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ALBURY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS NOW ON A SAFER PATHWAY

Domestic and family violence victims living in the Albury Local Area Command (LAC) will now have a single contact point to access the support they need with the commencement of a new *Safer Pathway* site this month.

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward and Member for Albury Greg Aplin announced today that *Safer Pathway* will become operational this month with the first Safety Action Meeting (SAM) taking place on Wednesday 20 September at the Hub (Youth and Family Services centre).

Created by the NSW Government, *Safer Pathway* puts the safety of victims and their children at the centre of the response.

Safer Pathway aims to ensure victims receive a consistent and effective response by bringing together local representatives including Police, Health, Corrections, Family and Community Services and Education along with local specialist non-government domestic and family violence services.

The NSW Government has committed more than \$50 million over four years for *Safer Pathway*, with 34 SAM sites operating across NSW by the end of this month.

Ms Goward said that agencies working together meant victims would no longer have to repeat their story multiple times.

“*Safer Pathway* creates a coordinated response where agencies work proactively to provide victims with the support they need,” Ms Goward said.

Greg Aplin MP welcomed the roll-out of *Safer Pathway* across the Albury Local Area Command which will help support victims of domestic violence and their children within the local community.

“Through government and non-government collaboration it will help build a clearer picture of a victim’s support needs to help ensure their safety,” Mr Aplin said.

For more information on *Safer Pathway*, visit the Women NSW website www.women.nsw.gov.au.

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