

# We are Filomena



## Filomena

Centrum huiselijk geweld en kindermishandeling



# Mission

- ➤-9 months to 100 years
- ➤ Very serious and complex physical, psychological and/or sexual violence
- ➤ One Stop Shop
- ➤ Coercive control
- ➤ Stalking



# Our team consists of:

- 1 manager
- 2 behavioural scientists
- 1 policy advisor
- 12 Intensive Case Managers
- 2 support staff
  
- Police
- Psychologist
- Forensic doctors
- Sexual assault centre
- People with first hand experience of domestic violence
- Victim support
- Social workers
- Criminal and civil lawyers
- Pediatricians



# Sexual assault center

- In the same building as Filomena.
- From the age of 16.
- When someone has been a victim of sexual violence in the last 7 days.
- They give mental support, medical assistance, legal advice and they secure the DNA traces.
- If necessary they refer the victims to Filomena.



# Different ways to access care

- Walk-in hours on Tuesday and Thursday
- Referral via partners
- SOF7: Quick investigation phase (within 7 days)
- DMFI: Sustainable Multisectoral Filomena Intervention



# Filomena's registration criteria

- Long history of reported violence and help from several organizations.
- Structurally unsafe situation.
- Client fears for his or her life.
- High risk, frequent violence (the safety of those involved is at stake: high risk of escalation or violence resulting in death).
- Intergenerational violence.
- Complex trauma as a result of domestic violence.
- Regular care has proven to be insufficient (or does not appear to be sufficient).
- Combination of problems (psychiatric problems, (mild)intellectual disabilities, domestic violence, addiction, debts).









# Best practice

- A woman comes to the walk-in clinic at Filomena. She has just been beaten by her husband. Her eye is bruised and swollen. She tells her story to the intensive casemanager and it turns out that she has been a victim of serious physical violence for a long time. Her husband is threatening to kill her.
  - Medical examination by the forensic doctor.
  - Intersectoral consultation with police, Safe Home and the forensic doctor.
  - The police makes a report for the criminal offence.
    - The woman has several old injuries (broken ribs, broken nose and old bruises).
    - The husband of the woman is known from several previous incidents.
  - Filomena places the woman in shelter and starts with a permanent intervention which includes contact/care/therapy with her husband.

# Best practice

- A woman come to the walk-in clinic at Filomena. Seven years ago she is divorced. She was a victim of coercive control. She is worried about her two children (11 and 9 years old) because they tell her that their father has angry outbursts and grabs them roughly. Sometimes the children have bruises when they come home after visiting their father.
  - The behavioural scientistst talk with the children.
    - The children are anxious, have signals of trauma and their behaviour is panicky and restless.
  - Medical examination by a forensic doctor.
  - The police makes report for the criminal offense.
  - Consultation with the Public Consultation Service and the child protecting services.
  - Arranging supervised visits between father and the children.
  - Starting a permanent intervention with mother, father, children, family and school for a safetyplan, diagnostics and (trauma)therapy.

# Next steps in the Netherlands

- Currently three Filomena centers are active, with one opening Q1 next year
- Recently the national government supported a resolution to enforce the national expansion of Filomena
- Realize structural financing, develop further collaborations with our international family members. We are in this together.



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