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Introduction from Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the October Pānui from Te Puna Aonui, updating you on recent developments in the family violence and sexual violence system – by government, providers, and the community.

Since the last Pānui, I have had the opportunity to speak at the **Social Services Providers Association Whakamanawa National Conference**, the **Caring Families Aotearoa National Conference**, and I met with the **Expert Advisory Group for Children and Young People (EAG)** as they presented their report about ways for children and young people to be involved in Te Aorerekura. I appreciate being able to get out to speak with people about the work we are doing - to build understanding about the approach I'm taking in this portfolio, and to learn more about the barriers and issues people in communities are facing.

It was particularly heartening to witness the energy of the rangatahi members of the EAG who organised an event at **Auckland Sexual Abuse HELP** to present the [For Our Mokopuna](#) report to me and to Te Puna Aonui, alongside the Children's Commissioner and other stakeholders. When I see young people like that in action, I am confident the future is in good hands. They are not just the leaders of tomorrow, but the leaders of today.



Minister Chhour with members of the Expert Advisory Group for Children and Young People, receiving their report “For Our Mokopuna”. From left: Hailey Xavier, Whetu Horo, Imogen Stone, Minister Chhour, Quack Pirihi, with Naomi Vailima in front.

I was also very interested to visit **Barnardos** in Christchurch, to learn more about their therapeutic approach to working with rangatahi who display troubling sexual behaviours. This is important preventative work, to enable rangatahi to heal from previous trauma and develop pro-social skills so their behaviour is safe in future.



Minister Chhour with Barnardos Aotearoa

I have been working with my Ministerial colleagues to support the development of the **second Te Aorerekura Action Plan** and hope to launch the Plan before the end of the year, subject to Cabinet approval. It will not solve all of the problems in the family violence and sexual violence system, but it will bring a stronger focus to the way government agencies are working together at the regional level and in partnership with communities to improve outcomes for people impacted by violence.

You can expect to see a lot more information about the second Action Plan as we move into the new year. Now that we have the strategy set for the next five years, we can dedicate our full focus to strong delivery. There will be seven key priority areas, and I am eager to share more with you when the time comes. Big thanks to the hardworking teams across Te Puna Aonui, and the specialists and communities who engaged in developing the second Action Plan.

Wishing all the best to the kaimahi/ workers across the system, who are working to improve the safety and wellbeing of people impacted by violence. I know these are complex times,



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but change is possible when we work together.

Ngā mihi nui,

Hon Karen Chhour

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Te Puna Aonui – Annual Report

The 2023/24 Annual Report for Te Puna Aonui is now available on the website. It provides an overview of the work done to implement Te Aorerekura and how agencies within Te Puna Aonui are working together.

If you'd like to learn more about our work, please have a read [here](#).

Join the Systems Working Group – Nau mai haere mai!

The Systems Working Group (SWG) provides a forum for family violence and sexual violence providers to meet with Te Puna Aonui agencies to discuss current issues, solve problems, share information, and receive updates. The SWG started in March 2020 as the Pandemic Working Group.

Government agencies frequently use this meeting to update communities on work programmes, including upcoming engagements and opportunities for more formal community input. These monthly engagements between government and community are valuable for building relationships and understanding, in support of Te Aorerekura.

The monthly SWG meetings are co-chaired by community leaders from the family violence and sexual violence sectors, who work with Te Puna Aonui Business Unit to agree the agenda for each meeting. Participants include people from a wide range of FVSV provider organisations, academics, advocates, and community leaders.

There are smaller sub-groups of the SWG that work on issues relevant to particular population cohorts, for example children and young people. The sub-groups provide an opportunity for members to work together to contribute to government work, such as workforce capability frameworks.

Te Puna Aonui Business Unit provides secretariat support to the SWG. If you would like to join these meetings, please email: contact@tepunaaonui.govt.nz



Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (ANZASW)

Te Puna Aonui is pleased to share an exciting update regarding our ongoing partnership with the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (ANZASW). ANZASW is a professional body for social workers in New Zealand who support social workers and advocate for social justice.

