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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email, received on 24 March 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on contracts for youth services in Ashburton District. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have responded to each part of your request below.

A list of any psychosocial and youth development services specifically contracted of falling within scope of wider contracts from Oranga Tamariki to Ashburton District service provider in the 2025-26 year (excluding Safer Mid Canterbury as this information is available for the research already) targeting 10–24-year-olds. For each of these services, I also request (with thanks) the following details:

- *Target age range of tamariki / rangatahi who can access the service*
- *The name of the service provider*
- *Whether based only in Ashburton or whether outreach-based across the district*

Oranga Tamariki has seven contracted services available in Ashburton District for 10- to 24-year-olds. The providers of these services are listed below:

- Ashburton Safer Community Trust Board T/A Safer Mid Canterbury
- Presbyterian Support Upper South Island
- Stopping Violence Services Christchurch Incorporated
- Christchurch Methodist Mission
- Emerge Aotearoa Limited
- Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury
- STOP.

Please find attached as **Appendix One**, the name of providers, the target range of the tamariki and rangatahi who can access the service, and a provider service description. Also included is information on whether the provider services are Ashburton-based only or whether they provide services across the district.

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- *A brief summary of the service scope, needs targeted, referral pathway, mode of delivery and whether it is high, medium or low intensity*

The information that you have requested does not exist in summary form, as it varies from service to service. Collating this information cannot be done without manual effort which would divert staff from being able to deliver core Oranga Tamariki business. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be provided without substantial manual effort.

Some information that is relevant to this part of your request, however, is included in **Appendix One** referred to above. In addition, information regarding Oranga Tamariki service specifications are publicly available on our website, [here](#).

The total amount of Oranga Tamariki 2025-26 contract for service funding to not for profit organisations based in Ashburton District for service delivery in that district, specific to young people aged 10-24 years.

In the 2025/26 financial year, Oranga Tamariki has contracted services from not-for-profit organisations based in Ashburton District, for people aged 10-24 years, to a total amount of \$3,792,442.23

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Oranga Tamariki contracted Services available in Ashburton District for 10-24 year olds

OT

Provider Name	OT Programme	Service Type	Provider Service Description	Reporting Measure
Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board T/A Safer Mid Canterbury	Transitions	Supporting rangatahi from care/custody to independence	The provider will support eligible rangatahi on their path to adulthood and long term wellbeing. This will include preparation for their transition from care or youth justice;	Total number of FTE workers
Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board T/A Safer Mid Canterbury	Transitions	Financial support for rangatahi transitioning to adulthood	This Financial Assistance will directly support rangatahi to remain or become independent and to meet their immediate needs in emergency or crisis situations. Financial	Total number of FTEs
Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board T/A Safer Mid Canterbury	Transitions	Transition Aftercare Programmes and Services	Housing Education Programmes supporting young people	Total number of new clients receiving intervention
Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board T/A Safer Mid Canterbury	Youth Justice	Supported Bail for Young Offenders	Provision of intensive support services for young people referred by Oranga Tamariki. To include Supervision with Activity and Supported Bail services	Total number of FTE workers
Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board T/A Safer Mid Canterbury	Youth Justice	Community Youth Activity Programmes for Young Offenders	Community activity youth programmes for youths referred following a Youth Justice Family Group Conference. Programmes to include supporting youth to develop pro so	Total number of young people accepted onto the programme

Oranga Tamariki contracted Services available in Ashburton District that may include 10-24 year olds as well as younger ages

Provider Name	OT Programme	Service Type	Provider Service Description	Reporting Measure
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	Early Support	Medium to High intensity wraparound support for Young People	Tuning into Kids, parent's program, six sessions – aged between 5-10 year's. Tuning into Teens, parent's program, six sessions – aged 10-18 years. Seasons for Growth ch	Total number of new clients receiving intervention
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	Early Support	Medium to High intensity wraparound support for families	In accordance with the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, medium to high intensity social work support and parenting skills for individual families with children with de	Total number of new clients/families receiving intervention

