but I'd want to check if there are any sensitivities there.

Tx K

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To: [Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Aube, Mike PSSG:EX](#); [McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX](#); [Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX](#); [Mezzarobba, Marcie PSSG:EX](#)
Subject: RE: SAS NR & MLA messaging
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:52:22 PM
Attachments: [NR - Sexual Assault Standards DRAFT 17Jul23_ch.docx](#)
[KMQA - Sexual assault services policing standards DRAFT - 17Jul23_ch.docx](#)
[KMQA - Sexual assault services policing standards DRAFT - 17Jul23_ch.docx](#)
[SAS Program MLA Speaking Points 17Jul23_ch \(002\).docx](#)

Hi Kristen,

Per our IM, attached please find the marked-up versions of the NR & KMQA documents. As discussed, I have been collating changes from 4 others so if you have any questions please let me know and I will be happy to clarify.

The copies dated July 18, 2023_Clean has the language we wish to use.

Kind regards,

Catherine Holder (she/her)

Project Director, Program Development and Strategic Initiatives

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Tel: 778-714-2041 | **Email:** catherine.holder@gov.bc.ca

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Subject: RE: SAS NR & MLA messaging

Yes, Marcie is A/ADM.

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: SAS NR & MLA messaging

Thanks!

For confirmation – do these all have ADM approval?

From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:15 PM
To: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>; Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX <Stephen.Ford@gov.bc.ca>; Mezzarobba, Marcie PSSG:EX <Marcie.Mezzarobba@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SAS NR & MLA messaging

Hi Kristen,

Attached please find the four documents from CSCP regarding the SAS Programs announcements. For the regional dollars we have included a simple table that outlines the funding to date for consistency across all communications.

If you have any further questions please let me know.

Kind regards,

Catherine Holder (she/her)

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Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE:

Hey Catherine,

Checking in on this again – we need to send it to the MO. If we can't get it today I'm going to have to send it up to the MO either way.

Sorry,
Kristen

From: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 12:26 PM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re:

How's this review going? Are we able to share regional dollar amounts?

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From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 2:10:16 PM
To: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE:

Hi Kristen,

I am just reviewing the template you sent over and will provide my edits shortly.

Thank you,

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To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE:

Thanks Catherine,

I will forward this to Melissa – Mike, we can stand down on the review of my document now.

Question – Can the MLAs reference the total dollar amount provided to their regions? See the MLA template attached to see what I mean.

From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE:

Hi Kristen,

Attached please find the updated list for the SAS funding. As you will see there is a document that I have labeled “INTERNAL USE ONLY”. This one contains the dollar value (second tab) of the contracts which is not to be published publicly in line with procurement rules.

I am also including a sheet named “CONTACT DETAILS”, this is the one to be used by MLA’s to reach out to their respective organizations. Again, contact details should not be published publicly.

Lastly, I am including the draft script for MLA’s to use when contacting folks. Feel free to provide you comments or edits to this and let me know of any changes.

If you have any other questions regarding the SAS Program please let me know.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW:

Do you have time to cross reference Kristen's reformatted list or do you want me to?

From: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:22 AM
To: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject:

Hi Mike,

Attached is a reformatted list of the successful recipients of the SAS stable funding. Can you do a quick scan to make sure I didn't make any errors when reformatting?

Kristen Booth (she/her)
Sr. Public Affairs Officer, PSSG
Office: 778.698.8157
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NEWS RELEASE

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July xx, 2023

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General

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To support the recovery of survivors, the Province is announcing sixty-eight new sexual assault programs that will deliver co-ordinated, community-based sexual assault services in communities throughout British Columbia. The Ministry plans to continue to add more new programs and supports later this year including five Sexual Assault Centres that will provide dedicated co-located spaces that will deliver wrap around services for survivors of sexual assault.

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Both the sexual assault programs and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches. They will be key components of B.C.'s action plan to address gender-based violence, which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts, and advocates.

