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New Far West service to help people through the justice system after sexual violence

People in far west New South Wales who have experienced sexual violence will soon be able to get clear information and ongoing support close to home, through a new service being established by Mallee Family Care.

The Sexual Violence Justice System Navigator is a new role covering the Wentworth, Broken Hill, Central Darling and Balranald local government areas. The navigator will be based at Mallee Family Care's Dareton office, supporting communities across the catchment and providing tele-support for people in remote locations. Recruitment for the position is open now.

The service is for people aged 16 and over who have experienced sexual violence, whether recently or in the past, including in childhood. People do not need to have reported to police to use the service, and are never required to.

The navigator provides information and support, not legal advice or counselling. That means plain explanations of reporting options, rights, court processes and financial support through the NSW Victims Support Scheme, help to find and reach other services, and continuing support through police investigation and court for people who choose to pursue a criminal matter. People can step away at any time and come back later.

Chief Executive Officer Teresa Jayet said the service fills a gap people in the region have carried on their own for a long time.

"Someone in one of our remote communities, hours from the nearest specialist service, who is trying to decide whether to report has had no one to sit down with and explain what actually happens next," Ms Jayet said. "Justice should not depend on where you live. This role means people can get clear information, and someone alongside them, close to home, whether or not they ever go to police."

The service will prioritise First Nations communities and remote communities, where distance, isolation and limited local services make it harder to seek help. It will be delivered alongside existing services including NSW Health Sexual Assault Services, NSW Police, Legal Aid NSW and Victims Services, rather than replacing them.

Applications open until 4 September

Mallee Family Care is recruiting the navigator now. The role is full time, fixed term to 30 June 2028 and based in Dareton, with a salary of \$95,589 to \$109,251 plus salary packaging.



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It will suit someone with a relevant degree in social work, psychology, community services, law or criminology, or substantial experience in justice pathways or sexual violence support with a relevant diploma. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

The person appointed will be the first to hold this role in the Far West and will help shape how it works, supported by specialist onboarding training, individual, group and cultural supervision funded by the Department of Communities and Justice, and a statewide network of navigators doing the same work in other parts of New South Wales.

Applications close 4 September 2026. Details are at <https://malleefamilycare.elmotalent.com.au/careers/default/job/view/101>. Enquiries to Maree Fullgrabe, Human Resources Manager, on 03 5023 5966.

When the service starts

Mallee Family Care is recruiting the navigator now and expects the service to begin supporting people later this year, once the position is filled and the navigator has completed specialist training.

In the meantime, anyone who needs support can contact the services below. People will also be able to approach the navigator service directly once it opens, without a referral.

Support

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 000.

NSW Sexual Violence Helpline: 1800 424 017

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

13YARN: 13 92 76

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About Mallee Family Care

Mallee Family Care is a dedicated, place-based community service organisation that has been supporting the regional, rural and remote communities of North West Victoria, Far West NSW and South Australia's Riverland region since 1979. With around 300 staff delivering more than 70 programs, MFC supports thousands of people across the Mallee each year, providing vital services in areas including family and youth support, mental health, financial counselling, tenancy advocacy, legal assistance, early childhood education and care, and disability services.



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