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| Privacy statement for members of High Risk Youth Panels |
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You are receiving this statement because you have been invited to become a member of a High Risk Youth Panel (Panel) convened by Child Protection. The Panel is convened to consider the circumstances of a number of young people[[1]](#footnote-1) who have been identified as being at elevated risk of harm compared to other young people subject to child protection intervention to support rigorous multi-disciplinary case review, planning and decision making, service integration and collaborative problem solving, consistent with the department fulfilling its responsibilities for their protection and care.

This statement sets out the general terms under which confidential information in relation to young people, families and carers is to be managed in connection with Panel business. The statement is for your information and guidance. It does not constitute legal advice.

All young people who are discussed at Panel meetings are subject to child protection intervention, and most are under an order of the Children’s Court that gives the Department of Health and Human Services (the department) parental responsibility. Children’s Court orders are made under the provisions of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*. The department is thus authorised to collect information, and to use and disclose it in ways which may not otherwise be consistent with its obligations under the Child Information Sharing Scheme, the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme, the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*, or the *Health Records Act 2001*[[2]](#footnote-2).

### Disclosure of information during a Panel meeting

Under section 192[[3]](#footnote-3) of the Children, Youth and Families Act (CYFA):

* Child Protection may request and receive from, and disclose information to you where it believes on reasonable grounds this is required to carry out child protection responsibilities
* You may disclose the requested information to Child Protection and may not be held liable or accused of unprofessional conduct as a result when the disclosure is made in good faith.

Where a written report is provided only for the purpose of the Panel’s discussions you are not permitted to retain it and must return all copies at the conclusion of the Panel discussion.

### Child and Family Violence Information Sharing Schemes

Child Protection is a prescribed information sharing entity (ISE) under the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CIS) and the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS). You or your organisation may also be a prescribed ISE. These schemes authorise information sharing between ISEs for the purpose of promoting the safety or wellbeing of a child or group of children (CIS) or to assess or manage risk of family violence (FVISS).

### Collection of information by you

You may collect information at the meeting by taking notes where it is for the purpose of one of your organisation’s functions. You must not collect information about any child or family unless they have been referred to, or are already receiving a service from, your organisation.

1. As defined in the *Children Youth and Families Act 2005*: broadly, a person under the age of 17, or a person 17-18 who is still subject to a protection order. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*, *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*, *Privacy and Data Protection Act*  s.6, *Health Records Act* s.7. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. As amended on 27 September 2018 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)