

# Oranga Tamariki Action Plan Six- monthly Implementation Report Back to June 2023

## Part 2: Detailed Report

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# How to navigate this report

This report package consists of three separate parts:

## Part 1: Summary Report

This report is designed to be a companion document which serves as concise summary of the work agencies have achieved together under the Oranga Tamariki Action Plan.

Please also refer to the Detailed Report and the Evidence and Indicators Dashboard attached to this report.

## Part 2: Detailed Report

Verbatim progress and status updates from all agencies involved in the implementation of the Action Plan. The Detailed Report provides the granular detail. The analysis of progress achieved together by all agencies can be found in the Summary Report.

## Part 3: The Evidence and Indicators Dashboard

The dashboard sits alongside insights provided by this six-monthly implementation report. Each of report backs will include the latest version of the dashboard. The purpose of this report is to provide evidence-based indicators of the difference the Action Plan is making. The ongoing development and additional indicators will be added as we complete the in-depth assessment of need. References to the dashboard are also woven into the Summary and Detailed Reports.

# Summary of Progress

## Driving change together

Despite the name, accountability for the delivery of the Oranga Tamariki Action Plan is shared by the Chief Executives of the six Children's Agencies defined in the Children's Act (2014). The Chief Executives of the six Children's Agencies; the Ministries of Health, Education, Social Development, Justice, the New Zealand Police and Oranga Tamariki. Several other agencies have committed to delivering actions under the Action Plan.



## Immediate and long-term changes

In the first several months of the implementation, agencies worked to establish good cooperation, robust communication channels, collective responsibility, buy in and commitment and shared processes, projects, and resourcing. The focus was to establish the initial momentum and identify ways in which agencies could implement immediate changes to processes, systems, and relationships to benefit children, young people and whānau in greatest need immediately.

In the past six months to June 2023, the implementation of the Action Plan shifted to advancing insights from in-depth needs assessments and addressing the highlighted gaps, tightening cross-agency relationships, raising the awareness of the Action Plan across wider audiences, and bringing communities, kaimahi, iwi and tangata pacifika closer through the already delivered and planned engagements.

## The Action Plan and Implementation Plan commitments

<p><b>Short-term practical actions</b></p>	<p>Action Plan actions 1-2 Implementation Plan activities 1.1.-2.20</p>	<p>Under the implementation plan, agencies committed to delivering 21 activities under 2 short term practical actions by December 2022 unless stated otherwise. 20 out of 21 of these have now been completed.</p>
<p><b>Building an evidence-based picture of need</b></p>	<p>Action Plan actions 3-5 Implementation Plan activities 3.1 to 5.1</p>	<p>Four out of eight cross-agency responses to recommendations made in the needs assessments have been delivered so far.  Oranga Tamariki and Ministry of Education are working to progress Education Review Office (ERO) Recommendation for (Area 1: Improving the quality of the students' education while in residence). However, these actions are experiencing delays.</p>
<p><b>Meeting children's and young people's needs and building whānau resilience</b></p>	<p>Action Plan actions 6-8 Implementation Plan activities 7.1-7.3</p>	<p>Agencies committed to conducting 8 in-depth assessments of need across 2022 and 2023. Seven of these needs assessments are now complete – the final assessment focusing on the Early Risk cohort, will be delivered in early 2024. Agencies responded to four out of the eight needs assessments so far, detailing how they will better meet the identified needs and address system gaps. Further four responses will be delivered late 2023, and early 2024.  There are 4 distinct actions in this area, and all are progressing as planned.</p>

<p><b>Community led, regionally enabled, centrally supported prevention</b></p>	<p>Action Plan actions 9-11 Implementation Plan activities 9.1-11.2</p>	<p>There are 4 distinct actions in this focus area. 3 are progressing well. There are delays related to community-led planning and innovation approaches to child and youth wellbeing, with an initial focus on the first 1000 days. Oranga Tamariki and DPMC are establishing a co-leadership model to progress this work in the remainder of 2023.</p>
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## Detailed Progress Updates

### Significant and measurable results

Result area	Good health including wellbeing	Positive housing conditions	Access to good education	Support to grow, connect, and be independent
Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Outcome Area	3: Children and young people are happy and healthy	2: Children and young people have what they need	4: Children and young people are learning and developing	2: Children and young people have what they need  5: Children and young people are accepted, respected, and connected
Measure	Children and young people in care and youth justice have their health needs assessed, planned for, and met through an integrated service model by agencies working together to provide holistic and tailored care	Every young person transitioning from care and receiving the transitional support service can access temporary accommodation or long-term housing.	Following notification of a child or young person being placed in a care and protection residence or serving a sentence in a youth justice residence, local Ministry of Education staff will be engaged in transition planning for that child or young person no later than 30 days before	Every young person ageing out of care has a transition pathway into employment, education, or training.

			their planned exit out of residence.	
Progress update	<p><b>Update from Ministry of Health</b></p> <p>Health agencies have laid the groundwork to develop an integrated service model through several interconnected pieces of work including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gateway reviews.</li> <li>• The development of health focused needs assessments.</li> <li>• Work to develop a model of care for residences.</li> </ul> <p>While these workstreams have been an initial priority, further work is also getting underway between health agencies to develop a specific model of care for the Oranga Tamariki population that will be developed and tested with key stakeholders over the next year.</p>	<p><b>Update from HUD</b></p> <p>Funding secured through HUD's Homelessness Action Plan helped Oranga Tamariki to deliver, as of February 2023, 110 placements for young people leaving care and youth justice placements.</p> <p>HUD has also been working with other agencies on the emergency housing review, developing initiatives to provide better support for those with an urgent housing need as they transition from the health, justice and child protection systems.</p> <p>Meanwhile, HUDs wider youth work includes \$20m of funding for rangatahi/youth transitional housing, with an additional \$24m allocated to this programme in Budget 23, and a supported accommodation service for rangatahi/youth with higher and more complex needs.</p>	<p><b>Update from MoE</b></p> <p>Work in this space has focused on gathering data for reporting on the measure. Whilst progress has been made, this now requires an overarching two-way information sharing agreement between Ministry of Education and Oranga Tamariki to support greater insights into children and young people's educational journeys.</p> <p>Next steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further work is required to design and implement business processes/solutions that deliver on the Results Area and Outcome Area. The plan to deliver this work will be finalised in the next period.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Update from MSD</b></p> <p>Indicators for this measure have not yet been identified.</p> <p>MSD will provide advice to the Minister for Social Development and Employment in the second half of 2023 on improving MSD's support for care-experienced young people.</p> <p>The education needs assessment for the transition cohort (yet to be endorsed at time of writing) provides background context and focus areas for further work by agencies including MSD to improve pathways to education and training, including work-based training.</p>

### Short term practical actions

Action	Description	Lead	Activities	Summary of progress
1 <b>CE's expectations</b>	Children's agency chief executives will clarify expectations to frontline decision-makers/ operational staff of the requirement to meet the needs of the children, young people and whānau who are engaged with Oranga Tamariki or are likely to come to the attention of Oranga Tamariki. Longer-term, there will be a corresponding responsibility for agencies to report back on how they are fulfilling these responsibilities and what is changed.	Children's agency chief executives	1.1	<p><b>Ministry of Health</b></p> <p>The Director-General of Health is responsible for Action 1 as the responsible Chief Executive for the health sector and will work with the Chief Executives of Te Aka Whai Ora and Te Whatu Ora who have direct responsibility for frontline health workers.</p> <p>We have already taken steps to progress Action 1 by updating our key health strategies to support Pae Ora for children, young people and their whānau who are involved with Oranga Tamariki.</p> <p>Work is currently underway on advice for the health agency Chief Executives on what clarifying expectations for frontline staff might involve.</p> <p><b>Ministry of Education</b></p> <p>Information to clarify the Chief Executive's expectations in relation to the Oranga Tamariki Action Plan has been prepared for frontline decision-makers/operational staff.</p> <p>A detailed plan is the focus of the next period. The plan will set out specific actions to work across Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga to:</p> <p>understand and review business processes, outcome measures and reporting requirements to deliver on the longer-term responsibility, and report back on how we are delivering against these expectations and what has changed.</p>



				<p><b>Ministry of Social Development</b></p> <p>MSD has refreshed and published its child protection policy and is reviewing its related guidance, intranet content and training for staff.</p>
<p>2</p> <p><b>Practical, high-impact action identification</b></p>	<p>Each agency will identify practical high impact actions they can lead, and implement with other agencies as appropriate, to meet the needs of priority populations.</p>	<p>Children's agencies and other relevant agencies as identified</p>	<p>1.1; 2.1-2.20</p>	<p><b>Ministry of Health</b></p> <p>We have developed and are progressing our Implementation Plan, and updates on individual actions are included below.</p> <p><b>Ministry of Education</b></p> <p>See table below for updates.</p> <p>Several workstreams have moved from red to amber. The Ministry has completed a review and update of the project plan this period which has highlighted gaps and opportunities for delivering on the outcomes set out in the Action Plan. The plan will be refined in the next period to move workstreams to green and on track to meet expectations. Additional resource is now allocated to the Action Plan to enable this.</p>

**Implementation Plan activities**

Activity	Description	Lead(s)	Summary of progress	Milestones in next six months	Status Last period	Status Current period





<p>1.1</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki has an additional legislated responsibility for oversight of the Action Plan. Oranga Tamariki will advocate for those children and their families to other agencies to ensure those children's needs are met.</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki</p>			<p>Green – Ongoing Action</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Develop locally tailored resources to support social workers and carers supporting children and young people to arrange access to health and oral care services, fulfil health entitlements, and enroll with health care providers.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health (now being led by Te Whatu Ora).</p>	<p>Te Whatu Ora is working with the Kids Health website team to develop fit for purpose content that is timely and easily accessible.</p> <p>Engagement with key stakeholders and Oranga Tamariki National office staff, social workers and health and education advisors continues to ensure the end product is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Oranga Tamariki have asked for QR code posters with key topical issues that can easily be accessed, and information shared. These will be able to be altered as new topical issues arise. Discussions have commenced around</p>	<p>First QR posters will be available.</p> <p>Oranga Tamariki have enabled the Kids Health website on their key portals.</p> <p>Resources for caregivers with no IT access are identified and supported.</p> <p>Getting this on Te Pae and the Caregivers site by the end of the year.</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action</p>