Last year, Te Puna Aonui funded ANZASW to create two online family violence training modules for its members, aligning with the [Family Violence Entry to Expert Capability Framework](#). The modules were designed to equip social workers with the knowledge and skills to recognise, respond to, and refer people to family violence specialist agencies. The modules cover critical topics such as Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the dynamics and drivers of family violence, societal norms, and relevant legislation.

After valuable and detailed feedback from Te Puna Aonui National Trainers, these modules have now gone live and are available through ANZASW: [ANZASW E-Learn](#).

MSD Ending the Family Services 211 Helpline

From 1 December 2024, after more than 20 years, the MSD-funded Family Services 211 Helpline (211 Helpline) will come to an end.

The 211 Helpline was a freephone general support line to provide easy access to social services for families and communities. Calls are steadily decreasing and the provider delivering this service sees limited risk to closing it down. Since the 211 line was launched, much more information is publicly available online to support people to know where to go to find help.

MSD has engaged the key stakeholders impacted by this change and will refocus 211 Helpline resources for a more efficient service to their family and sexual violence and elder abuse helplines.

An automated message will advise callers that the line is ending in the lead up to 1 December 2024.

Please advise your networks that the 211 line will no longer be available from 1 December 2024. You may want to share these alternative contacts with them:

- For any queries related to the decommissioning of the 211 Helpline email our team at Family_Violence_CPP@msd.govt.nz
- To speak to a family violence professional call 0800 456 450



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- For family violence information, and to chat with a family violence professional, and to find help and support you can visit [Are You Ok](#) (for people who have experienced family violence and their supporters) or [In Your Hands](#) (for people who use violence and those supporting them to change their behaviour)
- The Service Finder tool is an online tool that can help people find relevant family and sexual violence support services in their region. The service finder tool is available on both [Are You Ok](#) and [In Your Hands](#).
- The [Family Services Directory](#) is also available as an online directory of service providers
- For the [Citizen's Advice Bureau](#) call 0800 367 222 or visit the website
- For the [Salvation Army](#) call 0800 53 00 00 or visit the website
- For the [Auckland City Mission](#) call 0800 864 357 or visit the website

For budgeting advice and support call [Money Talks](#) on 0800 345 123 or visit the website.

ACC - Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar

ACC's new webinar series, '*Learning over Lunch – Primary Prevention in Action*', focusses on growing and improving practice in sexual violence primary prevention.

Earlier in October, ACC's Dr Hala Nasr hosted the first webinar with Tallulah Cardno (Ngāi Tahu), Wellington City Council's sexual violence prevention advisor. Tallulah shared the benefits, opportunities, and challenges of having a dedicated sexual violence prevention role within the Council. Tallulah's role was created as part of a partnership between ACC and Wellington City Council to deliver against Action 13 of Te Aorerekura.

Attendance at the webinar was high with around 80 attending from the 127 registered. All regions of Aotearoa were represented with attendees from Kaeo to Southland – plus international attendees from Canada and Australia! A variety of organisations were represented across prevention, healing and responding.

[Watch the Learning over Lunch – Primary Prevention in Action webinar](#)

National Mortality Review Committee – New Focus on Family Violence

The National Mortality Review Committee (NMRC) has a new vision and set of values. It also has some new areas of focus, including a new focus on family violence.

Amongst other issues, this focus area will explore the relationship between family violence deaths, maternal mortality, and suicide.



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This is a good example of looking across previous silos, seeking to understand more detail about the wider determinants of avoidable mortality and how to impact change.

The result is likely to deliver new insights into how we should address the leading cause of maternal mortality which is suicide.

Read more about the work of the NRMCC [here](#).

Police Progress “Risk Harm Attendance” (RHA) Framework

Police are piloting a Risk Harm Attendance (RHA) framework, to triage requests for their services.

