

## Te Puna Aonui Pānui

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



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the February Pānui from Te Puna Aonui, providing you with some highlights across the family violence and sexual violence work of government, providers, and the community.

As you know, we launched the [second Action Plan for Te Aorerekura](#) in December last year.

The second Action Plan takes a different approach to the first Plan and is centred on Government doing fewer things more comprehensively. There is a lot to do, and this Action Plan focuses on where the greatest difference can be made.

To achieve rapid progress, agencies will start working to improve three of these focus areas during the first two years:

- investing and commissioning well
- keeping people safe through effective multi-agency responses in the regions
- stopping violence by holding people to account and supporting them to change their behaviour.

Agencies will also continue to deliver services and programmes in support of the remaining four focus areas:

- protecting children and young people
- strengthening workforces
- taking action on sexual violence
- preventing violence.

There is a lot of work across Government that will continue, such as a single-entry platform for sexual violence services, concerning sexual ideation and harmful sexual behaviour services, and elder abuse response services. The phased approach to this plan means we will have an opportunity to review its scope after 2 years and potentially bring in new and different areas of focus for the final 3 years.

You can see the livestream of the event here: <https://youtube.com/live/K0DaT8JzLww>.

In January I went to Te Puna Aonui in the Justice Centre to learn more about the work that is underway to strengthen the capability and capacity of the workforces.



*Minister Chhour with Workforce Strategy Manager Susana Lepoamo, and Director Māori and Community Partnerships, Te Pare Meihana.*

Susana Lepoamo, Manager of Workforce Strategy, led the event - talking through the plans for the next five years of workforce development as the second Action Plan from Te Aorerekura officially kicks off. This work includes the Risk and Safety Practice Framework, micro-credentials to train and upskill workers on the frontline within government agencies and non-government organisations, ensuring consistent best practice nation-wide, and more.



*Minister Chhour with the people of Te Puna Aonui, including Chief Executive Emma Powell, pictured in green, bottom right.*

I have a busy schedule lined up this year, and I hope to meet with a large range of providers and agencies in-person to hear their progress, stories, and updates as we work together to achieve the greatest impact.

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. We have a busy year ahead of us, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together.

Ngā mihi nui,

Hon Karen Chhour

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

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## Royal Commission of Inquiry - Fund to better recognise and support survivors

On 19 February, Ministers [announced](#) a fund to honour those who died in care and are buried in unmarked graves, and strengthen survivor-led initiatives that support those in need.

The fund responds to recommendations 5, 19 and 20 of [Whanaketia](#).

Applications can be submitted at [www.communitymatters.govt.nz](http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz)

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## Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (ANZASW) Training



ANZASW is a professional body for social workers in Aotearoa New Zealand. 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 are designed to equip social workers with the knowledge and skills to recognise family violence, respond, and refer people to 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.

**Applications are open for their Family Violence online training, starting in March.**

These modules are free for everyone who is interested, and can be found on the ANZASW website: [ANZASW E-Learn](#)

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## **Te Aorerekura Action Plan (2025-2030) – Meet with Te Puna Aonui**

Following the December launch of the [Te Aorerekura Action Plan \(2025-2030\)](#), Te Puna Aonui is available to come and speak with you and your teams about the work to implement the Action Plan and how you could be involved.

Please email us at [contact@tepunaaonui.govt.nz](mailto:contact@tepunaaonui.govt.nz) if you would like to arrange a meeting, either in-person or online.

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## **Updates from ACC**

### **Applications are open for providers wanting to work on Sensitive Claims Service**

Named service providers who would like to apply to deliver services under ACC's Sensitive Claims Service can now apply online.

The application is for those who have not yet applied. In addition, existing Sensitive Claims Service named service providers can make changes and/or add services to their current approval.

Named service providers are providers who deliver counselling services, as defined by the Accident Insurance ("Counsellor") Regulations 1999. This applies to the following professions: psychiatrists, psychologists, psychotherapists, counsellors, and social workers delivering counselling services.

To deliver services to kiritaki (clients), named service providers must first apply and be approved by ACC, and be named on a supplier's Sensitive Claims Service contract.