			<p>how best to provide information to caregivers with no IT access.</p> <p>The resources will be developed by the end of 2023, with ongoing work to disseminate the resources going forward. The Pediatric Society are supporting this work programme and offering ongoing insights.</p>			
2.2	Specifically incorporate populations of interest to Oranga Tamariki within key health system accountability documents, such as the interim New Zealand Health Plan	Ministry of Health	<p>Oranga Tamariki and the populations of interest are woven into key accountability documents including Te Pae Tata where the Oranga Tamariki Action Plan is referenced directly.</p> <p>We are also working to ensure that where applicable, the Oranga Tamariki population is included in the Pae Ora strategies. We will continue to include this in key health sector documents and strategies to maintain ongoing focus on these children, young people and whānau.</p>	We will maintain a watching brief to ensure this group is included where appropriate.	Green – Ongoing Action	Green - Complete



<p>2.3</p>	<p>Establish a cross-agency data and insights group between the Ministry of Health and Oranga Tamariki to inform immediate and ongoing priorities and actions.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health</p>	<p>Currently data sharing occurs in an ad-hoc way attached to pieces of work.</p> <p>Ministry of Health will work with Oranga Tamariki to develop a more cohesive and coordinated approach.</p>	<p>Bring together policy and data staff from across health agencies and Oranga Tamariki to identify and agree priorities for sharing data and insights between the two systems.</p>	<p>Green</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>2.4</p>	<p>Develop and consult on options to support the transition of a child or young person in care from an acute mental health ward to community-based care by the end of 2022.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health (now being led by Te Whatu Ora)</p>	<p>As part of the Budget 2022 investment into infant child and adolescent mental health services (ICAMHS), specific funding has been allocated for those with mental health needs under the care of Oranga Tamariki.</p> <p>Te Whatu Ora and Oranga Tamariki will co-fund an extension of the current pilot at the Starship Child and Family Unit which involves having an Oranga Tamariki social worker located in the Child/Youth Mental Health Inpatient Unit in Auckland. We are expanding the pilot to the other two child and youth mental health inpatient units in Wellington and Christchurch.</p>	<p>Engage with Oranga Tamariki to identify service needs and confirm initiatives (complete)</p> <p>Confirm funding arrangements and identify sites.</p> <p>Next steps for this work involve an ongoing implementation (complete)</p> <p>Mental Health and Addiction National Commissioning to negotiate service provision at Te Whatu Ora district sites and develop service level</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action (Some actions to occur in early 2023.)</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action (Some actions to occur in 2023.)</p>

			<p>We are also establishing dedicated ICAMHs FTE to provide additional mental health and addiction support into Oranga Tamariki national residential care facilities in Wellington and in Southland.</p> <p>Initial proposals are being developed to have a liaison-type role in three acute mental health wards, co-funded by Oranga Tamariki and Te Whatu Ora.</p> <p>There is already an established approach in the inpatient setting in Auckland DHB, and Te Whatu Ora has agreed to co-fund this role. There are two further sites, one in Canterbury and one in Wellington. Te Whatu Ora Health Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley and Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury are being engaged with to support the development of the service.</p>	<p>agreements (complete)</p> <p>Maintain a watching brief and staff to ensure service implementation moves forward (ongoing) – e.g.</p> <p>Staff recruitment, etc.</p> <p>Explore options to establish an oversight group across the sites to promote collaboration and share service insights and problem solve challenges.</p>		
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<p>2.5</p>	<p>Develop an Engagement in Learning Strategy which addresses the barriers children and young people, including children and young people in care, face to participating and progressing in their learning.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education</p>	<p>In addition to the implementation of the Government’s Attendance and Engagement Strategy, implementation of the \$74M Attendance Turnaround package is well underway, this includes the:</p> <p>Recruitment of new Attendance Officers to support schools and kura to turn around moderate and irregular absence patterns.</p> <p>Attendance Service Uplift package to address existing attendance service providers’ cost pressures and increase their capacity to work with students who are chronically absent, or not enrolled.</p> <p>Recruitment of three principal advisors across the three Ministry takiwa to provide specific focus and attention on attendance.</p> <p>Data Improvement Project to improve the understanding and use of attendance data within schools and Ministry regions.</p>	<p>Continue the recruitment of new Attendance Officers through existing attendance service providers.</p> <p>Finalise the evaluation approach and begin the initial evaluative work.</p> <p>Develop and supply additional resources and tools to support Te Mahau staff and schools.</p> <p>Support the Ministry’s work to refresh the New Zealand Curriculum and redesign Te Marautanga o Aotearoa to ensure all ākonga experience rich and responsive learning.</p>	<p>Amber – minor delays</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action</p>
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<p>2.6</p>	<p>Support iwi and Māori social service providers to facilitate and broker educationally powerful relationships between priority learners (including those in care) and their whānau, and education services.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education</p>	<p>A draft process has been written up to shift toward practical action. The first phase is to understand and define the scope, which will require working with our iwi Māori social services partners.</p>	<p>Complete an information sharing agreement with Oranga Tamariki.</p> <p>Work with iwi Māori social services partners to explore and design the activities that could be implemented and measured.</p> <p>Next steps are dependent on the overarching information sharing agreement and Māori data sovereignty within MoE.</p>	<p>Red – Significant delay</p>	<p>Amber – minor delays</p>
<p>2.7</p>	<p>Work with Regional Public Service Commissioners on how they can help drive support for and engagement in the Action Plan and actions through regional leadership (agencies, iwi, local government, and partners) to enable locally led solutions.</p>	<p>Ministry of Social Development</p>	<p>Regional Oranga Tamariki leaders are actively engaged in the public service leadership groups, working closely with RPSCs to drive collective actions across agencies on shared child and youth regional priorities.</p> <p>Example of regional activity in Waikato:</p> <p>Waikato RPSC convenes Kaapuia te Kaakaho group which includes Police, Te</p>	<p>RPSCs to support engagement on Oranga Tamariki’s ‘locally led operating model’ design and provide feedback to support alignment with the regional system leadership framework</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action</p>	<p>Green – Ongoing Action</p>



			<p>Whatu Ora, MoE, Oranga Tamariki, MSD, TPK and Hamilton City Council. The group builds on previous Youth Intervention Plan (Police) to be better joined up and make progress in response to youth crime.</p> <p>Example of regional activity in Bay of Plenty:</p> <p>Bay of Plenty RPSC convened a public service group to respond to ram raids spike with Oranga Tamariki, Police, MOE, Te Whatu Ora, and MSD.</p> <p>A collective response plan was completed with iwi and local government partners, with funding to providers and local authorities to implement.</p> <p>Implementing a new structure to provide an ongoing, sustainable approach across agencies working with high-risk youth, across the region</p>			
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2.8	Review implementation of the initial 54 rangatahi youth focused transitional housing places to identify any improvements that can be applied when extending the service.	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	The review was undertaken and recommendations regarding future reporting were adopted.	Completed.	Green – Complete	Green – Complete
2.9	Design a new supported accommodation service for rangatahi with higher and more complex needs that provides immediate access to safe, warm, and stable longer-term accommodation, along with age-appropriate intensive supports.	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	HUD is partnering with providers to complete design work for this new service.	Pilots will be contracted from July in Auckland and Hamilton.	Green – Ongoing Action	Green – Ongoing Action
2.10	Review supported housing under the Aotearoa New Zealand Homelessness Action Plan looking across different supported housing typologies including those that support Oranga Tamariki populations of interest. Housing Ministers will receive further advice in	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	n/a	Over the next few months, HUD will be engaging with agencies and housing providers to map the current system and test potential models for a future state.	Green – Ongoing Action	Green – Ongoing Action



	July 2022 on the next steps for this work.					
2.11	Initiate a review of the Gateway assessment process. Officials will gather information on Gateway and report to the Ministers of Health, Education and Children on the scope and approach for a review.	Oranga Tamariki	<p>Oranga Tamariki, the Ministry of Health, Te Whatu Ora, and the Ministry of Education are leading a review of the Gateway Assessment programme, with support from Te Aka Whai Ora and Whaikaha.</p> <p>We are currently in the engagement phase. We will engage with a wide range of people and organisations including:</p> <p>representatives of care-experienced tamariki and rangatahi (including Māori, Pacific and disabled tamariki and rangatahi) and their families, whānau and caregivers</p> <p>Iwi, Māori, Pacific, and community partners and providers that deliver Gateway Assessments or that Oranga Tamariki is working with.</p> <p>social workers, health and education professionals, Gateway Coordinators,</p>	<p>Engagements are scheduled to be completed by August 2023.</p> <p>Current timeframes are to complete engagement by the end of August 2023. This will be followed by analysis and development of recommendations in a report to the Ministers of/for Children, Health, and Education by the end of the year. Throughout engagement we will be looking for opportunities to begin shorter-term changes before the substantive recommendations are made</p>	Green – Ongoing	Green – Ongoing



