

4 March 2024

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), received on 19 February 2024, requesting information on sexual harm support services in the Auckland region. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

I would like to know what services, agencies and non-governmental organisations provide sexual harm support services within the Auckland region, whether they have a contract with Oranga Tamariki or not. For those that have a contract with Oranga Tamariki I would like to know what services they are contracted to provide.

The following organisations are funded by Oranga Tamariki and provide sexual harm crisis support services for children and young people:

- [HELP](#)
- [Counselling Services Centre](#)
- [Family Action](#)
- [Tu Wahine Trust](#).

Other services, such as Family Start (our early home visiting programme, focused on tamariki from pregnancy to the age of six) and similar in-home support services may encounter and deal with sexual harm as part of their generic support service. However, these are generic services and not focused specifically on sexual harm support services.

Oranga Tamariki received funding in Budget 23 to develop and support a court support service to support child and youth victims of sexual harm when they are involved in the court system. This service is still in the design phase, and we anticipate services will start to be available from mid-2024.

We are not aware of other sexual harm support services outside of those that have a contract with Oranga Tamariki. I recommend contacting ACC for further information, as they are also responsible for funding some services and may be aware of other organisations.

I also recommend that you contact Te Ohaakii a Hine – National Network Ending Sexual Violence Together – this is the national network of groups providing specialist services for sexual violence prevention and intervention. You can contact their team at admin@toah-nnest.org.nz.

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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