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Good afternoon Safeguarding Officers

**16 Days in WA Campaign**

[https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/16-days-wa.](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/16-days-wa)

16 Days in WA ran from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) through to December 10 (Human Rights Day) each year. The campaign takes its inspiration from the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

We are invited to create change during the campaign – to educate, motivate and advocate in your community, and stand up to stop violence against women.

In order to play our part and to acknowledge the 16 Days in WA 2021 campaign here in WA the Safeguarding Office has officially launched a new resource titled ***A Pastoral Approach to Family and Domestic Violence***. The resource was launched as part of Andrea Musulin’s presentation at the Catholic Social Services Symposium on 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women). A copy of this resource is now available on the Safeguarding Website and in 2022 another training opportunity will be provided to SGO’s and Clergy.

<http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/07_Safeguarding_A-Pastoral-Response-to-Domestic-Violence_Draft-7_Single-Page.pdf>

This resource whilst providing relevant information on the types and drivers of Family and Domestic Violence also and more importantly reminds the Safeguarding Officers and Clergy that “We don’t have to solve the problem – there are many professional organisations set up to work in this space however we most definitely must play our part. The aim of the Church is to be a place of support and healing and this resource does offer some ways the Catholic community can respond to situations of domestic and family violence.

Kind regards,

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