			<p>advocates, peak bodies, and other agency kaimahi.</p> <p>We want to understand:</p> <p>the needs and aspirations of tamariki, rangatahi, families, whānau and caregivers who access Gateway Assessments</p> <p>current practices and experiences, including what is working well, what is not working well, and examples of good practice and innovation that we can learn from and build on.</p> <p>how the process and system could be changed to better centre the needs and aspirations of tamariki and rangatahi and their families and whānau, and take a more holistic view of health, education, and wellbeing.</p>			
2.12	Develop court familiarisation resources for witnesses in sexual violence trials, including resources specifically designed for tamariki and rangatahi, to help prepare	Ministry of Justice	<p>Service Design company is undertaking interviews with key court participants and key stakeholders.</p> <p>These interviews will inform case studies, which will</p>	<p>Interviews to be completed by mid-July.</p> <p>Initial summary report for the case</p>	Green – Ongoing Action	Green – Ongoing Action



	to give evidence in a sexual violence trial.		help identify what is needed to support witnesses.	<p>studies anticipated by end of July 2023</p> <p>Final report by 11 August 2023</p> <p>Decision to progress to phase 2 of the project (design) by end of August 2023.</p>		
2.13	Implement and evaluate new Kaiārahi roles in the Family Court to support parents to access services and community-based support.	Ministry of Justice	<p>50 Kaiārahi have been successfully appointed, trained, and based in 31 out of 58 courts.</p> <p>Between 1 July 2022 and 31 May 2023, the Kaiārahi have received 13,173 enquiries.</p> <p>Kaiārahi have the capacity to travel to smaller courts and hearing centers as required.</p> <p>An external evaluator has been selected to evaluate the Kaiārahi</p>	The independent evaluation of the Kaiārahi is in the selection of the evaluator stage. The first draft of the evaluation report is expected December 2023 with a final report due January 2024.	Green – Ongoing Action	Green – Ongoing Action
2.14	Expand the Young Adult List into Gisborne and Hamilton District Courts, with the aim of supporting young adults aged 18 to 25 to more easily understand	Ministry of Justice	A Working Group of subject matter experts has been formed to design and develop a neurodiversity screening process for use in the Young Adult List. The	Piloting of screening process from 2024.	Green – Complete	Green – Ongoing Action

	and engage with the court process, and to enable the Court to have a better understanding of any barriers to full participation.		screening tool information will be used to improve the court's responsivity to the neurodiversity and communication needs of young adults.			
2.15	Identify options to increase access to family violence safety programmes for children.	Ministry of Justice	Funding was secured through Budget 23 to improve access to safety programmes for adult and child victims affected by family violence through the Family Court and criminal court proceedings.	<p>1 July 2023 – providers receive funding to recruit and train staff for expected increase in referrals to safety programmes.</p> <p>1 January 2024 – safety programmes available to applicants and their children when a protection order has been applied for but not yet granted.</p>	Green – Complete	Green - Ongoing Action
2.16	Enhance local relationships between the women's prisons and their local Oranga Tamariki sites to support better outcomes for mothers and babies in the Corrections' Mothers and Babies Units and Feedings and Bonding Spaces	Corrections	In March 2023 Corrections held a site visit at Arohata Prison with staff from Oranga Tamariki (including two managers from the Porirua Oranga Tamariki site, and the Executive Manager, Oranga Tamariki: Te Whanganui-a-Tara rohe).	No further milestones: Corrections and Oranga Tamariki will continue to work together and build on their relationship to support positive outcomes for mothers and their children.	Green - Complete	Green - Complete

2.17	Implement a temporary process to use section 175 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 for placements of 18-year-olds remanded in custody where this provision applies by August 2022	Corrections	A temporary S175 process is in place with Oranga Tamariki to consider the placement of 18-year-olds who are remanded into Corrections custody.	A permanent process will be looked at as part of a wider joint workstream with Oranga Tamariki to enhance our transfer's process. The first workshop for this took place in June.	Green – Complete	Green - Complete
2.18	Complete staff training for APYA (assessment placement of young adults) across prison sites to improve whānau-centred approaches for young people in Corrections custody.	Corrections	Staff training for APYA is complete for most sites. Three sites still require training which has been impeded by COVID-19 and staffing pressures. These three sites continue to be engaged and supported with completing APYAs on site when required.	Three sites remain, with Invercargill Prison booked to complete APYA training late July. Mt Eden Corrections Facility and Northland Region Corrections Facility remain incomplete and will be engaged again to find a suitable date.  The Youth team has started a review of the APYA process	Green – Complete (Remaining three sites will receive training early this year)	Green – Complete (Remaining three sites will receive training later this year)
2.19	Partner, design and deliver an enhanced pilot of Te Pae Oranga Rangatahi (a culturally responsive improved Alternative Action response to offending). Police will work	Police	Te Pae Oranga Rangatahi is now in seven sites, testing a more culturally responsive Alternative Action response to offending.	Continue to monitor progress of the current seven sites and implement the next two pilot sites.	Green - Complete	Green - Complete



	in partnership with iwi Māori providers.					
2.20	Identify issues and potential solutions with information sharing within Police systems to ensure rangatahi presenting with risky behaviors are connected to the right wellbeing supports before behavior develops into potential offending.	Police	New process for information sharing within Police systems is now operating.	Quality assurance	Green - Complete	Green - Complete



### Building an evidence-based picture of need

Action	Description	Lead	Activities	Summary of progress
3 <b>In-depth assessment of needs</b>	Specific needs will be identified through Oranga Tamariki undertaking in depth assessments of need in housing, education, and health with recommendations on how to prioritise access to services for the priority population.	Oranga Tamariki	3.1, 3.2	<p>In-depth needs assessments will help alleviate system gaps.</p> <p>Seven in-depth assessments of need under Action 3 of the Action Plan: Building Evidence-based Picture of Need have already been produced. These are looking at the housing (In care and transitions cohort), education (in care and transitions cohorts) and healthcare (mental health, primary and transitions cohorts) needs and will help address system gaps and improve outcomes for children and young people through:</p> <p>Increased options for young people in the care of Oranga Tamariki when they transition to independence in the community for supported housing and other housing options.</p> <p>Improved access to the right supports for children and young people in the Action Plan cohort who are distressed and suffering from mental health conditions and addictions.</p> <p>Better support for children and young people in care to actively participate in education with quality and engaging education supports.</p> <p>Learning and development needs being identified early, met with a full and timely assessment, and followed through properly with interventions and supports.</p>



<p>4</p> <p><b>Evidence Dashboard</b></p>	<p>An evidence and indicator dashboard will be developed for regular, evidence-based discussions at meetings of the Social Wellbeing Board and Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Ministerial Group. The dashboards will include insights and data on the needs and experiences of the population of interest, such as the number of children and young people referred for further health assessments or assessed as having specific education needs.</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki</p>	<p>4.1</p>	<p>The Evidence and Indicator Dashboard forms part of the regular Action Plan programme of advice, focused on the extent to which children’s agencies are achieving outcomes for the Action Plan cohort. A prototype of the Dashboard was approved by ministers in November 2022.</p> <p>The Dashboard will be used to support evidence-based discussions at meetings of the Social Wellbeing Board and Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Ministerial Group.</p> <p>A particular focus of the Dashboard indicators is to give visibility to tamariki and rangatahi Māori, Pacific children and young people, and children and young people living with a disability to prioritise wellbeing outcomes for groups with the greatest needs.</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>Regional wellbeing data and need pictures</b></p>	<p>Evidence and data will be provided to regional leaders to inform community-led planning and the development of community solutions</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki Social Wellbeing Agency</p>	<p>5.1</p>	<p>SWA has developed a public regional dashboard which has been used to provide support for the Cyclone Gabrielle response and recovery.</p> <p>This dashboard provides a basis for presenting regional data.</p> <p>Further conversations on including wider system data, including Oranga Tamariki data, are progressing well.</p>



Implementation Plan activities

Activity	Description	Lead(s)	Summary of progress	Milestones in next six months	Status – Previous period	Status – Current period
3.1	Oranga Tamariki will deliver four of a series of in-depth assessments of need for the priority populations in 2022, with the remaining assessments delivered in 2023. These will look at: - housing needs - health needs, including the mental health, primary care, and specialist health needs - education needs and experiences	Oranga Tamariki	<p>Oranga Tamariki, in collaboration with other agencies, finalized four in-depth assessments of needs: Mental Health and Wellbeing, Education (In Care) and Housing (In Care and Transitions).</p> <p>Further three needs assessment were completed and delivered to the Social Wellbeing Board and the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Ministerial Group in July. These were: Education (Transitions) and Health (Primary and Transitions).</p>	The education, housing and health needs assessment of the children and young people in the early risk cohort will be completed by November 2023.	Green – Complete	Green – Ongoing Action
3.2	Agencies included in recommendations made in the in-depth assessments of need report back to the Social Wellbeing Board within three months on how and when they will respond to the recommendations.	Agencies as relevant	The inter-agency responses to address system gaps identified in the in-depth assessments of need delivered to date, are sprouting additional programmes of work beyond the existing Action Plan and its Implementation Plan. The full scope of the new	<p>Further three in-depth assessments of need have been produced in 2023 and delivered to SWB and CYWS Ministers. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education (Transitions)</li> <li>• Health (Primary) and</li> </ul>	Green – Ongoing Action	Green – Ongoing Action



			<p>programmes of work will only be understood once all agency responses are produced by early 2024.</p> <p>Once the picture of the work programmes emerging from all response-backs is complete and fully scoped, we will collectively agree the best way to report on progress against each individual action under Action 6 of the Action Plan as part of the 6-monthly accountability reporting.</p> <p>Until then, this implementation update will provide a high-level update on progress made by agencies and benefits achieved for children and young people in each priority area as identified below.</p> <p>So far, four cross-agency response-backs have been published:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosing (Transitions)</li> <li>• Housing (In Care)</li> <li>• Education (In Care)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health (Transitions).</li> </ul> <p>These will be published alongside the cross-agency responses to these needs assessments towards the end of 2023 or early 2024.</p>		
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Mental Health and Wellbeing).</li> </ul>			
4.1	The Dashboard prototype presented to Ministers and a dashboard cycle established by December 2022	Oranga Tamariki	<p>The Evidence and Indicator Dashboard forms part of the regular Action Plan programme of advice, focused on the extent to which children’s agencies are achieving outcomes for the Action Plan cohort. A prototype of the</p> <p>Dashboard was approved by ministers in November 2022. The Dashboard will be used to support evidence-based discussions at meetings of the Social Wellbeing Board and Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Ministerial</p> <p>Group. A particular focus of the Dashboard indicators is to give visibility to tamariki and rangatahi Māori, Pacific children and young people, and children and young people living with a disability to prioritise wellbeing outcomes for</p>	The Dashboard sits alongside insights provided by this six-monthly implementation report. Each of report backs will include the latest version of the Dashboard every six months.	Green – Complete	Green-Complete



			groups with the greatest needs.			
5.1	Explore regional and community data needs in the communities being focused on under Oranga Tamariki's Enabling Communities initiative	Oranga Tamariki  Social Wellbeing Agency	Oranga Tamariki and the SWA are continuing to work together on regional data, including how we can use agency specific and cross-agency data in the existing regional dashboard developed by SWA.  The relationship is well established, so is now an ongoing action rather than one with specific milestones.	Ongoing development of the work programme and key outputs	Green – Ongoing Action	Green – Ongoing Action

