



Privacy Statement

It is important we tell you why we collect your information and what we will do with it.

Why we collect information

We collect the information you give us so we can:

- assess and respond to claims of abuse from people who were in the care, custody, guardianship, or came to the notice of Child Youth and Family, Department of Social Welfare or Child Welfare before 1 April 2017
- provide you with information about your time in care
- share information to support other organisations to keep children today and in the future safe
- complete research and policy work.

The information is held securely by the Ministry of Social Development. You do not have to give us information, but if you do not give us all the information we require we may not be able to assess your claim or parts of it.

Who we may share information with (and why)

- Other agencies or Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) who were involved in your care to gather information to help us assess and respond to your claim or so they can respond to relevant parts of your claim.
- Other government agencies or NGOs, Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children and the New Zealand Police to support them to protect children and young people and prevent similar events happening to others.
- An individual you have raised concerns about (eg if that person is a Ministry of Social Development staff member, or if your claim is progressing towards a trial and the person you have raised concerns about may be required to give evidence in court).

The right to access and correct your information

You can access and correct the information we hold about you. If we disagree that the information is incorrect, you can request to have a statement of correction attached to the information explaining why.



Please refer to the Ministry of Social Development's Historic Claims fact sheet [Your Information Is Important](https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/historic-claims) at www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/historic-claims