Under the new policing standards, which will apply to all police officers in B.C., police officers and victim services workers will consider the survivor's unique needs when they first report the sexual assault.

Commented [KB1]: I always let Jo draft the quote. I say we just leave a placeholder

Commented [WJG2R2]: Ok, see if program has any edits to recommend and we can evaluate

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The funding for sexual assault services programs will begin in July 2023 and the new policing standards will take effect in 2024.

Quick Facts:

- Provincial standards set requirements for all British Columbia’s police agencies to promote best practices, accountability, and consistency.
- Policing standards banning arbitrary police stops or stops based on race came into effect in 2020.
- Between March 2020 and March 2021, the Province also provided \$20 million for the multi-year Emergency Sexual Assault Services grant program to support the delivery of emergency sexual assault services throughout B.C. until March 2023.
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- Sexual violence is deeply traumatic and has devastating effects on women, families, and communities.
- Indigenous or racialized women and girls, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, sex workers, people with disabilities, and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness have higher rates of victimization.
- Furthermore, many survivors are hesitant about reporting sexual assaults, due to distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear they will not be believed.
- That's why the Province is providing stable funding for sexual assault services and implementing new policing standards on responding to sexual assaults that will respect and support the diverse needs of survivors and make investigations more effective.
- The province has provided \$10 million for new sexual assault services. To support the recovery of survivors, 68 new sexual assault programs will deliver co-ordinated, community-based sexual assault services in communities throughout British Columbia.
- The Ministry plans to continue to add more new programs and supports later this year including five Sexual Assault Centres that will provide dedicated co-located spaces that will deliver wrap around services for survivors of sexual assault.
- Both the SAS programs and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches.
- It is crucial that the public has confidence that policing throughout British Columbia is high-quality and unbiased, and that police have the policies, guidance and training in place that's required to respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- Everyone deserves to be treated fairly by the justice system, and these new standards will complement existing government work to ensure unbiased policing for everyone, including police training on intimate partner violence and standards on police stops.
- Victims do not have to report to the police or may report through a Third Party Reporting process that keeps their identity anonymous to police.

QAs:

SAS Funding/Procurement

1. Who will benefit from the funding?

- The This initial procurement will establishes 68 SAS programs contracts operated by with 56 organizations across the province (Note: some organizations won more than one program contract).

- Stable, annual funding will help ensure service providers are able to focus on providing the care people need without having to reapply each year.
- Ending violence, supporting safety, and creating security are central to our work as government.
- It's essential that people who have been sexually assaulted have immediate access to program services, counselling, and support.

2. How many organizations will receive funding?

- ~~56 organizations will receive funding for the delivery of~~ Presently, 68 new SAS programs, contracts with 56 organizations across the province will be receiving the SAS contract. Contracts are funding effective July 1, 2023.

3. How was it determined who would receive the funding?

- Throughout the past year, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Ministry) initiated a comprehensive engagement and a fair, open, and transparent procurement process via BC Bid.
- The successful organizations were chosen based on demonstrated ability to meet the local needs of survivors in their community and establish and deliver a SAS program that is coordinated, culturally safe, client centred, and trauma informed through either direct support, counselling services or both.

4. What about programs that aren't successful in getting this new, stable funding? / What if a program received funding via the Emergency Sexual Assault Services (ESAS) grant program administered by Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) and then is not successful in the procurement process? Won't that create a disruption of services in the community?