### **How to apply as a new named service provider:**

1. Complete the online application form, and
2. Complete the ACC6243 form.

[Apply now](#)

For more information about ACC's Sensitive Claims Service, please visit <https://www.acc.co.nz/sensitive-claims>.

### **Kaupapa Māori solutions test brings korowai of support to Tāmaki Makaurau**

In their continuous efforts to prevent harm, and improve access, experience and outcomes for Māori, ACC is proud to be progressing their newest kaupapa Māori design to support whānau in Tāmaki Makaurau.

For the last two years, ACC has been partnering with a panel of kaupapa Māori specialists in Tāmaki Makaurau rohe (Auckland region) to design culturally grounded options for whānau who have experienced complex injuries, including whānau who have experienced sexual violence.



From Monday 3 February, the suite of services, called Haerenga Motuhake, will enter a 12-month 'test and learn' phase. While in the test phase there are limitations on capacity, and all referrals into this service will be generated by the provider, Te Ahi Kaa.

For more information on Haerenga Motuhake, please visit the

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### **A Place to Talk Peacefully – Webinar with Emma Powell and Dr. Claire Achmad**

On Tuesday 28 January, Children's Commissioner Dr Claire Achmad and Te Puna Aonui Chief Executive Emma Powell hosted an online discussion to share key insights from children and young people about what helps and hinders healing from family violence and sexual violence.

This kōrero focused on the findings from the report on children's voices that was released in November, ["A place to talk peacefully: Mokopuna voices on healing from family violence and sexual violence in Aotearoa"](#).

The webinar was an hour long, and you can see it on YouTube here: [A Discussion of: 'A Place to Talk Peacefully': Mana Mokopuna Voices Report](#)

## **Family Violence and Sexual Violence - The Intersection, Practice and Systems Guidelines and Tools Workshop**

**Where:** Wellington

**When:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Who:** Louise Nicholas and Debbs Murray

**Why:** To explore the intersection of sexual violence in the context of family violence to inform practice response

This **Family and Sexual Violence - The Intersection, Practice and Systems Guidelines and Tools** workshop will see Louise and Debbs take you on a powerful journey into their combined lived experiences of both sexual violence and family violence. The sharing of these real and raw experiences will unquestionably support greater understanding of appropriately informed practice response and provide guidelines to our practitioners and responders on the frontline of family and sexual violence.

By combining Louise and Debbs' lived experience of both family violence and sexual violence, with their specialist practice knowledge, skills and capability, the true position of sexual violence in family violence perpetration will be exposed. With an increase in awareness of indicators of sexual violence within family violence, the intersection between the two can no longer be overlooked. Sexual violence can be, and is, a form of family violence, and with increased practitioner knowledge, the voices of our primary victims of family and sexual violence will be raised.

Through attending this course you'll:

- obtain a deeper understanding of both sexual violence and family violence indicators and impacts
- learn about current and relevant sexual violence and family violence legislation, court processes, and effective support strategies
- obtain a deeper understanding of sexual violence in the context of family violence and how this is often missed, minimised or misunderstood as family violence
- gain understanding of coercive control as a tactic to coerce primary victims of family violence into acts of sexual violence
- develop knowledge of resistance strategies and how victims resist family violence and sexual violence through acts of active submission and active compliance
- be provided with practice tools and guidelines developed by victim-survivors and that are embedded with and informed by the voice of lived experience of family violence.

This training course aligns with the principles of Te Aorerekura: National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence.

The link to register for this workshop is [here](#)

This workshop is available for private organisations also, if you are interested in Louise and Debbs coming to your area to provide the workshop specifically to your organisation or network, please email [enquiries@eclipsefamilyviolenceservices.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@eclipsefamilyviolenceservices.co.nz) to discuss. The availability of private workshops dates will be limited.

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## About Te Puna Aonui

[Te Puna Aonui](#) is the Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence. Te Puna Aonui brings agencies together to align government strategy, policy, and investment. 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](#)
- [Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare ACC](#)

[Te Tari O Te Pirimia Me Te Komiti Matau](#) (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet), [Manatū Wāhine](#) (Ministry for Women), [Te Manatū mō Ngā Iwi o Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa](#) (Ministry of Pacific Peoples) and [Te Tari Mātāwaka](#) (the Ministry for Ethnic Communities) are associate agencies of Te Puna Aonui.

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