The framework is being used by 20% of Emergency and Non-Emergency Communicators who take calls for service nationally. This will allow Police to prioritise resources to attend calls for service needing the unique skills of frontline Police. Those needing immediate Police help will continue to get a response.

The framework is designed to ensure Police frontline resource is being applied to calls for service that keep people safe, and to reduce attendance at events where frontline officer attendance does not achieve that and an alternative Police response may be more appropriate. The framework will be piloted for at least two months, during which an evaluation will be conducted before being considered for full implementation.

Family Violence Response Priorities

Police will continue to prioritise attendance at family violence events where an offence has been disclosed, people’s lives or property are at risk or where there are vulnerabilities requiring Police intervention or support.

During the pilot, cases not needing frontline Police attendance will still be reviewed by the local Police district to determine any appropriate Police response, which may include notification to the district family harm teams.

Jobs that do not receive Police attendance, but are still categorised as family harm, will still be sent to the appropriate team to take the information to the multi-agency tables (e.g., SAM and FVIARS).

When required, local family violence teams will initiate a multi-agency response.

Police Committed to Keeping Communities Safe



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The RHA framework will free up our time to better respond to those experiencing violence and provide a more valuable service that will result in an improved attendance capability by Police for those in most need.

Family harm is an urgent and pressing problem, and Police is committed to protecting all communities from harm. Police will always respond when there is an offence, violence or an immediate risk to life or safety. This will not change.

Police acknowledge these conversations are difficult and may create some anxiety for those experiencing family violence. They want to reassure the community that they will continue to assess risk to ensure those who need our help still get the appropriate response.

***This is Aotearoa* – Sharing stories of Aotearoa to promote wellbeing**

“*This is Aotearoa*” relaunched this month, following on from the success of its predecessor, Aotearoa Humanity Project. Since its launch in 2017, Aotearoa Humanity Project has shared the stories of thousands of New Zealanders across its social platforms.

This is Aotearoa is an ACC-funded communications initiative dedicated to promoting and enhancing wellbeing through storytelling and by uniting all who call Aotearoa New Zealand home. The new look *This is Aotearoa* shares stories from diverse communities and uses the power of social media to reach people where they are. Each story offers a glimpse into the lives of New Zealanders – their experiences, struggles and triumphs.

Stories are designed to highlight the evidence-based protective factors we know promote wellbeing. These protective factors include, for example, connection and a sense of belonging, knowledge of and connection to whakapapa or cultural identity, helping and healing, and recognising children as taonga (treasure).

By telling these stories, we can help to shape the Aotearoa we envision – a place where the whakapapa of our tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau is protected, and where everyone can feel safe and included, and thrive. *This is Aotearoa* is part of ACC’s investment in sexual violence prevention alongside other initiatives such as, for example, community-led action, building workforce capability and developing kaupapa Māori-informed prevention initiatives.

[Visit *This is Aotearoa* website](#)

[Watch short video about *This is Aotearoa*](#)

[More about ACC’s violence prevention mahi](#)

First Community-Led Prevention Network Partners announced by ACC

September marked a milestone in ACC’s sexual violence prevention approach with the launch of *Hikitia! For Our Future* community-led prevention initiative and our first five prevention partners.



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Following an open procurement process, ACC is proud to announce the first tranche of *Hikitia! For Our Future* prevention partners:

- Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa – Te Tai Tokerau
- Tauawhi Charitable Trust – Tairāwhiti
- Tautoko Mai Sexual Harm Support Services – Te Arawa
- RISE Living Safe – Te Tau Ihu
- Te Hou Ora Whānau Services – Otago

The new partners have experience leading prevention initiatives in their communities, working strategically and collaboratively, and working across sectors and settings.

These first five partners are just the start. By 2026, we hope to have kaimahi across 16 rohe (regions) as part of this community-led prevention network.

[Read more about the Hikitia! For Our Future community-led prevention initiative](#)

Update on ACC's Sensitive Claims Service

After nearly three years of extensive consultation with providers, suppliers, sector groups, agencies and people with lived experience, ACC's new Sensitive Claims Service contract will go live on 1 December 2024.