- The majority (46 of 53) of ESAS grant program recipients were successful in the procurement process and have been invited to enter into a SAS contract.
- The Ministry has worked with EVA BC to ensure a smooth transition between the end of the ESAS grant projects and the completion of the procurement process to award contracts for the new ongoing SAS Program. Bridge funding has been provided to all ESAS grant agencies that requested it.
- Further, ESAS grant recipients that did not apply for ongoing SAS program funding, or that were not successful in the procurement, will have the ability to use any surplus ESAS grant funds, or apply to the Ministry for funding to wind-down their projects and transition any clients to the new ongoing SAS programs in a trauma-informed way.
- With the addition of the \$10M in new funding, we will now be providing over \$54 million annually in funding to support over 470 victim service,

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and violence against women and sexual assault program services across the province, ~~which includes specialized violence against women services.~~

5. How will this funding help Indigenous survivors of sexual assaults?

- All sexual assault program services will be culturally appropriate.
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- In areas with high Indigenous populations, the ministry sought to procure Indigenous focused programs. In total, 17 Indigenous focused programs were successful in the SAS procurement process and have been invited to enter into a SAS contract.
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6. How does this funding support B.C.'s Gender Based Violence Action Plan?

- We are committed to preventing and ending gender-based violence, and to supporting survivors, families and communities impacted by its devastating effects.
- A provincial action plan to help end gender-based violence, support survivors and promote healing, community awareness and prevention is being developed by the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity.
- The Gender Equity Office is also partnering with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts, and advocates to create the plan.
- Both the specialized sexual assault services and the new policing standards will be key components of the plan.

7. What is the total funding amount ~~from 2022-2023~~for gender-based violence services.

- Budget 2022 allocated stable annual funding of \$10 million for community-based SAS programssexual assault services to support victims of sexual and gender-based violence starting in 2023/24.
- The Province now provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 470 victim service, violence against women and sexual assault programs operating in communities across BC.
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- Between March 2020 and March 2021, \$20 million was provided for a multi-year ESAS grant program, administered by EVA BC, to support the

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delivery of coordinated, community-based sexual assault response services throughout the province until March 2023.

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8. Existing victim service and violence against women programs have waitlists and need to fundraise to provide needed services. Why is there no additional funding for them?

- We recognize the devastating impacts of violence on survivors, families, and communities, which is why we are choosing to provide stable, annual funding for SAS programs.
- Stable funding will improve supports for survivors and help ensure they have immediate access to medical services, counselling, and support.
- The Province now provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 470 victim service, violence against women and sexual assault programs operating in communities across BC.
- All existing victim service and violence against women programs will receive funding lifts as part of government's Shared Recovery Mandate (SRM).

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Policing standards on responding to sexual assaults

1. Who will benefit from the new standards?

- Everyone deserves to be treated equally and empathetically by the justice system, but too many survivors of sexual assault do not report the crimes committed against them due to distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear they will not be believed.
- It's crucial that police have the guidance and training required to respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- These new standards, guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches, will lead to more empathetic, respectful, and effective investigations.
- It's crucial that police have the guidance and training required to respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- The standards will increase public trust, and help ensure everyone has access to high-quality, unbiased policing throughout British Columbia.

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2. How will the standards shape survivors' experience with the police during the reporting and investigation of sexual assaults?

- The new standards will empower survivors with information to help them decide how they want their case to proceed, prevent further harm and connect survivors to appropriate services.
- During the intake process, when the sexual assault is first reported, survivors will meet with police officers supported by victim services workers. They will consider the survivor's unique needs as they inform them of their rights, and the services available to them.
- The standards will also require supervisory oversight throughout sexual assault investigations to make sure they are responsive and impartial, and a review of closed cases to improve training and future investigations.
- As well, the new standards will promote police coordination with local health services and other community-based supports.

3. Are all police departments operating in B.C. required to implement these standards?

- Yes. Like all policing standards, the standards on responding to sexual assaults apply to all police officers operating in B.C., in municipal and First Nations police departments as well as the BC RCMP.
- Each police department is responsible for putting in place internal policies to align with the standards.

4. How much will it cost to put the standards in place?

- Program to advise.

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5. When will the standards come into effect?

- The standards will take effect in 2024/12 months to allow time for police boards and police agencies to implement internal policies that support the standards.
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6. Whom did the Province consult about developing the standards?