### Meeting children's and young people's needs and building whānau resilience.

Action	Description	Lead	Activities	Summary of progress
6 <b>Access to services</b>	Relevant agencies will work in conjunction with Oranga Tamariki to respond to the findings and recommendations discussed in the in-depth assessments of need (action three) to identify options to improve access to services to meet the needs of the priority population. This could include options for expanding or	Oranga Tamariki Ministry of Education Ministry of Health, Housing and Urban Development	3.2	Seven in-depth assessments of need under Action 3 of the Action Plan have already been produced. These are looking at the housing, education and healthcare needs of the Action Plan cohort and will help address system gaps and improve outcomes for children and young people through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased options for young people in the care of Oranga Tamariki when they transition to</li> </ul>

	<p>replicating collaborative practices that are already working well, or broader system changes. In-depth assessments will be done on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health (including mental health) and disability services</li> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Housing</li> </ul>	<p>Other relevant agencies</p>	<p>independence in the community for supported housing and other housing options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to the right supports for children and young people in the Action Plan cohort who are distressed and suffering from mental health conditions and addictions.</li> <li>• Better support for children and young people in care to actively participate in education with quality and engaging education supports.</li> </ul> <p>Learning and development needs being identified early, met with a full and timely assessment, and followed through properly with interventions and supports.</p> <p>The inter-agency responses to address system gaps identified in the in-depth assessments of need delivered to date, are sprouting additional programmes of work beyond the existing Action Plan and its Implementation Plan. The full scope of the new programmes of work will only be understood once all agency responses are produced by early 2024.</p> <p>Once the picture of the work programmes emerging from all response-backs is complete and fully scoped, we will collectively agree the best way to report on progress against each individual action under Action 6 of the Action Plan as part of the 6-monthly accountability reporting.</p> <p>Until then, this implementation update will provide a high-level update on progress made by agencies and benefits achieved for children and young people in each priority area as identified below.</p> <p>So far, four cross-agency response-backs have been produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing (Transitions)</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing (In Care)</li> <li>• Education (In Care)</li> <li>• Health Mental Health and Wellbeing).</li> </ul> <p>Refer to Action 6 section below p. 21.</p>
7 <b>Learning in residential care</b>	The Ministry of Education and Oranga Tamariki will continue to progress a joint work programme to respond to the Education Review Office (ERO) Evaluation of learning in residential care.	Ministry of Education Oranga Tamariki	7.1, 7.2, 7.3	Please see below for detailed updates.
8 <b>Education high needs review</b>	As a part of the Highest Needs Review, the Ministry of Education is working with other agencies, including Oranga Tamariki, to consider how to align services and supports to ensure children and young people with the highest learning support needs, and their families and whānau, have access to the right support for learning to occur.	Ministry of Education Oranga Tamariki		<p>Ministry of Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In November 2022, Cabinet considered and agreed to design a new system to better support children and young people with the highest levels of learning support needs to engage in education. The new system will be developed based on the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) principles and outcome domains of Ka Hikitia – Ka Hāpaitia (Ka Hikitia), the Māori Education Strategy</li> <li>• Following feedback from the sector, and a Treasury Gateway Review, the Ministry is reviewing its approach to engagement with priority populations, communities, and the sector, which will inform the development of a work Programme to address the findings of the review.</li> <li>• A report back to Cabinet was approved by the Social Wellbeing Cabinet Committee in June 2023. This advice set out the next steps toward establishing a programme of work to design a</li> </ul>

				transformed system of delivering supports within a ten-year timeframe.
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Activity	Description		Lead(s)	Summary of progress	Milestones in next six months	Status – Previous period	Status – Current period
7.1	Progress Education Review Office (ERO) Recommendation for (Area 1: Improving the quality of the students’ education while in residence).	Developing a quality practice framework	ERO			Green	Green
		Practice changes	Ministry of Education and Oranga Tamariki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of national guidelines on roles and responsibilities of MoE, Oranga Tamariki and Boards in the delivery of education is in its final stages.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National guidelines on roles and responsibilities of MoE, Oranga Tamariki and Boards will be finalised.</li> </ul>	Green	Amber
		System changes	Ministry of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two options papers for systems changes were completed in May 2023 that includes the findings from the review of the model of provision:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options paper for supporting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence design work on the findings of the options papers, including investigating a lead schools’ model for education in residences from June 2024.</li> </ul>	Red	Green



				<p>information flows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options paper which reviews the existing education model of education in residences.</li> </ul>			
		Specialist training needs and professional network	Ministry of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update – still delayed due to resourcing issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will be considered when the delivery plan is refined over the next period.</li> </ul>	Red	Amber
		Information flows and sharing	Ministry of Education and Oranga Tamariki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A policy paper on ENROL is complete. This paper concluded that ENROL will not meet the proposed purpose and that this work should be deferred to the wider OTAP information sharing work programme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further work will be done to understand the challenges and opportunities as part of the refining of the Ministry of Education programme. This workstream will be included in the Information sharing workstream above.</li> </ul>	Red	Complete
7.2	Progress Education Review Office (ERO) Recommendation (Area 2: To reduce	Review model of provision	Ministry of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy paper on the model of provision is complete.</li> <li>Resourcing review into how services are funded to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A Complete</li> </ul>	Amber	Complete



	variability of provision).			establish equity across the providers has been completed.			
7.3	Progress Education Review Office (ERO) Recommendation (Area 3: To increase students access to education after leaving residence)	Access to education transition in an out of residence	Ministry of Education and Oranga Tamariki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project plan for the combined ERO Response and Transition Planning work, containing additional implementation detail, was approved in June 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further work will be done to understand the challenges and opportunities as part of the Ministry of Education's programme planning.</li> <li>Next steps may include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing and finalising consent forms in partnership with Te Mahau.</li> <li>- Developing request forms to gain children / young person agreement for information sharing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Red	Amber – minor delays

**Community led, regionally enabled, centrally supported prevention.**

Action	Description	Lead	Activities	Summary of progress
9 <b>Investment in prevention</b>	Agencies will build a high-level cross-agency picture of early support/prevention investment to identify gaps and opportunities. This will support informed and coordinated decisions around future investment in prevention. Initially, this action will focus on the proposed approach for developing an investment plan for Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence. The Te Aorerekura investment plan will identify investment priorities for communities and the specialist family violence/sexual violence sector.	Oranga Tamariki  Te Puna Aonui	9.1	Te Puna Aonui:  Initial advice on components of a Te Aorerekura Investment Plan was provided to the Minister in August 2022. Since this time, Te Puna Aonui Business Unit has gained Ministerial agreement to the scope and path for delivering a final investment plan for Cabinet decisions and publication in the second quarter of 2024. This includes a focus on drawing out community investment priorities and engagement with Te Pūkotahitanga, the Ministerial Advisory Group.
10 <b>A localised, whānau-led system learning approach to the first 1000 days</b>	The Social Wellbeing Board will drive further collective cross-agency effort to develop and test an integrated network of health, social services, and informal supports for children and whānau in the first 1000 days, through a localised learning system approach, building on the health sector early years prototypes. This	Ministry of Health  DPMC (Child Wellbeing and Poverty Reduction Group)  Other children's agencies and	10.1	Ministry of Health:  Limited progress.  Work to improve early years services over the first year (as part of Kahu Taurima) has focused on:  starting to redesign the continuum of health services provided to children and their whānau during the First 2,000 Days of life, so that all whānau, no matter where

	<p>includes implementation of Action 24 of Te Aorerekura Action Plan: holistic support for safe early years.</p>	<p>agencies involved</p>	<p>they live and who they are, receive the health services and support they need to start and raise their whānau.</p> <p>investments in specific Te Ao Māori and Pacific solutions, to provide options for whānau to receive more of their maternity and early years care from Hauora Māori and Pacific provider partners.</p> <p>Action 24 established and tested the feasibility of a co-commissioning model of early years primary child health and maternal mental health services together with social services in South Auckland leveraging off the Place Based Initiative. The project tested the transition of the Start Well programme in South Auckland to a cross-agency funded initiative as a small-scale test of co-commissioning to inform broader operationalizing such as cross-agency commissioning approaches. Key learnings from the initiative are the importance of a backbone function at a local level (PBI), having the forum of agencies, and established and effective relationships. There are no planned next steps at this stage.</p> <p>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</p> <p>Several workshops have been held between Te Puna Aonui, ACC, DPMC, Oranga Tamariki and health agencies to identify collaborative opportunities for early years primary prevention activities. This work is ongoing and includes a focus on developing a share approach to a learning system for the First 1000 Days.</p> <p>DPMC commissioned and received a report from The Southern Initiative (TSI) on 'A First 1000 Day Learning System'. This is helping inform the early years primary prevention work noted above.</p>
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				<p>There is ongoing agency involvement in the 'Early Years Implementation Learning Platform' (facilitated by The Southern Initiative) as a demonstration approach for early years learning system.</p> <p>Advice to SWB on the scope and actions to establish an early years learning system deferred to fourth quarter of 2023. Reasons include Oranga Tamariki coming on board as co-Lead Agency for the First 1000 Days priority area under the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, and implications of the recent Productivity Commission report 'A Fair Chance for All', which includes recommendations focused on a learning system to supports the public management system to break the cycle of persistent disadvantage.</p>
11	Agencies will support a coordinated, locally led approach with community partners who are looking to lead and work collaboratively on prevention, including an initial focus on community-based and locally led coordinated responses to reports of concern.	Oranga Tamariki  Other children's agencies	11.1, 11.2	Please see below.