The new service includes changes that aim to improve access, outcomes, and experience for kiritaki (clients).

Key changes include:

- A streamlined assessment process to make it easier for kiritaki to access support and treatment. There will now be two assessment pathways based on need so kiritaki can access a broader range of support quicker.
- A more holistic model that allows kiritaki to work with their provider to create a recovery plan that will better meet their individual needs. Support can include talk therapy, as well as rehabilitation services, and can be used in conjunction with group-based therapy and other services.
- Increased support after kiritaki have completed their recovery goals so they can maintain their progress for years to come.
- More effective tools to measure kiritaki progress and outcomes.

[Learn more about ACC's engagement activities to evolve the service](#)

MSD's Accessibility Fund Updates

Spaces still available for Disability Awareness Training



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As part of the Family and Sexual Violence Accessibility Fund initiative, MSD is offering an exciting opportunity for MSD-funded family violence and sexual violence (FV/SV) providers to participate in a disability training programme.

This introductory training is a great opportunity for staff to learn more about making services accessible for disabled people.

The training will be held virtually, and likely be over three two-hour sessions. MSD anticipates the training programme will commence in early 2025 and will confirm exact dates as soon as possible.

To sign up, please complete the Registration of Interest (ROI) below:

[Complete the Registration of Interest – Blueprint for Learning website](#)

There are limited spaces available, so register your interest now!

Please note, to be considered eligible for this training:

- Training participants must work for an MSD-funded family violence and sexual violence provider,
- The provider must have completed the online [Accessibility Self-Assessment](#) before applying for training. The Accessibility Self-Assessment aims to provide a better understanding of physical, digital, and information-based accessibility. To find out more, you can check out the [Accessibility Fund webpage](#).

Family Violence and Sexual Violence Accessibility Grant now closed for applications

MSD recently advertised a competitive grant funding opportunity for eligible MSD-funded family violence and sexual violence providers to improve the physical, digital, and information-based accessibility of their service/s.

The Accessibility Fund Grant opportunity is now closed for applications.

MSD is currently evaluating applications and anticipates notifying all applicants of their application outcome by early November 2024.

MSD will continue to share updates about the Accessibility Fund via the website and through the FV/SV sector newsletter, which you can subscribe to below:

[Subscribe to MSD's Family Violence and Sexual Violence Updates](#)

If you have any queries, please contact us at accessibilityfund@msd.govt.nz.

FVSV Prevention Work in Ethnically Diverse Communities

Ethnic Communities Violence Prevention (ECVP) is an MSD work programme dedicated to developing initiatives and resources to prevent family violence and sexual violence (FV/SV) in ethnically diverse communities in New Zealand.

ECVP aligns with Te Aorerekura (The National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence).

As part of this work programme, MSD has:

- engaged with ethnically diverse communities nationwide in 2023, both in-person and online, to understand family violence and sexual violence complexities and needs, and to introduce the ECVP work programme,
- launched two community-led initiatives: the Ethnic Communities Innovation Fund (ECIF) and the South Asian trial in Auckland,
- developed and translated FV/SV resources in collaboration with the ethnic FV/SV sector,
- collaborated with MSD's [Love Better campaign](#) to look at ways of engaging with young people from ethnically diverse communities,
- supported research on family violence and sexual violence in ethnically diverse communities.

Ethnic Communities Innovation Fund (ECIF)

The Ethnic Communities Innovation Fund (ECIF) is a one-year fund that supports 25 providers nationwide to address prevention in ethnically diverse communities. The providers cover a range of rural areas and urban centres and are able to reach a range of different groups including youth, disabled and Rainbow communities, men, women, and older people.

ECIF enables organisations supporting ethnically diverse communities to pilot tailored initiatives to address unique cultural and local needs. During the project, we will gather evidence, insights, and lessons to inform future family violence and sexual violence work with ethnically diverse communities.