- The Province engaged with service providers who support survivors of sexual assaults and other community groups including:
 - Ending Violence Association of BC;
 - BC Society of Transition Houses;

- Disability Alliance BC;
- Police-Based Victim Services of BC; and
- West Coast Leaf.
- The Province also consulted Indigenous stakeholders including the BC Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women, and the First Nations Justice Council.

7. How will these standards help Indigenous survivors of sexual assaults?

- With the new standards, the needs of Indigenous survivors, who face unique barriers to reporting crime to police and accessing justice, will be met with culturally appropriate procedures and practices that address racial discrimination, bias, and intergenerational trauma.
- Indigenous survivors will also be connected to cultural and Indigenous-specific services and programs.
- The Missing Women Commission of Inquiry (MWCi) recommended standards to promote equality in the delivery of police services, increase responsiveness to the needs of vulnerable persons and enhance governance of policing.
- The Ministry considered the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as the findings and recommendations from the:
 - National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
 - BC First Nations Justice Strategy; and
 - Métis Justice Strategy.

8. The standards are focused on adult survivors – will they also help girls who have been sexually assaulted?

- While the standards were developed for responding to adults who have been sexually assaulted, girls will also benefit from victim-centred guidelines that will make investigations more respectful, empathetic, and effective.

9. Are these standards being developed in response to the historical allegations of sexual abuse of First Nations women and girls by members of the Prince George RCMP?

- The allegations of historic misconduct of members in Prince George are disturbing and our government takes them very seriously.
- The Director of Police Services appointed the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) to conduct the investigation as it is an independent, external, civilian-led organization that investigates serious and sensitive allegations of police misconduct.
- ASIRT is working with Indigenous communities, and consulting with the Assembly of First Nations and other Indigenous organizations.

- As this is an active investigation, further comment will be made when it is deemed appropriate.

10. How do these standards build on other initiatives that promote unbiased policing?

- Everyone deserves to be treated fairly by the police, and it's crucial that the public have confidence policing and community safety services throughout British Columbia are high-quality and unbiased.
- The policing standards on responding to sexual assault complement existing work to improve police responses to marginalized and vulnerable people.
- This includes standards on police stops and required police training on intimate partner violence, trauma-informed practice, and Indigenous cultural safety.
- The sexual assault standards are also consistent with the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act's recommendations on enhancing and standardizing police education and training and ensuring communities everywhere in B.C. can access high quality policing and public safety services.

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From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX
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From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:20 AM
To: Walsh, Taryn PSSG:EX <Taryn.Walsh@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: NR - Sexual Assault Standards DRAFT 13July23 db

Hi Taryn – this is for your approval. K

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General

New programs and police standards support sexual assault survivors

VICTORIA – Stable funding for sexual assault programs and new policing standards on responding to sexual assaults will respect and support the diverse needs of sexual assault survivors and ensure more effective investigations.

Sexual assaults predominately affect women and girls. Indigenous or racialized women and girls, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, sex workers, people with disabilities, and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness have higher rates of victimization. Many survivors are hesitant about reporting sexual assault due to a distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear that they will not be believed.

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Both the sexual assault programs and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive, and culturally safe approaches. They will be key components of B.C.'s action plan to address gender-based violence, which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts, and advocates.

Under the new policing standards, which will apply to all police officers in B.C., police officers and victim services workers will consider the survivor's unique needs when they first report the sexual assault.

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“All survivors deserve fair and empathetic treatment after they have experienced the trauma of sexual assault,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “New policing standards and investments in sexual assault programs will empower survivors to decide if and how they want their case to proceed, shield them from further harm and connect them with services for a pathway to healing. Our government is building a safer, healthier and more just province for all of us by promoting high-quality and unbiased policing and providing stable funding for crucial services that support survivors.” **NOT APPROVED**

The funding for sexual assault services programs will begin in July 2023, and the new policing standards will take effect in 2024 to allow time for police to implement the requirements.