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Activity	Description	Lead(s)	Summary of progress	Milestones in next six months	Status – Previous period	Status – Current period
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9.1	Progress development of an investment plan to support delivery of Te Aorerekura: The National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence	Te Puna Aonui	Initial advice on components of a Te Aorerekura Investment Plan was provided to the Minister in August 2022. Since this time, Te Puna Aonui Business Unit has gained Ministerial agreement to the scope and path for delivering a final investment plan for Cabinet decisions and publication in the second quarter of 2024. This includes a focus on drawing out community investment priorities and engagement with Te Pūkotahitanga, the Ministerial Advisory Group.	First draft of full investment plan for Ministerial feedback.	Amber  due to resource issues – being managed by ongoing recruitment	Green
10.1	In September 2022, the Social Wellbeing Board will provide advice to the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Ministerial Group on options and costings for extending community-led planning and innovation approaches to child and youth wellbeing, with an initial focus on the first 1000 days as a foundation for a life course approach	DPMC	Advice was provided to the CYWS Ministerial Group in September 2022 on a ‘first 1000 days’ Budget package. Of the four initiatives proposed, one (Ngā Tini Whetū expansion) was funded through Budget 2023; and one (expansion of social and emotional learning pilots such as ENGAGE) was funded through the PM’s Emerging Priorities fund.	This action has been completed	Green	Amber
11.1	Prototype community-based and locally led response to reports of	Oranga Tamariki	Oranga Tamariki continues to assist communities to:		Green	Green

	concern and explore what other agency support is required.		<p>Understand and be fully informed about the scope of the opportunity.</p> <p>Identify their own aspirations, outcomes, and priorities.</p> <p>Design their own approach, plan, model, or roadmap.</p> <p>Operationalize and implementation.</p> <p>Pace is set by our partners and our role is to enable and support through coordinating and resourcing where needed.</p>			
11.2	Drawing on early insights from the COVID-19 Care in the Community evaluation, identify opportunities to build on successful locally led and regionally enabled approaches with a view to creating more enduring collaborations that sustain community resilience.	MSD	<p>MSD has designed an outcomes-focused evaluation of the Care in the Community (CiC) welfare response to identify outcomes achieved and lessons learned.</p> <p>It began early in 2023, and consists of two workstreams:</p> <p>A survey workstream, undertaken by Allen + Clarke, which explores the welfare response as a whole through surveys with regional leaders, community providers, Community</p>	<p>High-level findings from both workstreams became available in September 2023, and technical reports will be finished in October 2023.</p> <p>A final synthesis report, integrating findings from across the two workstreams and the real-time evaluation, will be completed by March 2024.</p>	Green – Ongoing Action	Green – Ongoing Action



			<p>Connectors and households who received CiC support.</p> <p>A case study workstream, undertaken by Kaipuke Ltd., which explores the regional mechanisms of the CiC model through interviews with regional leaders across six case study regions.</p>			
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## Additional reporting against Action 6 – Actions related to cross-agency responses to in-depth assessments of need.

### In-depth needs assessments will help alleviate system gaps.

Seven in-depth assessments of need under Action 3 of the Action Plan have already been produced. These are looking at the housing, education and healthcare needs of the Action Plan cohort and will help address system gaps and improve outcomes for children and young people through:

- Increased options for young people in the care of Oranga Tamariki when they transition to independence in the community for supported housing and other housing options.
- Improved access to the right supports for children and young people in the Action Plan cohort who are distressed and suffering from mental health conditions and addictions.
- Better support for children and young people in care to actively participate in education with quality and engaging education supports.
- Learning and development needs being identified early, met with a full and timely assessment, and followed through properly with interventions and supports.

The inter-agency responses to address system gaps identified in the in-depth assessments of need delivered to date, are sprouting additional programmes of work beyond the existing Action Plan and its Implementation Plan. The full scope of the new programmes of work will only be understood once all agency responses are produced by early 2024.

Once the picture of the work programmes emerging from all response-backs is complete and fully scoped, we will collectively agree the best way to report on progress against each individual action under Action 6 of the Action Plan as part of the 6-monthly accountability reporting.

Until then, this implementation update will provide a high-level update on progress made by agencies and benefits achieved for children and young people in each priority area as identified below.

So far, four cross-agency response-backs have been produced:

- Hosing (Transitions)
- Housing (In Care)
- Education (In Care)
- Health Mental Health and Wellbeing).

This section of the report will focus of those four areas.

## **Housing (Transitions)**

Many young people in this population group rely on the adult housing system to meet their housing needs. Because universal adult services are generally not tailored for them, the services may not address their needs, contributing to housing deprivation. housing needs of young people transitioning out of care.

The In-depth Needs Assessment - Prioritising Housing Services for Young People Moving to Independence from Care and Youth Justice Settings was delivered in 2022 As part of Action 3 of the Action Plan. The corresponding cross agency response to the recommendations made in the needs assessment was delivered in the same year as part of Action 6 of the Action Plan,

This section of the report covers the progress made by agencies against actions identified in their responses. The agencies involved are:

- Oranga Tamariki
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
- Ministry of Social Development



Focus	Priority area	The benefits	Progressed achieved	Contextual measures from needs assessments and dashboard
Supporting Rangatahi Māori to return to whānau, hapū or iwi.	Increase the number of Transition hui-a-whānau or family group conferences to enable greater whānau involvement in transition planning processes	Rangatahi Māori are supported to be reconnected with whānau as they transition to independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oranga Tamariki:</li> <li>• <b>New resources for kaimahi and better data improve hui-a-whānau processes.</b></li> <li>• All seven action under this priority area have been completed as planned. This includes:</li> <li>• New resources and webinars for frontline staff and engagements with practice leads that include a focus on planning a hui-a-whānau.</li> <li>• Changes to CYRAS to enable better recording of transition planning to inform policy and practice.</li> <li>• Improving the quality of data analysis and reporting to support better understanding of hui-a-whānau processes and involvement.</li> </ul>	<p>63% of rangatahi Māori reported that their whānau have been involved “as much as they would like” in their transition planning process – measured through the Just Sayin’ Survey in November 2022.</p> <p>Monitored through evidence dashboards: number of family group conferences for transition planning purposes for rangatahi Māori. This measure is under development.</p>
Supported accommodation	Provide fit for purpose supported accommodation for young people transitioning to independence from care and youth justice settings	More young people have safe and secure housing, as well as appropriate wrap around supports, as they transition to independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of HUD:</li> <li>• <b>More housing options are being made available to young people.</b></li> <li>• As of February 2023, Oranga Tamariki are delivering 110 placements for young people leaving care and youth justice placements using funding secured through HUD’s Homelessness Action Plan.</li> <li>• Further to this, HUD is continuing to contract providers for rangatahi/youth transitional housing, from the \$20m funding announced in Budget 2022. We estimate that approximately 100 (subject to negotiation) places will have been made available from this funding by the end of 2023.</li> </ul>	<p>Most young people were reasonably positive about the quality of where they lived. – measured through the Just Sayin’ Survey in November 2022:</p> <p>86% feel they have somewhere warm to live</p> <p>74% feel that they belong</p> <p>82% feel safe where they live</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUD is also partnering with providers to complete design work for a new supported accommodation service for rangatahi/youth with higher and more complex needs. Pilots will be contracted from July in Auckland and Hamilton.</li> <li>• Oranga Tamariki:</li> <li>• <b>The settings for supported accommodation might change in the future.</b></li> <li>• Oranga Tamariki is undertaking a review of supported accommodation for young people transitioning to independence from care and youth justice settings.</li> <li>• We expect to be able to provide advice for the Minister on the future of Supported Housing around October 2023.</li> </ul>	<p>71% feel settled</p> <p>As at end of June 2023, there were <i>154 supported accommodation places</i> available to young people. Please refer to the Evidence and Indicators Dashboard for more details.</p>
Young parent homes	Support young parents to have their housing needs met with fit for purpose young parent homes	Young parents have access to safe and nurturing homes with appropriate wrap around supports	<p>Oranga Tamariki:</p> <p><b>Young Parent Homes is being reviewed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oranga Tamariki is undertaking a review of young parent homes to identify areas for change.</li> <li>• The advice will be provided to the Minister for Children in October 2023.</li> </ul>	To be determined through the review of young parent homes
Emergency housing	Ensure young people transitioning to independence from care and youth justice settings have access to safe and suitable emergency	When young people in this population group need access to emergency accommodation,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSD:</li> <li>• Cross-agency work as part of the Emergency Housing System Review.</li> <li>• MSD has engaged with Oranga Tamariki during the development of Action One of the Emergency Housing System Review – Needs Assessment And Referral Pathway. MSD has</li> </ul>	Most young people were reasonably positive about the quality of where they lived. – measured through the Just Sayin’ Survey in November 2022:



	<p>housing options where longer term housing is not available</p>	<p>they are able to quickly access safe and suitable places</p>	<p>completed Phase One of the development of the Needs Assessment and Referral Pathway and will soon commence Phase Two which is a system solution that will be integrated into MSD's system. MSD will engage with Oranga Tamariki on Phase Three (early 2024) of the work to improve the pathway for young people in transition from Oranga Tamariki.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of August 2023, supplier standards for accommodation funded by an Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (Action Five) have been approved and come into effect on 6 November 2023. MSD will continue to work with Oranga Tamariki to operationalise the supplier standards to ensure emergency accommodation meets minimum expectations of safety and suitability.</li> <li>Improving cross-agency information sharing on suitable forms of accommodation and supports (deadline mid-2023).</li> <li>MSD has been working with Oranga Tamariki to strengthen and formalise relationships between agencies to ensure young people in emergency housing are accessing supports that they are entitled to.</li> <li>MSD has shared key contacts for each MSD region with the Oranga Tamariki Transition Support Service and has shared information about MSD's housing-related financial assistance with Oranga Tamariki to increase understanding about these housing products.</li> <li>MSD will improve information about the Transition Support Service on its intranet. This will help ensure young people in emergency housing continue to receive appropriate support by Oranga Tamariki and reduce the risk of young people retelling their story</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>86% feel they have somewhere warm to live</li> <li>74% feel that they belong</li> <li>82% feel safe where they live</li> <li>71% feel settled where they live</li> </ul> <p>There were close to <i>500 young people</i> accessing the Housing Special Needs Grants as at the end of June 2023. Please refer to the Evidence and Indicators Dashboard for more details.</p>
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			<p>multiple times during their housing journey and experiencing unmet needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agencies are working together to provide wrap around for youth transitioning out of care in need of transition housing support fast.</li><li>• HUD, MSD, Oranga Tamariki (along with Ministry of Health and Corrections) are working together to identify joined-up actions ensuring the needs of children, young people and whānau supported by Oranga Tamariki are met through the Emergency Housing system review.</li><li>• These initiatives will be considered by an Inter-Agency Advisory Group for recommendation to the Minister of Housing and the Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment for approval.</li><li>• We expect most initiatives to be considered by the Advisory Group in August 2023 and recommendations made to Ministers in September.</li><li>• Oranga Tamariki is working with MSD and HUD to develop the housing information packs. These packs will support frontline MSD and Oranga Tamariki Staff to identify appropriate housing supports for young people transitioning out of care.</li><li>• This is to help MSD staff build understanding of the Transition Support Service offered by Oranga Tamariki and its role in supporting young people transitioning out of care. The info packs will also support the Transition Support Service workers in increasing their understanding of the housing supports available to young people from MSD.</li><li>• Oranga Tamariki continues to work with MSD to develop our referral pathway tool for Transition Support Service eligible young</li></ul>	
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			<p>people in need of Emergency Housing. The aim of the referral pathways is to provide young people with wrap around co-ordinated support from a Transition Support worker and an MSD Housing case manager if they consent.</p>	
<p>Entitlement to remain with or return to a caregiver (ETRR).</p>	<p>Ensure all eligible young people who want to remain with or return to living with caregivers are supported to do so</p>	<p>More young people are supported to remain or return to living with a caregiver if they want to beyond the age of 18</p>	<p><b>The Entitlement to Remain or Return (ETRR) service has been reviewed and will be refreshed to improve accessibility and quality of service.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Entitlement to Remain or Return service is being refreshed to better meet the needs of young people and their caregivers, following a review of the service that was directly informed by young people and caregivers.</li> <li>• The intention of the ETRR is to support eligible rangatahi to remain living in (or return to) a stable caregiving arrangement past the age of 18 and up to the age of 21.</li> <li>• The uptake of the ETRR service is steadily increasing, as a result of new collateral and training to increase awareness. In the 12 months to 31 March 2023, there were 85 ETRR placements up from 55 placements in the 12 months to 31 March 2022.</li> <li>• Over time, the refresh will help us increase the number of people accessing this service.</li> <li>• The refresh of ETRR will also enable greater access to the service and enhance how support is provided to better meet the needs of young people and caregivers.</li> </ul>	<p>As at the end of June 2023 the number of young people in return or remain home placements was at 68.</p> <p>Pease refer to the Evidence and Indicators Dashboard for more details.</p>



## Housing (In Care)

We found that families and whānau of children in care struggle to access the housing support they need to provide a safe, appropriate home to support either the return of the child or young person from care or enable family and whānau to care for a child or young person in care.

Further, there are limited services and supports that address the specific housing needs of children and young people in care. This partly reflects that most of the housing needs of children and young people are interlinked to their parents, families, whānau, and caregivers. As a result, many of the current housing supports do not meet the needs of children and young people in care, particularly those who are in a return home placement.

The In-depth Need Assessment - Prioritising Housing Services for Children and Young People in Care, Their Families and Whānau, And Caregivers was delivered in December 2022 as part of Action 3 of The Action Plan. The corresponding cross agency response to the recommendations made in the needs assessment was delivered in April 2023 as part of Action 6 of the Action Plan,

This section of the report covers the progress made by agencies against actions identified in the cross-agency response-backs. The agencies involved are:

- Oranga Tamariki
- Ministry of Housing
- Ministry of Social Development
- Kāinga Ora; and
- Whaikaha

Focus	Priority area	The benefits	Progressed achieved	Contextual measures from needs assessments and dashboard
Reviewing and strengthening the fast-track system.	Ensure that the fast-track system is operating to meet the housing needs of children and young people in care, their families, whānau and caregivers	Families, whānau and caregivers of children in care who require Government housing support are prioritised on the Housing Register.	Oranga Tamariki:  <b>Better information sharing will improve fast-track service.</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The action is aimed at improving the knowledge of social workers of the fast-track system, and their support of families, whānau and caregivers of children in care who have an immediate housing need.</li> </ul>	Measures to be developed:  The number of working days taken for households who approach MSD for a public housing assessment, to be placed "live" on the public housing register (note, this can be affected by factors external to MSD, including time taken by households to verify their housing need,

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSD updated its operational guidelines on the fast-track system for the households who have a child or young person in care.</li> <li>Oranga Tamariki is currently working with MSD to ensure that our information sharing mechanisms with them in this space enable those who are eligible to be fast-tracked, to benefit from the service.</li> </ul> <p>MSD:</p> <p><b>MSD and Oranga Tamariki have made operational improvements to the fast-track process to identify further changes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSD has updated its internal guidance about the fast-track process with client scenarios, including providing additional guidance to clarify that children and young people reunifying with their parents may be eligible for the fast-track process.</li> <li>MSD has provided communications to regional staff to ensure the updated guidance about the updated guidance on the public housing fast-track for the Oranga Tamariki in-care cohort.</li> <li>MSD is currently working with Oranga Tamariki to equip staff with the necessary information for the public housing fast-track process and identify further operational improvements to the fast-track process.</li> </ul>	<p>and the time taken by Oranga Tamariki to verify status for fast-track eligibility).</p> <p>The number of households successfully housed in public housing via the fast-track system, and the number of months taken for households to be successfully housed after entry to the fast-track system.</p>
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<p>Cross-agency support for children on remain or return home placements</p>	<p>Identify cross-agency and young people in care to stay or return to their parents, family and whānau</p>	<p>Children and young people supported to remain or return home to parents</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki:</p> <p><b>The future direction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oranga Tamariki will continue to focus its strategic direction on supporting children and young people to be able to stay in the care of their parents, family and whānau, including working with Māori communities and partnerships through Enabling Communities as part of the Future Direction Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>As at the end of June 2023 the number of young people in return or remain home placements was at 68.</p> <p>Please refer to the Evidence and Indicators Dashboard for more details.</p>
<p>Emergency Housing</p>	<p>Ensure emergency housing options are fit for purpose when longer term housing is not available</p>	<p>When children and young people in this population group need access to emergency accommodation, their families, whānau and caregivers are able to quickly access safe and suitable places</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oranga Tamariki, HUD and MSD are working together to identify joined-up actions ensuring the needs of children, young people and their whānau and caregivers supported by Oranga Tamariki are met through the Emergency Housing system review.</li> <li>These initiatives will be considered by an Inter-Agency Advisory Group for recommendation to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, and the Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment for approval.</li> <li>We expect most initiatives to be considered by the Advisory Group in August 2023 and recommendations made to Ministers in September.</li> <li>Further inter-agency work in this area includes consultation between MSD and Oranga Tamariki on setting standards for Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants suppliers to meet minimum expectations around safety and suitability.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed to track changes once further work on data and information about children and young people in care living in emergency housing occurs, and the data and information improves.</p>



<p>Disabled children and young people who have more intensive support needs</p>	<p>HUD will continue to work with Kāinga Ora and Oranga Tamariki to help them source the public and supported housing (as appropriate) they need so that Oranga Tamariki can provide homes for children and young people with more intensive support needs</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki are able to provide appropriate homes for disabled children and young people in care with more intensive support needs. These children and young people are prevented from coming into care in the first place.</p>	<p>HUD:</p> <p><b>HUD is working to increase public housing available.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUD’s role is to plan the supply of public housing according to the areas of greatest need, within the funding available.</li> <li>• One in seven of the public homes in NZ today was added in the last five years. As of April 2023, there were 78, 251 public homes.</li> </ul> <p>Kāinga Ora:</p> <p><b>Strategic review and planning strengthen relationships between agencies.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new MoU has been signed as has the schedule for the Oranga Tamariki Homes Agreement.</li> <li>• The MoU outlines how our organisations will become more strategically aligned, and how we can collaborate effectively on the Oranga Tamariki Action Plan.</li> <li>• In practical terms, the MoU will see our people meeting regularly with their counterparts in Oranga Tamariki to develop joint work programmes and look for wider opportunities to assist people and whānau. We will also consult with each other over the development of projects, proposals, policies, strategies, and initiatives that may affect the interests of our organisations.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed to track changes once further work on data and information about disabled children and young people in care occurs, and the data and information improves. This will include indicators to support forecasting the level of future housing supports required for this cohort.</p>
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			<p><b>Kāinga Ora purchased seven out of 10 additional homes for the Oranga Tamariki Homes programme.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kāinga Ora and Oranga Tamariki are increasing the number of homes available for disabled children and young people who require more intensive support.</li> <li>• Kāinga Ora have purchased seven of the ten homes committed to in the Action Plan in Christchurch, Wellington and Orewa. Three more homes will be purchased in Canterbury and Nelson.</li> <li>• Additionally, Kāinga Ora have leased Oranga Tamariki a home in Richmond, a home in Palmerston North, extended an existing lease on a home in Palmerston North and provided a short-term lease on a home in Christchurch. Oranga Tamariki have secured another home in Wainuiomata.</li> <li>• The objective of the Oranga Tamariki Homes Programme is to provide Oranga Tamariki with access to a portfolio of properties that can be used to provide homes for tamariki and rangatahi in the care of Oranga Tamariki. The outcomes of the Oranga Tamariki Homes Programme are to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve societal outcomes for our communities and for New Zealanders more broadly.</li> <li>• Improve the overall experience for the public in engaging with each agency, in particular for tamariki and persons with housing needs.</li> <li>• Improve the efficiency with which the agencies can collectively provide services to the public; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share strategic priorities, and actively seeking ideas for how each agency can assist the other in meeting those strategic priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Providing more accessible housing to people with disabilities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kāinga Ora is completing the draft Accessibility Policy for Board approval to undertake targeted engagement in late 2023.</li> <li>• Following engagement, the refreshed Accessibility Policy 2023 will be finalised and published to reset our organisational commitments to accessibility.</li> <li>• For Kāinga Ora, accessibility is about our customers living comfortably in their homes now, and as their circumstances change. To have family, whānau and friends visit easily, and to be part of the wider community they live in without barriers. The current Accessibility Policy aims to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase the number of our homes that are meet universal design standards (at least 15% of new build target)</li> <li>- Meet the individual needs of our customers.</li> <li>- Improve the information Kāinga Ora holds about its property’s accessibility features, and our customers accessibility needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Streamlining the housing modification process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of 7 June 2023, the cross-agency leadership team of Kāinga Ora, MSD, ACC and Whaikaha officially endorsed the inclusion of Oranga Tamariki as a new</li> </ul>	
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			<p>member of this ropu tasked with identifying issues with and improving the current housing modifications process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group is focused on finalising a joint report on how innovations across the modifications system could be achieved. This will then inform a joint work programme.</li> </ul>	
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### Education (In-care)

