



7 November 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 25 September, requesting information about family violence related funding in Porirua.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

- 1. Can you tell me how many organisations or projects in Porirua receive MSD funding? (I'm told it is 68 orgs) If possible, can you list orgs that receive funding? How much funding is pumped into organisations in Porirua? Is there any auditing or performance reporting to understand if each project or organisation is delivering on the funding they receive?*

Please see the attached **Appendix One**, containing a **Table** showing the current contracts related to family violence programmes in the Porirua Territorial Authority. This table contains the service type, funding amount, and reporting measures.

The Ministry also contracts the National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges (NCIWR) to support provision of services through 41 affiliated women's refuges across New Zealand, including the following two Porirua-based refuges:

- Te Whare Tiaki Wahine Womens Refuge – ki Porirua
- Whare Manaaki Incorporated

As the Ministry's contract with NCIWR covers the whole of New Zealand we are providing you with the funding information for the above-mentioned refuges in **Appendix Two** detailed in **Table One** and **Table Two**.

Under the NCIWR contract, quarterly reporting is required for client outcomes and standard contractual reporting, including overview of the client and affiliated refuge's feedback. Annual reporting is required for a narrative report on client outcomes and a workforce report.

- 2. In particular, I understand the Whanau Centre received MSD funding to set up a PSO house in Tawa. (For public safety incidents, women who are in DV relationships, etc etc) I would like any information MSD holds about its operation.*
 - a. How much did MSD provide to the Whanau Centre to set up this house?*
 - b. When did it open?*
 - c. What are the opening hours of the house?*

- d. *How many police referrals has the house had since it opened? (My understanding is it has had close to zero from police)*
e. *Is there any auditing or performance reporting related to this funding?*

The Ministry provided Porirua Whānau Centre with funding of \$200,000 from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2024 to establish Karewa He Whare Whakaruruhau, a safe place of temporary residence for tane (men) subject to Police Safety Order (PSO). This funding also initially supported Karewa He Whare Whakaruruhau to assess and addressing, in terms of family violence, the needs of tane staying at the house and those of their whānau.

Porirua Whānau Centre opened Karewa He Whare Whakaruruhau in May 2023. The house is 'open' from 5:00pm – 9:00am so tane can stay overnight but they vacate the premises in the morning. Our understanding is that Porirua Whānau Centre have received 68 referrals since opening through both the Police Awhi System and self-referrals.

The Ministry is not currently providing any ongoing funding to support work undertaken through Karewa He Whare Whakaruruhau.

Please see the attached **Appendix Three** containing the Porirua Whanau Centre Trust Narrative report for the reporting period 1 January 2023 – 30 June 2024. All providers are required to complete performance reporting.

3. *Can you also tell me how many staff MSD has working specifically in Porirua?*

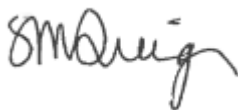
Porirua has 33 Ministry staff. The Wellington Region has one Family Violence Response Coordinator (FVRC), and Porirua has one Integrated Services Case Manager (ISCM) who connects with Police in Safety Assessment Meetings (SAM) and inter-agencies around family harm.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, 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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Appendix Two

Table One: FTE and cost breakdown for Porirua-based refuges provided via the National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges contract

Women's Refuge	FTE funded by this contract	Rate	Total Per Annum
Te Whare Tiaki Wahine Refuge	4	\$136,000	\$544,000
Whare Manaaki Inc	4	\$136,000	\$544,000

Table Two: Additional funding allocation for social worker pay equity for Porirua-based refuges provided via the National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges contract

Women's Refuge	FTE funded by this contract	F2023/24	F2024/25	F2025/26	F2026/27 and out years
Te Whare Tiaki Wahine Refuge	4	\$77,500	\$90,912	\$102,178	\$112,106
Whare Manaaki Inc	4	\$77,500	\$90,912	\$102,178	\$112,106

Porirua Whānau Centre Trust - Narrative report

Reporting period: 1 January 2023 - 30 June 2024

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Report details

Narrative Report is in 'Completed' status as of 29 Jul 2024 12:38.

Tags

KSO- Heni FAC

Outcomes and impacts

If you had to change your planned activities from our original agreement, please tell us what changed and why

N/A

Explain how your mahi contributes to improved outcomes

One on one counseling and group hui support behaviour changes. The mahi we have provide to support wahine and tamariki improve better outcomes. We have found a whānau approach provides a more long term solution.

What were the positive intended impacts of your work?

The supports we placed around tane and whānau has provided a safe place to come without judgement. Tane support each other, and have build relationships that encourage changed behaviour that violence isn't the answer. Our ECE has provided respite for mum and this has assisted in allowing time for couples counselling.

What were the positive unintended impacts?

We have been able to divert rangatahi from the justice system and refereed them into another one of our programmes that has provided them with a pathway to meaningful jobs. Providing BFC, budgeting has helped reduce stress levels and changed priorities.

Were there any negative impacts?

We believe a 24/7 accommodation programme is a better answer. We would get referrals from police to our PSO house but the tane wouldn't turn up for the assessment and we would have to chase them up. The process would be a lot easier if Police could bring the tane directly to the accommodation as in a 24/7 facility.

Kahukura and leadership

Describe how the leadership of your group or organisation has developed during the life of this contract

Leadership has expanded to cover a more direct response with a 24 hour triage referral response. Our response has included referrals through our networks that encourage positive outcomes.

Describe how you are supporting kahukura (leaders) in your community to develop and model leadership behaviours

We build on the mana of others supporting nurturing and challenging how we do things to manaaki our tane and whānau. Its work in progress but strengthens our networks and community

Partnerships and networks

Please describe your relationship with organisations who you have collaborated/worked with for this initiative

Police, Tiaki refuge (Maori women's refuge), Te Āhuru Mōwai, Awarua Te Pakihi Māori o Porirua

Did you develop any new partnerships? How strong are these relationships?

Our relationship with police has strengthen

How well have you worked together with your partners?

We hold the FV co Ordinator role for Porirua for the past 14 years. We are contracted to work with 50 organisations that play a part in reducing FV. Currently we have 72 registrations.

Describe your relationship with E Tū Whānau Kaimahi

Our partnership with E Tu Whānau has been long standing they understand the values of a Māori world view and supports that are required to engage with whānau which can often be seen as unconventional but are effective in breaking down barriers.

Organisational development

Overall, what progress are you making to realise your organisational vision, and what more can we do to support you?

We are always looking to enhance our whānau support, continuing to support our programmes with the funding we receive ensures we can continue to run the programmes that make a difference in the lives of our whānau.

Resources and supports

How do you use E Tū Whānau resources in your mahi/work?

We often use E Tu Whānau videos and printed resources in our hui across multiple programmes we run, with our kaumatua, rangatahi, tamariki tane, wahine and wider whānau. Even the fans are useful at events.

How useful are our E Tū Whānau resources (booklets, posters, toolkits, etc)?

We have a good supply so we can give them out at different events we hold, like the daddy daughter breakfast run on white ribbon week. Fathers and daughters join us for breakfast after the guest speaker the fathers stand to take the pledge in front of their daughters. It is symbolic that these hands will not be used for violence. Creekfest is another example of when we hand out resources.

What new resources would be effective for you or in your community? Why?

Not sure haven't really thought about it, we will raise at the next FV network hui

Overall

We love your work. What have you learned that you could share with other communities who are involved in the E Tū Whānau kaupapa?

E Tu Whānau understand a Māori world view, what Māori value and how Māori engage. This understanding breaks downs barriers generally trust issues - that than can open the door to participation and engagement that change behaviours that support positive outcomes for whānau

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