Quick Facts:

- Provincial standards set requirements for all British Columbia’s police agencies to promote best practices, accountability and consistency.
- Policing standards to promote unbiased policing were approved in 2021, and will take effect July 30, 2024, to advance equitable and unbiased policing throughout the province by requiring policies and procedures, training, audit activity, and community engagement.
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BACKGROUNDER

Sexual Assault Services receiving stable funding

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Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 4:40 PM
To: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX; Speers, Christine PSSG:EX; Ford, Stephen PSSG:EX; Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: Draft announcement package - Sexual assault services, policing standards
Attachments: NR - Sexual Assault Standards DRAFT 30Jun23 0920 - Clean.docx; KMQA - Sexual assault services policing standards DRAFT - 5Jul231_Clean.docx

Hi Kristen,

Attached are the NR and KMQA with our revisions (sorry, no tracked changes).

For the list of organizations, we will not be posting the list of organizations on our webpage. The successful organizations will be posted on BC Bid by Procurement Services Branch, and once complete we can link (on our branch webpage) to their page for reference.

Once you've got the final draft of both docs, we'll run it by Taryn for ADM approval.

Thanks,

Mike

From: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
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To: Speers, Christine PSSG:EX <Christine.Speers@gov.bc.ca>; Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Draft announcement package - Sexual assault services, policing standards

Hey all,

Attached is the start of our draft package for the SA standards and services announcement. Can you please review the KMQA and add anything I may have missed/update things that our outdated. Focus only on the CPSP stuff, the policing team is working on their pieces separately.

The News release has not been reviewed by GEO yet – but if you could please give that a read too.

I need the feedback back by Wednesday for Danielle and I to amalgamate and send back for ADM approval.

Lastly, we're trying to determine the best way to share the successful organizations who will be receiving funding. Is it possible for your team to can add funding to the website in advance, similar to CFO grants below?

[New funding advances public safety, connects victims with services | BC Gov News](#)

To see the full list of 2022-23 grant recipients,
visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/community-crime-prevention/grants>

Thoughts?

Thanks so much both!
Kristen

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Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE:

Hey Catherine,

Checking in on this again – we need to send it to the MO. If we can't get it today I'm going to have to send it up to the MO either way.

Sorry,
Kristen

From: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 12:26 PM
To: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re:

How's this review going? Are we able to share regional dollar amounts?

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From: Holder, Catherine PSSG:EX <Catherine.Holder@gov.bc.ca>
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To: Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX <Kristen.Booth@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE:

Hi Kristen,

I am just reviewing the template you sent over and will provide my edits shortly.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE:

Thanks Catherine,

I will forward this to Melissa – Mike, we can stand down on the review of my document now.

Question – Can the MLAs reference the total dollar amount provided to their regions? See the MLA template attached to see what I mean.

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Cc: Aube, Mike PSSG:EX <Mike.Aube@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE:

Hi Kristen,

Attached please find the updated list for the SAS funding. As you will see there is a document that I have labeled “INTERNAL USE ONLY”. This one contains the dollar value (second tab) of the contracts which is not to be published publicly in line with procurement rules.

I am also including a sheet named “CONTACT DETAILS”, this is the one to be used by MLA’s to reach out to their respective organizations. Again, contact details should not be published publicly.

Lastly, I am including the draft script for MLA’s to use when contacting folks. Feel free to provide you comments or edits to this and let me know of any changes.

If you have any other questions regarding the SAS Program please let me know.

Kind regards,

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Do you have time to cross reference Kristen's reformatted list or do you want me to?

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Subject:

Hi Mike,

Attached is a reformatted list of the successful recipients of the SAS stable funding. Can you do a quick scan to make sure I didn't make any errors when reformatting?

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To support the recovery of survivors, the Province is announcing 68 new sexual assault programs that will deliver co-ordinated, community-based sexual assault services in communities throughout British Columbia. The Ministry plans to continue to add more new programs and supports later this year including five Sexual Assault Centres that will provide dedicated co-located spaces to deliver wrap around services for survivors of sexual assault. These services are a result of \$10 million in stable funding announced in Budget 2022.