Children and young people in care and youth justice are more likely to have adverse educational experiences in their lifetime. The education system must respond to the specific needs of children in care if they are to have better experiences and equity in outcomes.

Compared to general population, children and young people in care or youth justice are more likely that their peers to change schools three or more times over their lifetime, and to be stood down, suspended or truant.

- 25% of school aged children in care will change schools three or more times.
- 58% of young people in youth justice custody will change schools three or more times.
- 12% attain level 4 NCEA compared to 45% of those with no care experience.

The In-depth Needs Assessment - *Education Experiences and Needs of Children and Young People In Care and Youth Justice* was delivered in 2022 As part of Action 3 of the Action Plan. The corresponding cross agency response to the recommendations made in the needs assessment was delivered in April 2023 as part of Action 6 of the Action Plan,

This section of the report covers the progress made by agencies against actions identified in the cross-agency response-backs in the two months leading up to June 2023. The agencies involved are:

- Oranga Tamariki
- Ministry of Education

Focus	Priority area	The benefits	Progressed achieved	Contextual measures from needs
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				assessments and dashboard
Supporting Inclusion.	Children and young people in care or youth justice are supported to be included in the education system through agencies better working together	<p>Children and young people in care or youth justice will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have agency and involvement in the sharing of their data and information</li> <li>• receive improved continuity of care through improved information sharing</li> <li>• be able to navigate systems with greater ease</li> <li>• experience well-planned transitions and fewer barriers through interagency collaboration and accountability of decision-making.</li> </ul>	<p>Ministry of Education:</p> <p><b>Information sharing will make the biggest difference.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The focus of this priority area has shifted to completing an information sharing schedule with Oranga Tamariki to support the education, wellbeing and safety of children and young people.</li> <li>• The first step will be for agencies to collectively identify which data need to be shared and how information may be shared and used.</li> <li>• As this work was only agreed in June 2023, risks and delays have not been identified as part of the implementation.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed once further planning has progressed, in line with the wider data-sharing work outlined in the Implementation Plan.</p>

<p>Supporting Iwi in education journeys</p>	<p>Support whānau, and iwi and Māori organisations to support children and young people in care or youth justice, and their whānau, on their education journeys.</p>	<p>Whānau, iwi and Māori organisations to have tino rangatiratanga in education and over education services and supports.</p> <p>Māori exercise their authority and agency in education and tamariki and rangatahi Māori have well supported journeys through education.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education:</p> <p><b>Applying lessons learned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoE's focus will be on applying the lessons of social sector commissioning and models of Whānau Ora to the way that we contract with providers in the education system.</li> <li>However, this work is yet to begin.</li> <li>As this work was only agreed in June 2023, risks and delays have not been identified as part of the implementation.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed once further planning has progressed, in line with the wider data-sharing work outlined in the Implementation Plan.</p>
<p>Participation in education for children in care and Youth Justice</p>	<p>Support children and young people in care or youth justice, and their whānau, who need additional support to actively participate in education.</p>	<p>Children and young people in care or youth justice who have learning support needs will:</p> <p>be supported to participate and engage in education.</p> <p>receive the support they need when they need it.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education:</p> <p><b>Data sharing will give insight into children and young people's education needs.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the information sharing schedule (as referenced in Priority 1 – Supporting Inclusion) to understand and meet the learning support needs of children and young people in care or youth justice.</li> <li>This work will commence when the information schedule has been finalised.</li> <li>As this work was only agreed in June 2023, risks and delays have not been identified as part of the implementation.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed once further planning has progressed, in line with the wider data-sharing work outlined in the Implementation Plan.</p>

<p>Transitioning through educational journeys.</p>	<p>Support children, young people and their whānau through transitional phases of their care, youth justice and/or education journey</p>	<p>Children, young people and their whānau will:</p> <p>be supported to achieve their education goals, particularly through transitional periods in their lives.</p> <p>will receive the support they need when they need it.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education:</p> <p><b>Gap analysis will help improve transitional guidance.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake, with support from Oranga Tamariki, a gap analysis and review. Refresh and re-promote existing guidance, including guidance related to enrolment.</li> <li>• Work is underway on guidance for directed enrolment for Ministry staff and schools.</li> </ul> <p>Example of this work:</p> <p><b>Transitioning to School Plan supports tamariki and rangatahi in care through challenges of change.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oranga Tamariki Central Tāmaki Makarau Regional Manager initiated a “Transitioning to School Plan” project with Ministry of Education.</li> <li>• This supports tamariki and rangatahi in Oranga Tamariki care transitioning from Early Childhood to Primary School as well as those who are at risk of school exclusion. It also alerts educational staff and other adults around tamariki and rangatahi to their individual circumstances and needs, ensuring appropriate planning and support. This benefits them by advancing their skill development, emotional resilience, and learning engagement.</li> </ul> <p>How this could work in practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the move from early childhood education to primary school, tamariki may require support. As an example of how this support may look in practice is Senior Health and Education Advisors</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed once further planning has progressed, in line with the wider data-sharing work outlined in the Implementation Plan.</p>
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			<p>at Oranga Tamariki and a Social Worker working with Ministry of Education’s Lead Advisor and the whānau to plan wraparound support. The plan may result in agencies agreeing to funding for a learning support coordinator to work personally with the tamaiti to provide them with the support they need throughout the school day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This would help support tamariki to settle in well at school and stay connected with friends from ECE. The learning support coordinator will continue to ensure the service is available at school and will work with the caregivers to ensure consistency of support at home.</li> </ul>	
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## Health (Mental Health and Wellbeing)

We know that mental health and wellbeing is one component of broader wellbeing, or oranga. Positive mental wellbeing is most likely when people feel safe, connected, valued, worthy, accepted and have a sense of belonging, identity, and hope for the future. Young people involved with Oranga Tamariki often have high mental health and wellbeing support needs. These needs are intersectional and often inequitably distributed.

Māori, Pacific, disabled, and rainbow children are overrepresented in the Oranga Tamariki population and are therefore at greater risk of poor mental health and wellbeing. The Government’s existing mental health and wellbeing support services are not meeting the needs of this population group.

Mental health and wellbeing need of children and young people should be met by a comprehensive system of supports and services that address the broad environmental factors that contribute to wellbeing, involving both whānau and communities, and by children’s agencies working collaboratively.

The In-depth Needs Assessment - *Mental health and wellbeing needs of children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki* was delivered in 2022 As part of Action 3 of the Action Plan. The corresponding cross agency response to the recommendations made in the needs assessment was delivered in March 2023 as part of Action 6 of the Action Plan,

This section of the report covers the progress made by agencies against actions identified in their responses in the three months leading up to June 2023. The agencies involved are:

- Oranga Tamariki
- Ministry of Health



Focus	Priority area	The benefits	Progressed achieved	Contextual measures from needs assessments and dashboard
<p>Identify what a mental wellbeing promoting and enhancing Oranga Tamariki system* response looks like, including the roles of relevant agencies and interfaces with other systems</p>	<p>Agencies from across the Oranga Tamariki system will work together to identify what a good system of support should look like to meet the mental wellbeing needs of children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki and their families and whānau, in an oranga and trauma-informed, holistic and whānau centred way. This will include consideration of the broader environment that supports mental wellbeing, a focus on whānau-centred, culturally appropriate, wrap-around support services across the Oranga Tamariki system, and the roles of different agencies and providers to meet needs.</p>	<p>Children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki will be supported to have their needs met by a well-functioning system.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health:</p> <p><b>The specialist Mental Health and Addiction system for children and young people is being reviewed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project could be negatively impacted by restructures across Te Whatu Ora and Manatū Hauora. However, currently, the project is progressing well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key health sector accountability documents will now consider children that come or might come into the attention of Oranga Tamariki.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The children and young people of interest to Oranga Tamariki are now woven into accountability documents, including Te Pae Tata - interim New Zealand Health Plan and the System and Services Framework. This action is now complete, and we are working closely with strategic teams within The Ministry of Health to ensure that we continue to include reference to this population in the key documents, and ongoing implementation planning.</li> <li>We are also working to ensure that, where applicable, the Oranga Tamariki populations are included in the Pae Ora strategies. We will continue to include this in key health sector documents and strategies to maintain ongoing focus on these children, young people and whānau.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed to track changes once further work on the system has progressed.</p>

