

Community Investment Strategy : Summary

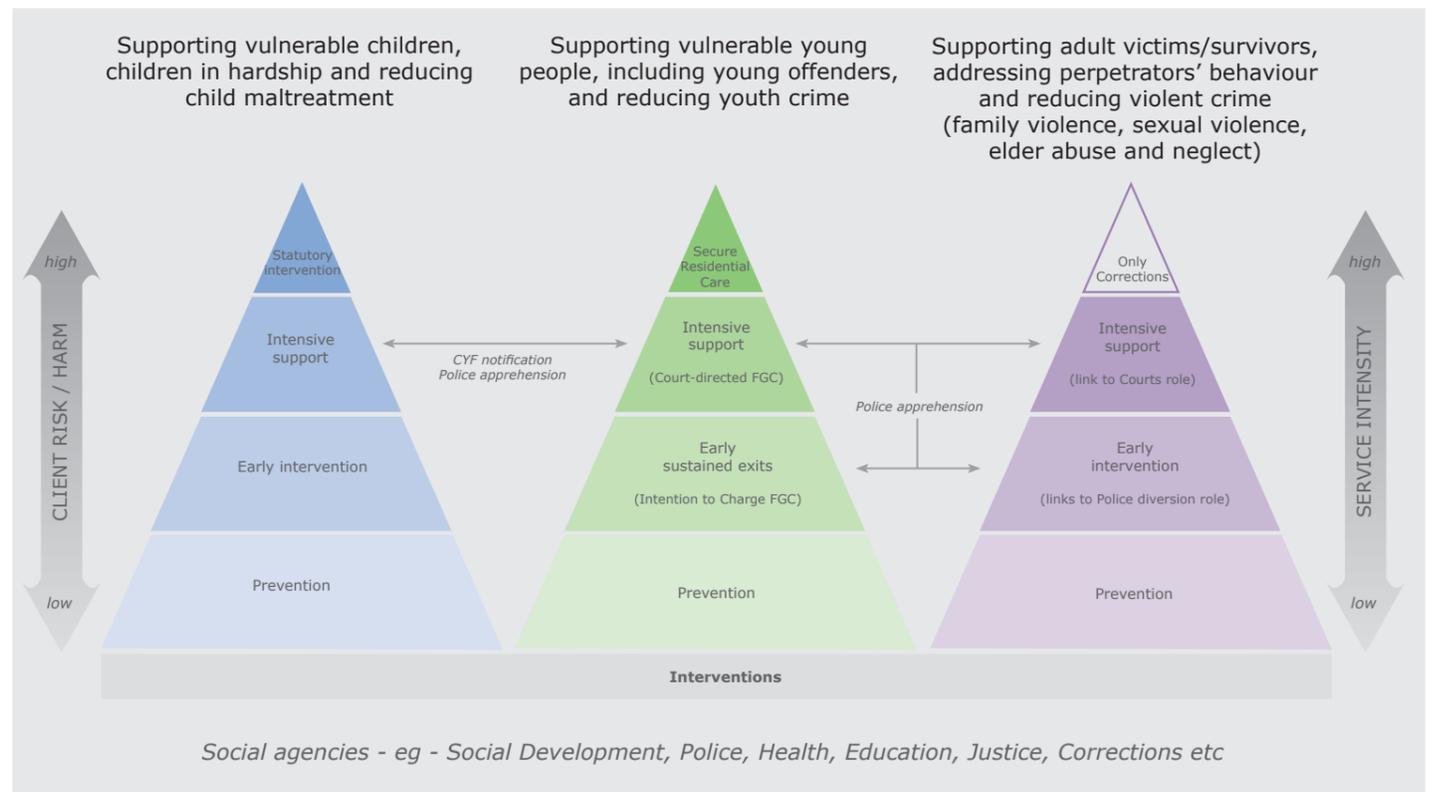
Delivering government priorities through purchased services

What we are doing and what it means for providers

Ministry of Social Development's Community Investment team

Community Investment is a business unit within the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), arising from a merger of Family and Community Services (FACS) and part of Child, Youth and Family.

Each year we invest around \$330 million to purchase services from social sector providers to achieve better results for vulnerable young children, young people and adults.



Priority result areas by intensity of services and risk

Six elements: The way forward for MSD and providers

1. Focusing more clearly on priority results

We will be open about the Government priorities driving our purchasing decisions. We will measure our progress towards achieving results through a Results Measurement Framework.

You will be able to see clearly how your services contribute to our priorities. Over time, your contracts with MSD will become results-based, in line with the Results Measurement Framework.

2. Building the evidence base

We will work with the Social Policy and Evaluation Research Unit (Superu) to build evidence about what works and doesn't work.

You will see an emphasis on growing the evidence base and facilitating the use of evidence within the social sector.

3. Improving the quality of data collection

We will refine the way we collect and use data so we can group people based on common needs and better understand the impacts services have for them. This will help us invest in the places where it is most needed.

You may be asked to collect different information about the people you're helping. However, we will be mindful of people's privacy rights and your workload.

4. Setting a clear direction for future funding

We will publish information regularly to explain upcoming priorities for funding. The Community Investment Strategy will be updated through annual purchasing plans.

You will be able to plan for the future with more certainty and invest in service development with confidence.

5. Simplifying compliance requirements

We are continuing to introduce streamlined contracting, monitoring and reporting, a single MSD approvals framework and better cross-agency processes for purchasing.

You will spend less time on compliance, giving you more time to focus on achieving results.

6. Building provider capability

We will continue to support organisations to become stronger and more sustainable.

You will notice changes, over time, in the types of support we offer. We recognise that some providers will need help to work with results-based contracts.