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Both the sexual assault programs and the new policing standards are guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive and culturally safe approaches. They are key components of B.C.'s action plan to address gender-based violence, which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts and advocates.

Under the new policing standards, which will apply to all police officers in B.C., police officers will work in collaboration with victim services workers and consider the survivor's unique needs when they first report the sexual assault. Survivors do not have to report to police in order to obtain victim services from these new programs and important health care supports.

There will be supervisory oversight during investigations to make sure they are responsive, trauma-informed, and impartial, as well as a review of closed cases to improve training and future investigations. The new standards promote police coordination with local health services and other community-based supports.

“All survivors deserve fair and empathetic treatment after they have experienced the trauma of sexual assault,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “New policing standards and investments in sexual assault programs will empower survivors to decide if and how they want their case to proceed, shield them from further harm and connect them with services for a pathway to healing. Our government is building a safer, healthier and more just province for all of us by promoting high-quality and unbiased policing and providing stable funding for crucial services that support survivors.” **NOT APPROVED**

The funding for sexual assault services programs will begin in July 2023, and the new policing standards will take effect in 2024 to allow time for police to implement the requirements.

Quick Facts:

- Provincial standards set requirements for all British Columbia’s police agencies to promote best practices, accountability and consistency.
- Policing standards to promote unbiased policing were approved in 2021, and will take effect July 30, 2024, to advance equitable and unbiased policing throughout the province by requiring policies and procedures, training, audit activity, and community engagement.
- Between March 2020 and March 2021, the Province also provided \$20 million for the multi-year Emergency Sexual Assault Services grant program to support the delivery of emergency sexual assault services throughout B.C. until March 2023.
- The Province provides over \$54 million annually in stable funding for services and programs to support victims of crime, including over 400 victim service and violence against women programs operating in communities across BC.
 - This includes \$10 million annually provided in Budget 2022, beginning in April 2023, to support the delivery of sexual assault programs that are victim-centred, trauma-informed, and coordinated depending on victim needs.

Learn More:

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Under the new policing standards, which will apply to all police officers in B.C., police officers and victim services workers will consider the survivor's unique needs when they first report the sexual assault.

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Quick Facts:

- Provincial standards set requirements for all British Columbia’s police agencies to promote best practices, accountability and consistency.
- Policing standards banning arbitrary police stops or stops based on race came into effect in 2020.
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BACKGROUND

Sexual Assault Services receiving stable funding

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- Sexual violence is deeply traumatic and has devastating effects on women, families and communities.
- Indigenous or racialized women and girls, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, sex workers, people with disabilities, and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness have higher rates of victimization.
- Furthermore, many survivors are hesitant about reporting sexual assaults, due to distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear they will not be believed.
- That's why the Province is providing stable funding for sexual assault services and implementing new policing standards on responding to sexual assaults that will respect and support the diverse needs of survivors, and make investigations more effective.
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- Both the SAS programs and the new policing standards will be guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive and culturally safe approaches.
- It is crucial that the public has confidence that policing throughout British Columbia is high-quality and unbiased, and that police have the policies, guidance and training in place that's required to respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- Everyone deserves to be treated fairly by the justice system, and these new standards will complement existing government work to ensure unbiased policing for everyone, including police training on intimate partner violence and standards on police stops.

QAs:

SAS Funding/Procurement

1. Who will benefit from the funding?

- The initial procurement will establish 68 SAS contracts with 56 organizations across the province, increasing the total number of SAS programs by 15 compared to the Emergency Sexual Assault Services (ESAS) grant program.
- Stable, annual funding will help ensure service providers are able to focus on providing care people need without having to reapply each year.
- Ending violence, supporting safety, and creating security are central to our work as government.

