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As you know, 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. 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.

The Police will be in Northland to meet with family lawyers to gain 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.

**Northland – 6 March – 9.00am – RH Lawyers Ltd, 103 Bank Street Whangarei.**

If you would like to join the meeting by Skype please email Sally Woods at [sally@familymatters.nz](mailto:sally@familymatters.nz) for details on how to join remotely.

We ask that you still complete the survey sent to members on 19 February. The survey will be open **until Monday 9 March** and responses will be completely anonymous.

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

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