



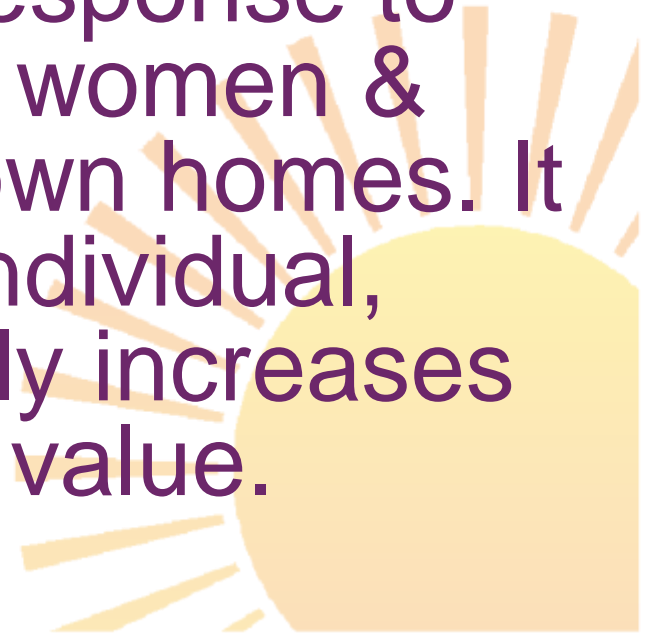
Innovative Responses To Older Women Experiencing Family Violence

The Safe Futures Foundation Alternative Approach

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Improving Safety in the Home (ISITH) Response

An early intervention response to enhance the safety of women & children, to stay in their own homes. It reduces cost to the individual, community & significantly increases longer term public value.



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Objectives of the ISITH response

- Improve safety and security for women and children
- To deter perpetrators
- Increased detection & accountability in relation to perpetrators
- Improves prospects of conviction in cases of breaches
- Directly reducing police callouts for FV
- Supports judicial process outcomes
- Reduce recidivism

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Components of the ISITH response

- A comprehensive risk and safety assessment
- Specialist case management
- IT and cyber safety advice
- A specialised safety and risk audit of women's properties by specialist safety officer
- Recommendations provided by the specialist safety officer

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Components of the ISITH response

- Provision of safety upgrades such as personal alarms, and CCTV cameras, lock changes, security doors and sensor lighting
- The ability to retrieve audio and visual footage to use as admissible evidence improves prospects of conviction in cases of intervention order breaches.

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Women's voices – Short film

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Cost of actual service provision

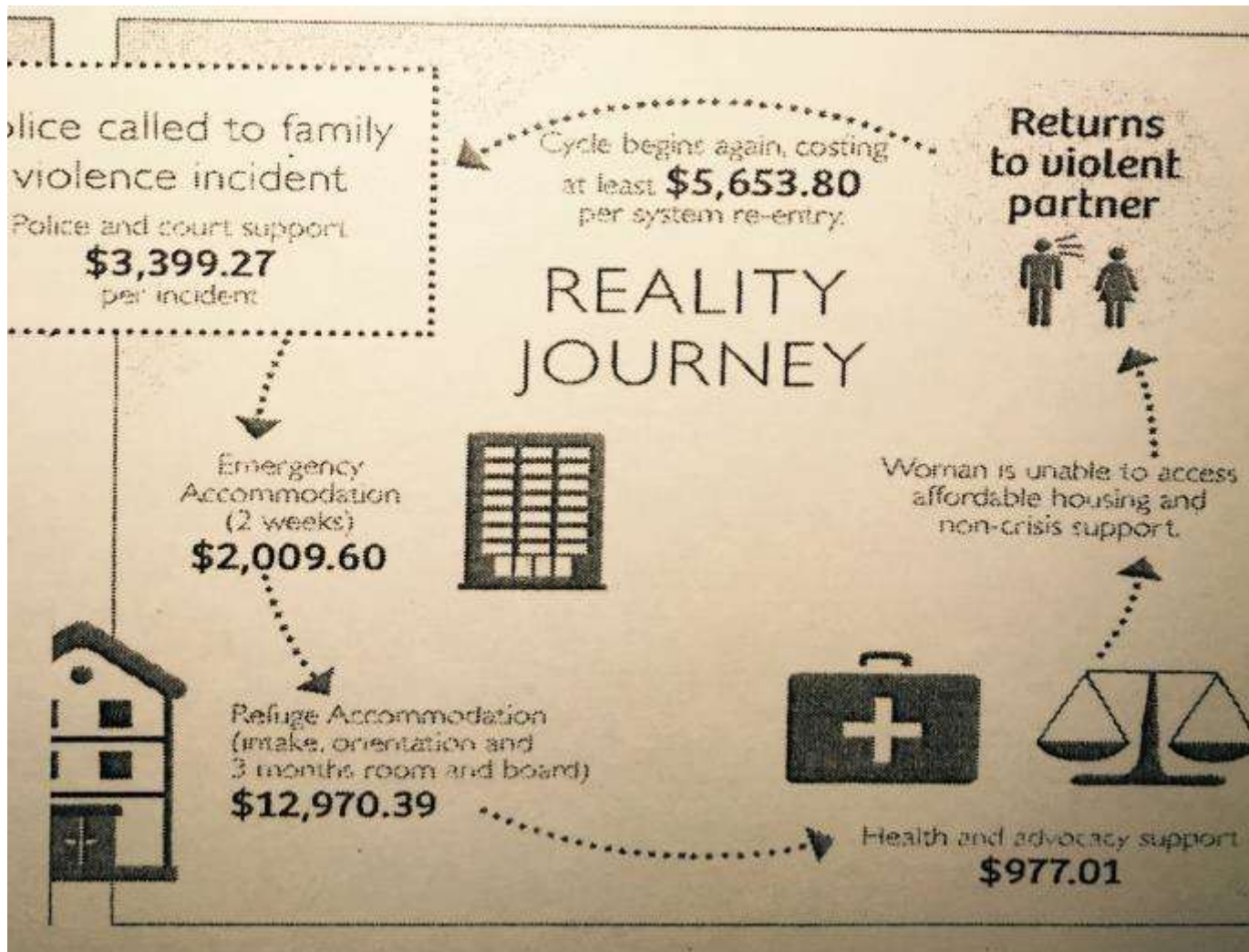
For a woman who may enter the
system 6 times

\$53, 279.07

Costings developed by Family Violence Research Program –
Melbourne University

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Cost of actual service provision



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Case study - Anne

- 62 year old woman – Long time intimate partner abuse
- She left husband who then threatened to kill her and himself
- Intervention order obtained and his weapons seized
- Husband continued to breach intervention order by stalking Anne and calling her constantly

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Case study - Anne

- Personal Safety Device provided.
- Property Safety Audit conducted
- Security upgrades provided
- Perpetrator advised
- Outcome – Breaches stopped completely
- Anne linked into counselling
- Anne's level of risk and fear decreased

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Where to from here?

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