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- It's essential that people who have been sexually assaulted have immediate access to program services, counselling, and support.
- 2. How many organizations will receive funding?**
- Presently, 56 organizations across the province will be receiving the SAS contract funding effective July 1, 2023.
- 3. How was it determined who would receive the funding?**
- Throughout the past year, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Ministry) initiated a rigorous engagement and a fair, open, and transparent procurement process via BC Bid.
 - The successful organizations were chosen based on demonstrated ability to meet the local needs of survivors in their community and establish and deliver a SAS program that is coordinated, culturally safe, client centred, and trauma informed through either direct support, counselling services or both.
- 4. Why were some organizations who previously received funding not successful this time?**
- Some organizations that previously received ESAS grants, did not submit an application for the SAS program or the respondents were not the highest scoring for their service area.
 - 5 organizations that received an ESAS grant were not successful recipients of the SAS contract.
- 5. What about programs that aren't successful in getting this new, stable funding? / What if a program received funding via the Emergency Sexual Assault Services grant program administered by Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) and then is not successful in the procurement process? Won't that create a disruption of services in the community?**
- The Ministry has worked with EVA BC to ensure a smooth transition between the end of the ESAS grant projects and the completion of the procurement process to award contracts for the new ongoing SAS Program. Bridge funding has been provided to all ESAS grant agencies that requested it.
 - Further, ESAS grant recipients who did not apply for ongoing SAS program funding, or who were not successful in the procurement, will have the ability to use any surplus ESAS grant funds, or apply to the Ministry for funding to wind-down their projects and transition any clients to the new ongoing SAS programs in a trauma-informed way.

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6. How will this funding help Indigenous survivors of sexual assaults?

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7. How does this funding support B.C.'s Gender Based Violence Action Plan?

- We are committed to preventing and ending gender-based violence, and to supporting survivors, families and communities impacted by its devastating effects.
- A provincial action plan to help end gender-based violence, support survivors and promote healing, community awareness and prevention is being developed by the Ministry and the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity.
- We are also partnering with Indigenous organizations, an advisory committee, experts and advocates to create the plan.
- Both the specialized sexual assault services and the new policing standards will be key components of the plan.

8. What is the total funding amount from 2022-2023

- Budget 2022 allocated stable annual funding of \$10 million for community-based SAS programs to support victims of sexual and gender-based violence starting in 2023/24.
- Between March 2020 and March 2021, \$20 million was provided for a multi-year ESAS grant program, administered by EVA BC, to support the delivery of coordinated, community-based sexual assault response services throughout the province until March 2023.

9. Why was no funding for sexual assault service providers provided in 2022/23?

- Sexual assault service providers currently have funding via the ESAS grant program that runs until the end of March 2023.
- This new stable, annual SAS funding will start July 1, 2023. The Ministry has worked with EVA BC to ensure a smooth transition between the end of the ESAS grant projects and the completion of the procurement process to award contracts for the new ongoing SAS Program. Bridge funding has been provided to all ESAS grant agencies that requested it.

10. Existing victim service and violence against women programs have waitlists and need to fundraise to provide needed services. Why is there no additional funding for them?

- We recognize the devastating impacts of violence on survivors, families, and communities, which is why we are choosing to provide stable, annual funding for SAS programs.
- Stable funding will improve supports for survivors and help ensure they have immediate access to medical services, counselling and support.

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Policing standards on responding to sexual assaults

1. Who will benefit from the new standards?

- Everyone deserves to be treated equally and empathetically by the justice system, but too many survivors of sexual assault do not report the crimes committed against them due to distrust of the criminal justice system and the fear they will not be believed.
- It's crucial that police have the guidance and training required to respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups.

- These new standards, guided by victim-centred, trauma-informed, inclusive and culturally safe approaches, will lead to more empathetic, respectful and effective investigations.
- It's crucial that police have the guidance and training required to respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- The standards will increase public trust, and help ensure everyone has access to high-quality, unbiased policing throughout British Columbia.

2. How will the standards shape survivors' experience with the police during the reporting and investigation of sexual assaults?

