



OPLS becomes Senior Assist. Help for seniors experiencing or at risk of elder abuse

In February 2020 the Older Persons Legal Service (OPLS) changed its name to “Senior Assist”. The service has a focus on working with people over the age of 65 (or if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander over the age of 50) who are experiencing or at risk of elder abuse. The team also works to prevent elder abuse through community education and by providing safeguarding advice to client. Senior Assist lawyers and case managers work together to provide advice, assistance and support to clients across a range of legal matters.

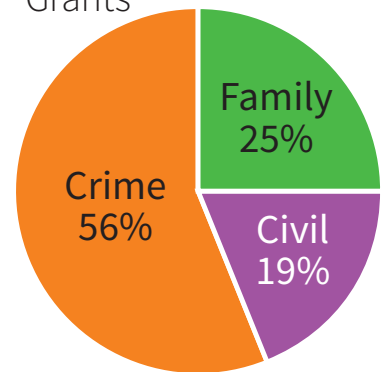
The service is free. You can contact the team via phone on **1300 366 611** and ask for Senior Assist or email: senior.assist@legalaid.tas.gov.au

Change to the Briefing Guideline: Guideline 8(1) (f)

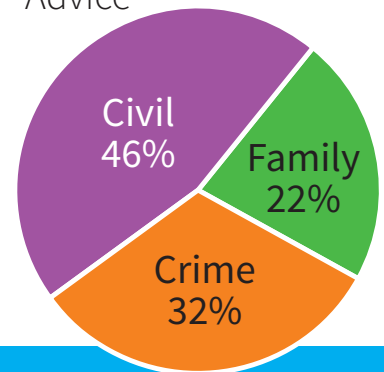
We have made it easier for lawyers to support each other. It is not always possible for a lawyer to go to court for every case. The new guideline allows for another lawyer to attend court without having to get permission from Legal Aid or applying for a new grant of assistance. For more details regarding the change please see [here](#).

Client Services

Grants



Advice



Summary of Financial Performance

At the end of March 2020, Legal Aid Tasmania expenditure is tracking above the budget set by the Board in May 2019.

Financial Summary*	
Commonwealth Funding	\$5,355,176
State Funding	\$6,189,964
Other Income	\$820,862
TOTAL FUNDS	\$12,366,002
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$12,597,230
Capital Management Plan to contend with systemic risk in the Legal Aid Sector: reduction of \$231,229	

* Note these are management figures and have not been audited.