South Asian Trials in Auckland



We know that South Asian groups experience some of the highest levels of family violence and sexual violence within ethnic communities. This project aims to support South Asian communities in Auckland by co-designing and trialling prevention initiatives with eight community partners.

The project also incorporates community mobilisation and capability building to enable the development of safe and effective prevention activities.

This approach will offer targeted, in-depth, and high-quality insights into the complexities of the experiences and the specific needs of South Asian communities. The insights from the trial can help inform future services supporting other ethnically diverse communities in New Zealand and help improve family violence and sexual violence prevention and response strategies.

Translated Ethnic FV Resource: ‘Our Culture, Our Pride: No Excuse for Abuse’



The ‘*Our Culture, Our Pride: No Excuse for Abuse*’ booklet helps to raise awareness of different forms of violence that can affect ethnically diverse communities and provides information on preventing family violence and accessing support.

MSD has updated, redesigned, and translated this resource into 10 languages with support from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Shakti, and Te Puna Aonui Ethnic Communities Network.

‘*Our Culture, Our Pride: No Excuse for Abuse*’ is available in ten languages:

- Hindi
- Punjabi
- Arabic
- Dari
- Farsi
- Simplified Chinese
- Korean



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- Spanish
- Tagalog
- English

All language versions of the booklets can be accessed online via the MSD website:

[Ethnic Communities Violence Prevention – MSD website](#)

Printed copies can be ordered by emailing us at MGC@msd.govt.nz. The booklet is free to order for all providers including ethnic, Māori, Pacific, and mainstream organisations.

Collaborating with MSD’s Love Better campaign to engage with ethnic youth

The ECVP work programme is collaborating with Love Better - MSD’s youth prevention campaign - to engage young people from ethnically diverse communities in FV/SV prevention.

This initiative focuses on delivering media content created by ethnically diverse people to promote safe and positive relationships. The ethnic youth campaign launched in September and will run for six months. Throughout this period, evidence will be gathered to inform prevention strategies for ethnically diverse youth.

As part of this collaboration with Love Better, young authors from ethnically diverse communities were invited to share their stories by writing short articles. In early August, articles on the complexities of relationships experienced by youth in New Zealand were published on the [Love Better website](#).

Research and insights into preventing violence in ethnically diverse communities

Due to the limited evidence research on violence and prevention in ethnically diverse communities, the ECVP work programme emphasises research to better inform our understanding of family violence and sexual violence in ethnically diverse communities. This will also help us to identify gaps and inform culturally responsive prevention and response strategies.

The work programme will deliver community-led research projects and quantitative and qualitative studies to address data and evidence gaps identified in previous literature reviews.

The ongoing monitoring, evaluation, research, and learning (MERL) will help build an evidence-based approach to improve the programme’s effectiveness and shape future policies and practices.

For the latest updates on MSD’s Ethnic Communities Violence Prevention work programme, check out the MSD website below.

[Ethnic Communities Violence Prevention Programme – MSD website](#)

For more information, please get in touch with the team at mgc@msd.govt.nz.



Love Better – Spirit of Service Innovation Award 2024

Love Better WINNER

Te Hāpai Hapori | Spirit of Service Awards 2024
Te Tohu Auaha Hou | Innovation Award. Celebrating new approaches or technologies that are creating positive change.

...a radical new approach to disrupt and/or shift harmful discourses and behaviours around relationships that affect young people [that] successfully created a shift in knowledge and attitudes.
Spirit of Service Awards Judges' citation