Oranga Tamariki contracted services for a larger region (eg Canterbury or South Island) that includes service delivery in Ashburton District that may include 10-24 year olds and/or younger ages

Provider Name	OT Programme	Service Type	Provider Service Description	Reporting Measure
Stopping Violence Services Christchurch Incorporated	PVSV	Self Referred Youth Perpetrator Programmes - Family Violence	Enabling Youth Programme for youth perpetrators of violence, aged 11 to 18 years, and their carers from Ashburton. Service includes an assessment and 10 to 12 one to	Total number of clients receiving intervention
Stopping Violence Services Christchurch Incorporated	PVSV	Self Referred Youth Perpetrator Programmes - Family Violence	Enabling Youth Programme for non-mandated youth perpetrators of violence, aged 11 to 18 years, from Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn or Ashburton. Service includes an	Total number of clients receiving intervention
Christchurch Methodist Mission	Care Support	Primary Level Mental Health Services for Children in Care	Mental Health Services for Children in Care. Service to meet primary mental health needs (behavioural and/or emotional) identified through Gateway Assessment for ch	Total number of new referrals accepted
Christchurch Methodist Mission	Care Support	Primary Level Mental Health Services for Children in Care	Mental Health Services for Children in Care. Service to meet primary mental health needs (behavioural and/or emotional) identified through Gateway Assessment for ch	Total number of new referrals accepted
Emerge Aotearoa Limited	Early Support	Blueprint Investment Strategy	Services for Children and Young People and/or their primary caregiver with a physical, intellectual, sensory or mental health disability, referred from Oranga Tamariki's S	Total number of new clients receiving intervention
Emerge Aotearoa Limited	Early Support	Blueprint Investment Strategy	Services for Children and Young People and/or their primary caregiver with a physical, intellectual, sensory or mental health disability, referred from the Oranga Tamariki	Total number of new clients receiving intervention
Emerge Aotearoa Limited	Early Support	Blueprint Investment Strategy	Services for Children and Young People and/or their primary caregiver with a physical, intellectual, sensory or mental health disability, referred from Oranga Tamariki's S	Total number of new clients receiving intervention
Te Whaitu Ora Waitaha Canterbury	Care Support	Gateway Health Assessment Co-ordination	Gateway Health and Education Assessment Coordination	Number of assessments completed
Te Whaitu Ora Waitaha Canterbury	Care Support	Gateway Health and Education Assessment Services	Gateway Health and Education Assessment	Number of assessments completed
STOP	PVSV	Early Intervention Assessments Harmful Sexualised Behaviour	Early Intervention Assessments for children who have displayed concerning or harmful sexualised behaviour. This programme is for Oranga Tamariki and community refe	Total number of Assessments completed
STOP	PVSV	Early Intervention Programmes Harmful Sexual Behaviour	Early Intervention Treatments for children who have displayed concerning or harmful sexualised behaviour. Intervention involves working therapeutically with the child, fa	Total number of clients receiving intervention
STOP	PVSV	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Treatment - Community referrals	Provision of brief interventions for children and adolescents who display concerning sexualised behaviour. Involves parents/caregivers and relevant professionals to prov	Total number of clients receiving intervention
STOP	PVSV	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Treatment - Community referrals	Provision of assessments and treatments for adolescents who display concerning or harmful sexualised behaviour, community referrals	Total number of clients receiving intervention
STOP	PVSV	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Assessments Care/Protect referrals	Provision of assessments for adolescents who display harmful sexual behaviour referred by Oranga Tamariki sites	Total number of Assessments completed
STOP	PVSV	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support	Caregiver support and training	Total number of organisations accessing training and support
STOP	PVSV	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support	Travel and Clinician costs for Te Pouama clients while in residence	Total number of organisations accessing training and support
STOP	PVSV	Harmful Sexual Behaviour Treatment Care/Protect referrals	Provision of treatments for adolescents who display harmful sexual behaviour referred by Oranga Tamariki sites	Total number clients receiving intervention