



Joint Venture E-Update

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Introduction from Hon Marama Davidson

Kia ora koutou

I hope you have all had an enjoyable start to 2022.

Last year, we launched Te Aorerekura – [the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence](#). The Strategy and Action Plan sets a framework for our collective action, building on the important work that all of us are doing to improve the people's wellbeing. Our next step is all about the implementation and delivery of Te Aorerekura, ensuring that the promise and potential that this strategy commits to this work, delivers practical change for those impacted by family violence and sexual violence.

We are already 2 months into the New Year, with those in the Joint Venture agencies engaging with each-other and with communities to agree how best to lead, coordinate and deliver Te Aorerekura. In this newsletter, you'll see information about how this work will progress.

Last year I also announced that the Joint Venture would be replaced in 2022 with a new [Interdepartmental Executive Board \(IEB\)](#). There is a lot of work being done to give effect to this new structure. I'm really excited for this to come to fruition, as it sets in place the mechanism needed to enable the collaborative responses, clear roles and responsibilities required to deliver Te Aorerekura.

The Integrated Community-led Responses (ICR) programme has been turning attention to the implementation of the Strategy, this includes the ways of working that are relationship based, community-led and government supported.

Before Christmas, we opened nominations for the [Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group](#). The purpose of the group is to provide independent advice to me as the Minister. This is an important



opportunity for Māori to work closely with us to implement Te Aorerekura so please ensure you get those nominations in before closing at 5pm today. Email: kaitiakiroopuu@nnsvs.org.nz

In other news, with the current rise in COVID-19 Omicron cases it's important that we [continue sharing accurate safety messaging and information on what services are available for them](#). Joint Venture staff and I continue to meet with the community sectors to enable appropriate responses to those impacted by violence during the COVID-19 response.

Finally, I want to encourage you all to take up the opportunities to engage with the Joint Venture and government agencies in the months ahead as they work to prioritise the actions in the Action Plan and agree how best to work with those in communities.

Marama Davidson

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

New research sheds light on victimisation in families

New research from the Ministry of Justice has informed a report investigating people's experiences of offending by family members and controlling behaviours by intimate partners.

The report – *Patterns of Victimisation by Family Members and Help-seeking by Victims* – is based on the New Zealand Crime and Victims Surveys of 2018–2020 conducted by the Ministry of Justice.

Compared to the New Zealand average of 2.2%, women (3.2%) and Māori (4.7%) adults were more likely to experience offending by family members.

Also, compared against the average, adults who were separated (13.1%) or non-partnered at the time of an interview (4.1%) were significantly more likely to experience offending by family members.

Young people aged 15–29 were also significantly more likely to experiencing offending and controlling behaviours by intimate partners than 30–64 year-olds.

For adults who experienced offending by family members, 43% were offended against by a partner, 27% were offended against by an ex-partner and 38% were offended against by another family member(s). The total exceeds 100% as a victim may be offended against by more than one person.

Adult households with one or more children were twice as likely to experience offending by family members than adults who had no children living at home.

The report can be found under the [research section of the Ministry of Justice's website](#).



Te Aorerekura implementation planning

After successfully launching [Te Aorerekura and the Action Plan](#) last December, we're now working out how Joint Venture agencies will deliver the 40 actions we've committed to achieving over the next two years.

This detail will help us shape up an implementation plan for us to move forward and bring Te Aorerekura into life with real action and sustainable change.

We know that central to our success is our ability to work together and our willingness to work differently. The implementation plan will outline how the Joint Venture will work in partnership with tangata whenua, communities and the family violence and sexual violence sectors. This will help us recognise, build on and strengthen relationships that exist between communities and agencies to give effect to the ways communities are already working.