Background	Story so far		Impact on harm
<p>Love Better launched on 22 March 2023. Phase 1 focussed on breakups as a critical time for harm (including self-harm).</p> <p>Love Better seeks to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce experiences of coercive control and physical abuse Increase help-seeking if using or experiencing harmful behaviours Improve critical thinking abilities Increase emotional literacy, self-regulation and empathy Increase ability to identify and name harmful behaviours Increase ability to manage peer pressure both online and in real life Decrease attitudes that support the normalisation of harmful behaviour. <p>"Some really scarring things can happen and you can carry that trauma for the rest of your life into different relationships, so just learning how to cope with that and have the tools to help past behaviours not become future ones." Research participant</p>	<p>Huge youth engagement</p> <p>113 m Campaign impressions</p> <p>26.5 m Campaign engagements</p> <p>48% Of young Māori/Pasifika recall seeing the campaign</p> <p>"I think the content is great, it hits right where it needs to and is completely relatable for youth." Research participant</p> <p>Improved attitudes towards break ups</p> <p>82% think revenge is not acceptable (up 5 points since 2022)</p> <p>39% think break ups don't have to be bad (up 17 points since 2022)</p> <p>32% think it's not normal to do hurtful things (up 20 points since 2022)</p> <p>Equivalent to 119,000 young people less likely to be tempted to hurt others</p> <p>6% think break ups mean you've failed (down 7 points since 2022)</p>	<p>Positive impacts on mental health</p> <p>50% of young people think the campaign is helpful by making young people feel less alone.</p> <p>52% of young people think the campaign helps by encouraging young people to reach out.</p> <p>"Do not be afraid of talking about your relationship struggles, because we all experience them and discussing them should not be perceived as a taboo topic." Research participant</p> <p>Improved help-seeking</p> <p>76% Would seek help for break up difficulties (up 18 points since 2022)</p> <p>87% Know where to get help (up 18 points since 2022)</p> <p>Equivalent to 94,000 young people seeking / getting help</p> <p>Better break up experiences</p> <p>45% have had a bad break up (down 19 points since 2022)</p> <p>Equivalent to 111,000 better break ups</p>	<p>Over four in five young people experience some sort of harmful behaviour in a break up.</p> <p>Since the campaign, more young people are reporting harm - a positive indication that young people are improving their skills in recognising and labelling their experiences as harm.</p> <p>The biggest increases to harmful experiences are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health (up 16 points) Excessive jealousy (up 11 points) Reputational harm (up 11 points) Unhealthy drinking (up 7 points) <p>We expect these to decrease over time as the campaign continues.</p> <p>"Made me feel good that I now know what is a red flag in a relationship and knowing what to do when it happens." Research participant</p>

Love Better was the winner of the *Te Tohu Auaha Hou | Innovation Award* at the Spirit of Service Awards 2024.

The judges noted that Love Better is “a radical new approach to disrupt and/or shift harmful discourses and behaviours around relationships that affect young people [that] successfully created a shift in knowledge and attitudes.”

MSD is extremely proud to have won the award, and grateful to have this work recognised.

Love Better – Phase One Wrap-Up and Phase Two, “Love Creep”

MSD’s Love Better “Own the Feels” campaign ran from March 2023 until July 2024, and has demonstrated some extremely promising results, in terms of engagement (over 26.5 million engagements to date), sentiment (content prompted reflection around hurtful situations and harmful behaviours), and behaviour change (more young people would seek help, more

young people think revenge is not acceptable, more young people think it's not normal to do hurtful things in a break-up).

The Love Better website went live in July: www.lovebetter.org.nz

A full evaluation presentation is available on request to: lovebetter@msd.govt.nz



Phase Two of Love Better, “Love Creep”, was developed using research and evaluation, including research that shows young people in New Zealand are three times more likely than the general population to be victims of coercive control. This research also showed 68% of participants had experienced controlling behaviours but were often not able to discern between ‘poor behaviour’ and the pattern of behaviours that we call coercive control. Research indicated that young people want and need to know what coercive control sounds like, feels like, and looks like.

Love Creep is a digital experience that supports young people to understand that coercive control is a pattern of behaviour. It uses real stories of control experienced by, used by, or seen by young people, friends or family members and practitioners. These stories have been turned into a series of "love bites" and patterns of behaviour that people can listen to, and the digital experience allows them to make patterns based on their own experiences.

The digital experience can be accessed here: lovecreep.nz

The digital experience is also supported through our social pages on TikTok, Meta, YouTube and Snapchat, as well as partnerships with media and cinema to strengthen the message and deepen understanding of the topic. The social media content and out-of-home advertising (posters, digital screens) also went live in September.

