



21 November 2023

Tēnā koe

On 20 October 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *...a summary of all of the courts funding and allocation to which departments/ initiatives. [and what services they offer]*
- *the date of this approval and the date for the next round of applications and relevant links to apply.*

The Ministry funded Court Support Service (the Service) is designed to find organisations who provide psychosocial support to survivors of sexual violence and their whānau as they navigate the criminal justice system.

Further information on the background of the service can be found here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/family-and-sexual-violence/specialist-services/court-support-service.html.

In addition, details on the current service guidelines around what is expected of organisations to deliver the service can be found here: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/service-guidelines/court-support-service-guidelines.pdf

Please see below **Appendix One**, which contains a detailed breakdown of how the service was rolled out across the country in four phases. Phase One was in 2020. The seven organisations who were funded to deliver the Service in Phase One were first paid in 2020, and their contracts continued from that point.

The costing for Court Support is \$131,722.75 per full time equivalent (FTE). There is currently no further funding available for the service and current contracts are in place until June 2025. It is likely that the next round of applications will be in 2025.

When funding opportunities do arise, they are listed on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS). You can find the link to the GETS website here: www.gets.govt.nz/ExternalIndex.htm

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mark Henderson
General Manager
Safe Strong Families and Communities

Appendix One: Court Support Service rollout, broken down by provider, region, and phase.

| Providers | Regions | Phase One ¹ 2020 | Phase Two 2021 | Phase Three 2022 | Phase Four 2023 | Total FTE |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Whangārei Rape Crisis | Te Tai Tokerau | 0.75 | | | | 1 |
| Auckland Sexual Abuse HELP Foundation | Auckland | 1.5 | | | | 2 |
| Counselling Services Centre | Auckland | 0.75 | | | | 1 |
| Tu Wahine Trust | Auckland | 0.75 | | | | 1 |
| Te Whare Ruruhou O Meri Trust | Auckland | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Wellington Sexual Abuse HELP | Wellington | 0.75 | | | | 1 |
| Wellington Rape Crisis | Wellington | 0.75 | | 1 | | 2 |
| AVIVA | Christchurch | 0.75 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Tautoko Mai | Waikato and Bay of Plenty | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Midlands Sexual Assault Support Services | Waikato | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Abuse and Rape Crisis Support Services | Central | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Ōtepoti Collective Against Sexual Abuse | Southern | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Gisborne Rape Crisis | Eastern | | | 1 | | 1 |
| SASH | Tasman | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Mid South Island Women's Refuge | Canterbury | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Whangarei Safe and Free | Central | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Southland Help | Southern | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total FTE | | 6 (8 for a full year) | 6 | 5 | 2 | 21 |

¹ Please note the .75 reflects that the organisations weren't funded for a full FTE in their first year due to the contract being just under one year.