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Over the last few months, the FLS has been meeting with Police to raise issues concerning the content of family violence information requested by family lawyers. Some reports received are heavily redacted while in other parts of the country full reports are provided.

We have discussed the possibility with Police of streamlining the information on a nationwide basis so relevant information is able to be provided and in timeframes required for urgent matters and for those filed on notice.

Police have advised they are undertaking a project for all information requests they receive and lawyers represent one of the largest groups seeking this service. Police are looking to better understand lawyers experiences at a national and regional level, and find ways to improve their services.

Click [here](#) for more information on the project.

Police have created a 10 minute survey to gather critical information on how lawyers experience information request services. The survey is completely anonymous. The responses to the survey will give the Police a clearer understanding of information requests by family lawyers in terms of how lawyers make those requests, the frequency and urgency of requests and whether the information you receive meets your needs. This is an important opportunity to provide this information that will feed into improving the content and timeframes of reports family lawyers receive.

The survey will be open **until Monday 9 March** and responses will be completely anonymous.

Click [here](#) to participate in the survey.

In addition, there will be meetings arranged in some regions around the country which the regional representatives will be co-ordinating. These will be for a maximum of two hours but should take about an hour.

**Christchurch** – 27 February – time and venue to be confirmed

**Auckland** – 5 March – 1.00 to 3.00pm, Southern Cross Chambers, Level 12, 59 High Street

**Northland** – 6 March – time and venue to be confirmed

**Napier** – 11 March – time and venue to be confirmed

**Wellington** – 13 March – time and venue to be confirmed

The times and venues of most of those meetings are still to be confirmed. If you are interested in attending a meeting please email [kath.moran@lawsociety.org.nz](mailto:kath.moran@lawsociety.org.nz) to confirm your interest.

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