MSD will continue to evaluate Love Better through our continued partnership with Verian and monitor usage (anonymously) of the digital experience and engagement with our social channels. Our Love Better helpline (run via Youthline) will continue its 24/7 support of young people. Youthline have received specific training on coercive control in preparation for this campaign.

You can read more about Love Better here: [Youth Campaign - Love Better - Ministry of Social Development \(msd.govt.nz\)](https://www.msd.govt.nz/youth-campaign-love-better)

Te Huringa o Te Ao – Supporting Men’s Behaviour Change Procurement Update

Te Huringa o Te Ao is a new family violence initiative that supports sustained behaviour change for men to restore whānau wellbeing.

Men often need help at different times in their lives, so Te Huringa o Te Ao offers a wide variety of culturally responsive, flexible support, to support men on their journeys of change and into the potential of healing.

Procurement Progress

The second tranche of procurement has been underway in the Tasman, Canterbury, Southern, Central, Eastern and Northland Police Districts. Stage two involves shortlisted providers attending a kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face) interview with a regional evaluation panel, during which providers have the opportunity to expand on their written response submitted for stage one of the evaluation.

MSD is now halfway through stage two, having held interviews in the Tasman, Canterbury, and Southern Police Districts. Interviews in the Central, Eastern and Northland Police Districts will be held in the coming weeks.

MSD is still on track to let providers know the outcomes of the interviews in December 2024.

As they near the end of the procurement, MSD wants to extend a big thanks to everyone who’s been involved. MSD had a huge response from providers wanting to be part of the Te Huringa o Te Ao initiative.

Design Engagements

MSD is continuing to work closely with the 41 providers selected in Tranche One to deliver behaviour change services for tāne (men).

Some of the 41 providers have chosen to embark on a full design journey to reimagine support services for tāne, while others are in various stages of testing, refining, and enhancing their service concepts to better align with the Te Huringa o Te Ao framework.

As they progress through these stages, MSD remains committed to ensuring a collaborative and inclusive approach, engaging with providers and stakeholders to ensure the success of this initiative. MSD will continue to provide updates as the work advances.

MSD-Funded Abuse of Older People Research Symposium



On 3 September 2024, the University of Auckland | Waipapa Taumata Rau brought together experts, researchers, and policymakers at a full day symposium co-hosted by the New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse and the Ministry of Social Development | Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora.

This event took an in-depth look at the main concerns relating to the abuse of older people in Aotearoa, New Zealand. With expert led speaker panels and interactive workshops, attendees tackled four crucial themes: how we understand and measure abuse, the impact of inequities and intersectional identities, barriers and challenges in practice, and bold aspirations for wellbeing and hauora. The conversations sparked fresh thinking, opened doors for collaboration, and set the stage for meaningful change.



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Videos and slides from the day's presentations are available here:

[Abuse of older people research symposium – Exploring current state of knowledge and critical gaps | New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse \(nzfvc.org.nz\)](#)

ECLIPSE Family Violence Jobs Board

ECLIPSE Family Violence Services have a new jobs board on their website, highlighting roles that are currently available for family violence professionals.

They currently have three roles available – check out their website below and sign up to receive regular updates when new positions are posted.

[Family Violence Jobs | ECLIPSE](#)

About Te Puna Aonui

[Te Puna Aonui](#) brings government agencies together to align whole-of-government strategy, policy, and investment to eliminate family violence and sexual violence. The Board is supported by a small Business Unit that coordinates the collective actions of government agencies.

Te Puna Aonui includes:

- [Ara Poutama Department of Corrections](#)
- [Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga Ministry of Education](#)
- [Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health](#)
- [Te Tāhū or te Ture Ministry of Justice](#)
- [Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora Ministry of Social Development](#)
- [Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa New Zealand Police](#)
- [Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children](#)
- [Te Puni Kokiri Ministry of Māori Development](#)
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