At the system level, our collective focus over the next 6-12 months will be on:

- Building workforce capability across all workforces from frontline responses, to support within the system, and specialist interventions that can meet the needs of a range of people and communities
- Strengthening our focus on prevention through expanding family violence and sexual violence prevention activities
- Developing impact measures to provide a picture of people's experience and also to track system change over time.
- Developing and expanding community-led responses through collective ownership of solutions, support and resourcing for integrated community-led responses

Through this planning, we're also identifying the connections between the six shifts in the strategy and these actions, to understand any relationships between actions. For example, there may be some actions we need to deliver first, before others can be achieved. The implementation plan explains these relationships in a practical way so we can keep them front of mind, focus our efforts and get this work right.

ICR work and engagements

Integrated Community-led Responses ([ICR](#)) are a key element of Te Aorerekura that enable communities, Iwi, non-government and government organisations to work together in a way that is relational based, community-led and government supported to provide whānau-centred services to people at risk of or impacted by family violence.

The ICR programme ultimately aims to bring the values and principles of Te Aorerekura to life and ensure everyone at risk of or impacted by family violence can access an effective, evidence-based, integrated community-led wellbeing response regardless of where they live.

This means being responsive to the needs of different people in each community or across communities, address all aspects of their safety and wellbeing, and align to the [tokotoru model](#) to support strengthening, responding, and healing.



In Aotearoa, a community-led response in **Tairāwhiti** has shown a 19% reduction in family violence harm. In **Counties Manukau**, a community-led response has shown a 15% reduction in harm. An evaluation of [Integrated Safety Responses](#) (ISR) has shown an 18% reduction in family violence re-victimisation for Māori impacted by violence living within the ISR localities.

To build on this work, the ICR Programme will play a lead role in delivering Action 2 of the Action plan: to integrate community-led responses between agencies. It will also support the delivery of actions across the six key shifts to enhance relational commissioning and workforce capability, develop prevention initiatives and scaled community responses, and contribute to a learning system across family violence and sexual violence sectors.

This includes:

- Working with communities and localities to build their capability in a way that aligns with the ICR attributes – and aligning Government investment and activities behind this purpose (Action 10)
- Enabling the sharing of insights and good practice across the sector – such that each community is able to test, learn and improve based on the benefit of shared knowledge
- Identifying and addressing system settings that hamper the effectiveness of current community responses – in particular, supporting a shift to a relational approach to commissioning (Actions 29, 30, 33).

The ICR programme team, together with Joint Venture agencies have developed these aspirational attributes to guide their work in delivering Te Aorerekura:

1. Focus on communities: Focusing on individuals and whanau at risk of, experiencing or impacted by family violence
2. Whanau centred: Taking a relational approach to make it easier for whanau to access the services and supports they need
3. Community-led: Governed by community leaders and supported by government
4. Holistic safety and wellbeing: Giving effect to the tokotoru model with a holistic view of wellbeing
5. Collaboration and information sharing: Enabled by inter-agency collaboration and information sharing at a local, regional, and national levels across government, iwi, NGOs.

To expand this work across Aotearoa will require collaboration and leadership at local, regional and national levels to realise their full potential. While these attributes provide a foundation to support effective community-led solutions, the way in which each community gives effect to these attributes will look different from one locality to another.



Reminder: Tangata Whenua Advisory Group nominations

In our last E-Update we announced the call for nominations for the Tangata Whenua Advisory Group. The appointees to the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group will work with Hon Marama Davidson Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence.

The Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group will:

- Align with the National Strategy, Te Aorerekura, by supporting the development and implementation of intergenerational focussed strategies.
- Provide advice to ensure that a te ao Māori lens is interwoven into the fabric of the National Strategy and action plans
- Have the skills and expertise to offer strategic advice on the design and implementation of government family violence and sexual violence policies and initiatives that impact on whānau, hapū, iwi and hāpori Māori.
- Be a representative voice for whānau, hapū, and hāpori.
- Leverage relationships with relevant kaupapa Māori networks and/or organisations and connect across sectors.

To nominate a person for the Tangata Whenua Rōpū, please complete the following nomination form and email to kaitiakiroopuu@nnsvs.org.nz.

Nomination form: [Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group \[DOCX, 46 KB\]](#)

Nominations close at 5pm today (Monday 28 February 2022).

