



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

24 June 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2024, requesting information about the Ministry of Social Development's (the Ministry) risk assessment tools. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The risk assessment tool referred to in the document you provided us in your original email, published by the External Reporting Board, is from 2018. The Ministry were unable to locate this document, and it is no longer in use.

It may be helpful if I explain some of the key Ministry business groups who are typically involved in the procurement and management of funding to non-government organisations.

Procurement

The Ministry's Service Contracts and Management team, sit within our Māori, Communities and Partnership group, and are responsible for managing a range of contracts with service providers and partners.

The Ministry's procurement of goods and services through existing arrangements, conditional grants, funding agreements, and contractors and consultants is guided by the Government's Rules of Procurement, which you can find more information here: <https://www.procurement.govt.nz/procurement/principles-charter-and-rules/government-procurement-rules/>, and aligns with the [Government Procurement Charter](#). The Ministry follow these processes as part of its due diligence.

Accreditation

Accreditation provides assurance that organisations can safely deliver social services to their community. Te Kāhui Kāhu accredits or approves social service providers on behalf of six Government agencies, including the Ministry.

Providers are assigned an accreditation level according to the type of service being delivered and assessed against a suite of Social Sector Accreditation Standards for that level.

Information about Te Kāhui Kāhu's role, their process and accreditation standards used to conduct assessments is available on the [Te Kāhui Kāhu](#) website.

More information that may be helpful to you can be found at the following links:

- <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/suppliers/index.html>
- <https://www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/providers/index.html>.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details removed, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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

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