

Answer to Question on Notice from Redfern Legal Centre/ Womens' Domestic Violence Court  
Advocacy Service

Survey of coordinators of Womens' Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services re DVLO positions in  
Police Local Area Command

<b>Blue Mountains WDV CAS (Katoomba, Lithgow, Bathurst, Mudgee)</b>	
Chifley (Lithgow)	1 part-time (2 days per week)
Chifley (Bathurst)	1 part-time (2 days per week)
Blue Mountains	1 part-time (3 days per week)
Mudgee	No designated DVLO position
<b>Burwood WDV CAS (Burwood Court)</b>	
Ashfield	1 full time
Auburn/Flemington	2 part-time
Burwood	1 full time
Campsie	1 part-time
<b>Central Coast WDV CAS (Gosford, Wyong, Woy Woy)</b>	
Brisbane Waters	1 full time and 2 part time
Tuggerah Lakes	6 combination of full time and part time
<b>Central West WDV CAS (Orange, Parkes, Forbes, Cowra)</b>	
Orange	1 full time
Cowra	2 part time (job sharing and no longer coming to court)
Parkes and Forbes	No current (general duties police attend court on list day)
<b>Far South Coast WDV CAS (Bega, Narooma, Eden, Batemans Bay, Moruya)</b>	
Far South Coast	2 part time
<b>Far West WDV CAS (Broken Hill, Wilcannia, Wentworth)</b>	
Broken Hill	1 full time
Wentworth	1 part time
Wilcannia	1 part time
<b>Hunter WDV CAS (Newcastle, Toronto, Belmont, Raymond Terrace)</b>	
Newcastle/Waratah	2 full time and 1 part time
Lake Macquarie	2 part time
Raymond Terrace	2 part time
<b>Hunter Valley WDV CAS (Maitland, Singleton, Cessnock, Muswellbrook, Kurri Kurri)</b>	

Central Hunter	2 full time and 1 part time
Hunter Valley	1 full time
<b>Illawarra WDVCS (Wollongong, Port Kembla, Albion Park, Kiama)</b>	
Wollongong	2 full time
Lake Illawarra	1 full time and 1 part time
<b>Macarthur WDVCS (Campbelltown, Camden, Picton)</b>	
Campbelltown	2 full time
Camden	2 full time
<b>Macquarie WDVCS (Parramatta, Ryde)</b>	
<b>Mid North Coast WDVCS (Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Taree, Forster, Gloucester)</b>	
Mid Coast	1 part time (2 days per week)
Manning	1 part time
Great Lakes	No DVLO
<b>New England WDVCS (Armidale, Walcha, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Glen Innes)</b>	
Oxley	1 full time (Tamworth), 1 part time (Gunnedah)
New England	1 part time
<b>North Coast WDVCS (Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Bellingen, Grafton, Macksville)</b>	
Coffs/Clarence	2 part-time
Mid North Coast	1 part-time (2 days per week)
<b>North West WDVCS (Moree, Boggabilla, Inverell, Mungindi)</b>	
Barwon	1 full time
New England	1 part time
<b>North West Sydney WDVCS (Blacktown, Windsor)</b>	
Hawkesbury	1 part time
Quakers Hill	1 part time
Blacktown	1 part time
<b>Northern Rivers WDVCS (Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Byron Bay, Ballina, Lismore, Casino, Kyogle)</b>	
Richmond	4 part time
Tweed	2 part time
<b>Northern Sydney WDVCS (Hornsby, Manly, North Sydney)</b>	

Kuring Gai	1 full time
North Shore	1 full time
Harborside	1 full time
Manly	1 full time
Northern Beaches	1 full time
<b>Riverina WDVCS (Griffith, Leeton, Hillston, Hay, Lake Cargellico)</b>	
Griffith	No DVLO since April 2011
<b>South Coast WDVCS (Nowra, Moss Vale)</b>	
Shoalhaven	1 part time (designated 2.5 positions, with .5 position filled, 1 position on sick leave for 2 months, one position to be filled at the end of this month)
<b>South Eastern WDVCS (Queanbeyan, Cooma, Goulburn)</b>	
Queanbeyan	1 full time
<b>South West Sydney WDVCS (Liverpool, Fairfield, Bankstown)</b>	
Fairfield	2 full time
Liverpool	2 part time
Cabramatta	1 part time
Green Valley	1 part time permanent and 1 full time (6 week rotation)
Bankstown	3 full time
<b>Southern WDVCS (Albury, Holbrook, Finley, Deniliquin)</b>	
Albury	1 full time
Deniliquin	1 part time
<b>Southern Sydney WDVCS (Sutherland, Kogarah)</b>	
St George	2 full time
Hurstville	2 full time
Sutherland	2 full time
Miranda	2 full time
<b>Sydney WDVCS (Downing Centre, Newtown, Waverley, Balmain)</b>	
Redfern	2 full time
Surry Hills	1 part time
City Central	1 full time
Kings Cross	1 part time
The Rocks	1 part time
Eastern Beaches	2 full time
Eastern Suburbs	1 part time
Rose Bay	1 part time
Botany Bay	1 full time

Leichhardt	1 full time and 1 part time
Marrickville	1 full time (but sometimes called to other duties)
Newtown	1 full time (but sometimes called to other duties)
<b>Wagga Wagga WDVCS (Wagga Wagga, Narrandera, Young, Tumut, Cootamundra)</b>	
Wagga Wagga	2 full time
Cootamundra	1 full time
Narrandera	No DVLO – position vacant for 6 months
<b>Western WDVCS (Dubbo, Nyngan, Wellington, Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Narromine, Warren, Gilgandra)</b>	
Orana	1 full time (have not been able to fill the second position for 3 years)
Darling River	1 full time (position will become vacant next month with no applicants for the position)
<b>Western Sydney WDVCS (Penrith, Mount Druitt)</b>	
Penrith	2 part time and 1 operative
St Marys	1 full time, 1 part time and 2 operatives
Mt Druitt	3 full time and 2 operatives
Springwood	1 part time (shared between Penrith and Katoomba courts)

#### Comments from WDVCS Coordinators:

- 'We had a commitment to 2 full-time DVLOs in the 4 LACs, but in the last 6 months as one DVLO leaves or transfers there has increasingly been a delay to fill the position'.
- 'DVLO role needs to be better recognised and supported within police – it's a difficult role'.
- 'DVLO should be a higher rank, better paid'.
- 'DVLO position is full time but she has to spend most of her time on the trucks'
- 'Unable to fill the second DVLO position for 3 years'
- 'No applicants for the DVLO position which becomes vacant next month'
- 'No DVLO for almost 12 months'
- 'The DVLO has to go out on the trucks'
- 'Have put a general duties officer in the DVLO position – mostly does not attend court'
- 'Full time DVLO often gets only 2 days each week in the position because required for other duties'
- 'DVLO often poached to other duties'
- 'Two previous DVLOs on stress leave for [extended period of time]'
- 'If we get a more senior officer in the position they do not stay long – I've heard it said that it's a waste of a senior officer'
- 'DVLO position vacant for 6 months or more - no-one wants the position'.
- 'The position is supposed to be full time but it isn't really because the DVLO keeps getting put back into other duties'.
- 'One officer willing to do the DVLO role asked if she could job share with another willing officer so she could spend more time with children, but this was knocked back by the LAC'.

- 'Even though the DVLO was supposed to be for [the area] she was never in three years able to attend [the area] court because the other court was on the same day, meaning the first court has never had a DVLO'.
- 'It seems police do not want to take on the role of DVLO as it is a quite significant drop in wages as they do not get the regular penalty rates, even though DVLOs have a greater responsibility. They are quite often put in a leadership role or as a spokesperson for community work'.
- 'We support our DVLOs as much as we can – their role is not an easy one and they often don't get the support they need at their station'.
- 'We have a full-time DVLO...unless of course they are short staffed and 'chuck him on the truck' as they say'.