

Plan to tackle violence

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A DRAFT action plan to combat the vicious cycle of domestic violence in the region was launched this week.

The draft looks at tackling the scourge on four levels: an education and awareness campaign, community involvement, the support of local sporting clubs, and linking services together.

Tamworth Family Support Services homelessness manager Tanya Rogers said she wanted sporting codes to tackle the problem at a local level.

“If someone has had an AVO taken out against them (for domestic violence), we hope that the club would be prepared to stand them down from the game,” Ms Rogers said.

She said she hoped the community would take ownership of the action plan, to stamp out the scourge.

“The reason it is a draft is that I don’t want to be the creator, I want the community to be the creator – this needs to come from the community,” she said.

The draft was compiled from information collected from surveys and will be posted on the Tamworth Family Support Services' website for community feedback.

If you or someone you know is impacted by domestic or family violence or sexual assault, call 1800RESPECT.