

Supporting the implementation of the Minimum Practice Standards for Specialist and Community Support Services responding to Child Sexual Abuse (MPS)

For organisations who have already implemented the **National Principles for Child Safe Organisations**

50%

of the MPS are covered by the National Principles, indicating a fair amount of work is needed to achieve full alignment with the MPS.



I work in a specialist service for children and young people who have experienced or been impacted by child sexual abuse.

We are compliant with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and our State-based Child Safety regulations. I want to ensure we are meeting the MPS.



So how do the MPS differ from the National Principles?

The MPS are:

- More specific to child sexual abuse and harmful sexual behaviour.
- Also relevant to adult services.
- More emphasis on being Victim and Survivor Centred and Trauma-Informed.
- Balance of focus on compliance as well as improvement.



Where will I have good coverage in the MPS?



- Standard 1 – Safety, Cultural safety, Information Mgt, Rights and Decision-making
- Standard 2 – Diversity of needs, Communications, Services / Referral
- Standard 3 – Family involvement and decision making
- Standard 4 – Consent, Reporting, Person-centred services, services review
- Standard 5 – Standards, Staff checks, Minimum experience, Supervision, Staff training
- Standard 6 – Governance, Complaints, Staff development, Procurement

Where will I need to focus my effort in implementing the MPS?



- Standard 1 – Choice, Needs, Dignity, Language, Disclosures, Physical environments
- Standard 2 – Person-centred services, Locations, Digital, Waitlists
- Standard 3 – Service responses, Needs-based, Referrals, System integration
- Standard 4 – Models of care (Trauma-informed, Lived and Living Experience, Co-design), Goals setting, Conflict Mgt
- Standard 5 – Staff qualities, Accreditation, Wellbeing, Safety, Staff support
- Standard 6 – Organisational disclosure, Privacy, Conflicts of interest, Lived and Living Experience support