View the Terms of Reference: [Terms of Reference – Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group \[DOCX, 64 KB\]](#)

The Office for Seniors Elder Abuse Prevention Fund is now open

The Office for Seniors Elder Abuse Prevention Fund is now open and accepting applications. We have received \$200,000 from the Joint Venture for Family Violence and Sexual Violence to fund projects that focus on violence prevention needs within the older population (aged 65+) in New Zealand.

We will give priority to projects and initiatives that:

- Show collaboration with other organisations and community groups
- Include diverse communities within the older population (65+) including Māori, Pacific, ethnic, rainbow, and disabled communities.

Groups with legal status can apply for a grant of up to \$25,000. Applications close 1 April 2022. You can find more about the fund, eligibility criteria and application process here: [Elder Abuse Prevention Fund | Te Tari Kaumātua](#).

Need help or more information?

You can contact the Office for Seniors at ofs@msd.govt.nz before completing an application form to discuss your project proposal.



Updated safety messaging for COVID-19

Safety Messages for wide distribution

As COVID-19 spreads in communities, it's important for people to know help is available to anyone affected by family violence or sexual violence. Please use your channels to connect people with helping agencies.

Top line messages:

- Crisis services are open
- Family violence and sexual violence support lines are open for people to call, email or text
- If someone is in danger call Police on **111**
- When dialling 111 follow the operator's instructions if you can't speak

If you or someone else is in danger, call the Police on 111. Police take family violence and sexual abuse seriously.

If you can't call for help, get out of the house, and ask a neighbour or someone else to call 111.

If you can't speak when dialling 111, follow the operator's instructions.

Sexual assault includes unwanted sexual contact made using coercion, intimidation, threats or the use of force, or when you were intoxicated and could not say no. Child sexual abuse includes exposing a child under 16 to any sexual acts or sexual material.

If you're hurting someone or worried about what you might do

If you are getting help or have previously got help for behaviour that worries you and others, reach out as there is still help available. If you are worried about your behaviour and those close to you feel frightened of you, reach out and ask for help.

Help is available through:

- [Safe to Talk](#) sexual harm helpline 0800 044 334, text 4334, email support@safetotalk.nz
- Family violence help line 0800 456 450 9am-11pm 7 days a week
- [Women's Refuge](#) – 0800 733 843, info@refuge.org.nz, or Facebook message
- [Shine domestic abuse services](#) free call 0508 744 633
- Rape Crisis 0800 883 300
- [1737, Need to talk?](#) Free call or text 1737 for mental health support from a trained counsellor
- [Hey Bro helpline](#) – supporting men to be free from violence 0800 HeyBro (439 276)
- [Oranga Tamariki line](#) for concerns about children and young people 0508 326 459, email: contact@ot.govt.nz
- [Youthline](#) – 0800 376 633, free text 234, email talk@youthline.co.nz, webchat <https://www.youthline.co.nz/web-chat-counselling.html>
- Shakti – for migrant and refugee women 0800 742 584 – available 24 hours
- Elder Abuse Helpline 0800 326 6865 – available 24 hours



- Look for this symbol  at the bottom on websites like The Warehouse, TradeMe, Countdown and others including the Joint Venture website, www.violencefree.govt.nz – these shielded sites let you safely contact Women’s Refuge.

About the Joint Venture

Nine core agencies make up the Joint Venture (JV) to provide cross-agency leadership who is committed to delivering meaningful change in responses to family violence and sexual violence.

The Joint Venture agencies are:

- **Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare** (Accident Compensation Corporation)
- **Ara Poutama Aotearoa** (Department of Corrections)
- **Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga** (Ministry of Education)
- **Manatū Hauora** (Ministry of Health)
- **Tāhū o 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 Kōkiri** (Ministry of Māori Development)

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) are associate agencies of the Joint Venture.

The agencies aim to stop the intergenerational nature of family violence and sexual violence, improve our Māori-Crown partnership associated with this violence, and transform how Government operates.

The JV reports to the Minister for Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson.

For more information, visit the [Violence Free website](http://www.violencefree.govt.nz) or contact us at familyandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz.