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When Brittany first made contact with The project she had not had any counselling or seen anyone to help deal with her trauma. We have taken the following steps.

- offered to connect her with a paid counsellor
- she declined this and instead, via her GP, has had a mental health plan put in place and is having regular counselling.
- Brittany had indicated she is happy with her counsellor and has declined our offers of further support. We have asked her permission to check in with her psychologist.
- we also made contact with the rape crisis centre counsellor in Canberra with Brittany's permission. As a result they have made contact with Brittany and are continuing to advise Brittany throughout this time.
- our team are maintaining daily contact with Brittany and have offered to provide her with access to support to deal with media. It's worth noting her partner is a journalist.
- Brittany is living with parents in QLD and at our recommendation has come off social media and changed her number.

Tasha has been across these steps taken.

Sarah