- The new standards will empower survivors with information to help them decide how they want their case to proceed, prevent further harm and connect survivors to appropriate services.
- During the intake process, when the sexual assault is first reported, survivors will meet with police officers supported by victim services workers. They will consider the survivor's unique needs as they inform them of their rights, and the services available to them.
- The standards will also require supervisory oversight throughout sexual assault investigations to make sure they are responsive and impartial, and a review of closed cases to improve training and future investigations.
- As well, the new standards will promote police coordination with local health services and other community-based supports.

3. Are all police departments operating in B.C. required to implement these standards?

- Yes. Like all policing standards, the standards on responding to sexual assaults apply to all police officers operating in B.C., in municipal and First Nations police departments as well as the BC RCMP.
- Each police department is responsible for putting in place internal policies to align with the standards.

4. How much will it cost to put the standards in place?

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5. When will the standards come into effect?

- The standards will take effect in 2024/12 months to allow time for police boards and police agencies to implement internal policies that support the standards.
- The standards apply to all police officers operating in B.C., in municipal police and First Nations departments, as well as the BC RCMP.

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- Each police department is responsible for putting in place internal policies to align with the standards.

6. Whom did the Province consult about developing the standards?

- The Province engaged with service providers who support survivors of sexual assaults and other community groups including:
 - Ending Violence Association of BC;
 - BC Society of Transition Houses;
 - Disability Alliance BC;
 - Police-Based Victim Services of BC; and
 - West Coast Leaf.
- The Province also consulted Indigenous stakeholders including the BC Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women, and the First Nations Justice Council.

7. How will these standards help Indigenous survivors of sexual assaults?

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- Indigenous survivors will also be connected to cultural and Indigenous-specific services and programs.

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- The Ministry considered the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as the findings and recommendations from the:
 - National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
 - BC First Nations Justice Strategy; and
 - Métis Justice Strategy.

8. The standards are focused on adult survivors – will they also help ^{s.13} who have been sexually assaulted?

- While the standards were developed for responding to adults who have been sexually assaulted, ^{s.13} will also benefit from victim-centred guidelines that will make investigations more respectful, empathetic and effective.

9. Are these standards being developed in response to the historical allegations of sexual abuse of First Nations women and girls by members of the Prince George RCMP?

- The allegations of historic misconduct of members in Prince George are disturbing and our government takes them very seriously.
- The Director of Police Services appointed the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) to conduct the investigation as it is an independent, external, civilian-led organization that investigates serious and sensitive allegations of police misconduct.
- ASIRT is working with Indigenous communities, and consulting with the Assembly of First Nations and other Indigenous organizations.
- As this is an active investigation, further comment will be made when it is deemed appropriate.

10. How do these standards build on other initiatives that promote unbiased policing?

- Everyone deserves to be treated fairly by the police, and it's crucial that the public have confidence policing and community safety services throughout British Columbia are high-quality and unbiased.
- The policing standards on responding to sexual assault complement existing work to improve police responses to marginalized and vulnerable people.
- This includes standards on police stops and required police training on intimate partner violence, trauma-informed practice, and Indigenous cultural safety.
- The sexual assault standards are also consistent with the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act's recommendations on enhancing and standardizing police education and training, and ensuring communities everywhere in B.C. can access high quality policing and public safety services.

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Hi – could we have the small edits attached – thx & sorry for being tedious....

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Hi Kimberley,

Here is a revised version of the bullets, including inputs from Lucie and your feedback yesterday. The main changes in content are: Policing Standards added; WAGE funding section moved up and details on Year 1 and beyond; # of Actions within GBV AP quantified.

Vish just let me know the MO checked about these and I said we were in final stages.

Thanks.

Kathryn

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Acknowledging the lək'wəŋi?nəŋ Peoples on whose traditional territories I live and work as an uninvited guest and the traditional territories of 198 First Nations and 38 Métis chartered communities as well as Inuit Peoples in British Columbia.

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Good morning!

Taryn believes there is a briefing on policing standards for the ministers and ps today, and is wondering if that is the final step before they are approved/in place?

Good luck!

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