			<p><b>The Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy has a new policy focus on child and youth mental wellbeing.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We also completed development of a new implementation roadmap for the new Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy policy priority (added to the Strategy in late 2022 following its review).</li><li>• This includes a theory of change and system map so there is a common understanding of what mental wellbeing is, what promotes and harms it, and what the current systems of support and services for it look like.</li></ul> <p><b>An integrated service model is being developed across Health agencies.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health agencies been progressing the development of an integrated service model through several workstreams including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Gateway reviews.</li><li>- The development of health focused needs assessments.</li><li>- Work to develop a model of care for residences.</li></ul></li><li>• While these workstreams have been an initial priority, further work is underway between health agencies to develop a specific model of care for the Oranga Tamariki population that will be developed and tested with key stakeholders in the second half of 2023.</li><li>• This work will include health assessments and supports, including mental health and wellbeing, and cover all settings including youth justice.</li></ul>	
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<p>Build frontline workers' and care givers' knowledge in identifying and addressing mental health and wellbeing needs</p>	<p>Agencies will investigate the gap in consistent understanding and approaches to meeting needs of children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki across the system.</p>	<p>Children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki will be supported by frontline workers and whānau and caregivers who are well-informed about mental health and wellbeing needs of children and young people, how to meet them and how to access appropriate services.</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki:</p> <p><b>Trauma training needs are being scoped.</b></p> <p>Initial scoping has begun on training and professional development programmes that are currently available to frontline kaimahi (including social workers, caregivers, support workers in residences)</p> <p><b>Foundational induction programme for new social workers and new supervisors and practice leaders is being rolled-out.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Development training programmes currently being rolled out include:</li> <li>• 2-month induction programme for all frontline kaimahi.</li> <li>• Safety intervention programme for residential care kaimahi.</li> <li>• Leading practice programme (Kaimahi Ora) for leaders of practice.</li> <li>• Ad hoc mental health training from Regional Disability advisor and other ad hoc providers, for CGRS social workers.</li> <li>• Youth Forensic Development for the forensic workforce and Star micro-credentialling in YJ Residences.</li> <li>• Alert programme in CP Residences for the full care team and leadership kaimahi.</li> </ul> <p><b>Free mental health training is facing funding issues.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This work is subject to funding approval to expand existing work and implement, however funding has not been approved through health channels.</li> </ul>	<p>Indicators will be developed as part of the scoping and commissioning of this work.</p>
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<p>Improve collaboration and navigation across the Oranga Tamariki system</p>	<p>Agencies will work with other key stakeholders to improve the way mental health and wellbeing supports and services are coordinated and navigated by the children and young people and their families and whānau involved with Oranga Tamariki</p>	<p>Children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki will have their health needs identified and met early by a coordinated system.</p> <p>Improved information on the health needs of young people in residences, allowing agencies to meet their needs.</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A scoping exercise has begun to investigate locations where mental health providers and Oranga Tamariki are collaborating well, and caregivers and frontline workers are able to navigate the system. The aim is to prepare a report by the end of the year. Next steps include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining what constitutes “good collaboration”. Identify areas where mental health providers and Oranga Tamariki are collaborating well, and caregivers and frontline workers can navigate the system.</li> <li>Focused engagement on the regions/areas which have previously been identified. Literature scan on collective impact literature.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>The Gateway Assessment programme is progressing well.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national review of the Gateway Assessment programme is being undertaken alongside the Ministries of Health and Education, Te Aka Whai Ora and Whaikaha. The aim is to consult widely to understand the views of care-experienced tamariki and rangatahi, their whānau and caregivers, as well as the kaimahi, partners, and providers involved in administering Gateway Assessments and the follow up supports/service. The plan involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with our iwi, Māori, Pacific, and community partners and providers</li> <li>talking to care-experienced rangatahi through the Oranga Tamariki Youth Advisory Group, and VOYCE Whakarongo Mai.</li> <li>Utilising previous research and findings such as through the Oranga Tamariki Caregiver Survey.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Indicators or outcomes measures will likely be developed after the review of Gateway Assessment programme.</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Whatu Ora are developing QR code posters with key topical issues that can easily be accessed, and information shared. Oranga Tamariki are working through how best to have the website information available for easy access.</li> </ul> <p><b>Starship Hospital Child and Family Unit continues to be supported by a Mental Health specialist.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the Budget 2022 investment into infant child and adolescent mental health services (ICAMHS), specific funding has been allocated for those with mental health needs under the care of Oranga Tamariki.</li> <li>• Te Whatu Ora and Oranga Tamariki will co-fund an extension of the current pilot at the Starship Child and Family Unit which involves having an Oranga Tamariki social worker located in the Child/Youth Mental Health Inpatient Unit in Auckland.</li> <li>• We are expanding the pilot to the other two child and youth mental health inpatient units in Wellington and Christchurch. This initiative is part of our Te Pae Tata actions linked to the Action Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional funding has been allocated for mental health support staff.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the Budget 2022 investment into infant child and adolescent mental health services (ICAMHS), specific funding has been allocated for those with mental health needs under the care of Oranga Tamariki.</li> <li>• Te Whatu Ora is establishing dedicated ICAMHS FTE to provide additional mental health and addiction support into Oranga Tamariki national residential care facilities in Wellington and in</li> </ul>	
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			<p>Southland. This initiative is part of our Te Pae Tata actions linked to the Action Plan.</p> <p><b>Transition to a new cloud-based practice management system Medtech Evolution is progressing well.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first 4 health providers have been transitioned over.</li> <li>• Generally, this has been very well project managed by Oranga Tamariki.</li> <li>• Education and support for health providers in respect to data input continues to obtain consistent robust reporting into the future.</li> </ul> <p><b>MedTech Evolution makes health data easily transferrable between health providers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamariki and rangatahi will be able to transition more smoothly between healthcare providers in residences, through the roll out of a new data system by Te Whatu Ora and Oranga Tamariki.</li> <li>• Medtech is a new cloud-based patient management system, which will provide a comprehensive health data base and allow health information of tamariki and rangatahi in residences to be easily transferred to other health care providers in other placements or general practice.</li> <li>• This will prevent rangatahi and tamariki from having to be unnecessarily reassessed.</li> <li>• <b>Children and young people in care transitioning from mental health wards will receive improved supports.</b></li> <li>• Initial proposals are being developed to have a liaison-type role in three acute mental health wards, co-funded by Oranga Tamariki and Te Whatu Ora.</li> </ul>	
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<p>Increase capacity of existing services and supports for children and young people with moderate to high mental wellbeing need</p>	<p>Agencies will identify options to expand existing services that meet moderate to high levels of mental health and wellbeing needs, which will help to alleviate pressure on specialist mental health and addiction services. These services could include new Access and Choice services, as well as the High and Complex Needs Unit, the Oranga Tamariki clinical services teams, and the mental health services provided in care and protection and youth justice residences, all of which are under high demand and currently do not have the capacity to provide</p>	<p>Children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki will have better access to supports and services for moderate high mental health needs</p>	<p>Oranga Tamariki:</p> <p><b>Health needs of children and young people in care and young people in residences will be better understood.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This work continues using a collaborative approach and joint work programme between health and Oranga Tamariki. The medication management and training has been rolled out to all health providers and residences and has been well received.</li> <li>• A note on healthcare and service provision in residences was drafted to provide an initial problem definition for agreement between Oranga Tamariki, Te Whatu Ora and Manatū Hauora (following internal agreement within Oranga Tamariki) on the issues surrounding health needs and service provision in Oranga Tamariki care and youth justice residences.</li> <li>• This may lead to opportunities to develop responses that can immediately be implemented to address some of the issues described and will contribute to a more comprehensive review of the model of health care in residences going forward.</li> </ul>	<p>Monitoring service access by children and young people, with a focus on specific populations, including children involved with Oranga Tamariki where possible</p>





	sufficient support to all children and young people who need it		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Health have reviewed and responded to the note with recommendations to progress next steps. Engagements are ongoing.</li> </ul> <p>Ministry of Health</p> <p><b>Primary health and addiction services for youth and whānau are being expanded.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Access and Choice programme is funded through Budget 2019 and involves the rollout of new primary mental health and addiction services across New Zealand by the end of 2023/24.</li> <li>This programme includes targeted funding for youth-specific (12 to 24 years) services in youth-friendly and accessible settings.</li> <li>Services are intended to be flexible and are available in individual, family/whānau and group settings, as needed.</li> <li>These services also provide connections to other cultural, social and health supports, primary care and specialist mental health and addiction services, as and when needed to meet the developmental needs of young people and their whānau.</li> <li>There are contracts in place for the delivery of 22 youth primary mental health and addiction services. Comprising of 21 local services contracted across all districts, and a nationwide contract with Youthline for the expansion of their national helpline. Through these efforts, 78,400 sessions with mental health professionals have been delivered to date.</li> </ul>	
Investigate current levels of unmet mental	Oranga Tamariki will work with health sector entities to initiate an investigation to understand the barriers	Children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki who are currently facing	Oranga Tamariki and Health:	This is an investigative focus area, so indicators will be developed as work progresses. Findings

<p>health and wellbeing needs</p>	<p>for children and young people involved with Oranga Tamariki in accessing specialist mental health and addiction services, and the reasons why the health system and Oranga Tamariki are not reliably connecting around individual children and young people</p>	<p>barriers to having their mental wellbeing needs met will have an opportunity to express their needs to decision makers to influence future changes</p>	<p><b>Secondary analysis of Growing Up In New Zealand (GUINZ) survey data to consider Oranga Tamariki populations.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the government’s response to the assessment of the mental wellbeing needs of the Oranga Tamariki involved population, Manatū Hauora has asked GUINZ to quote for an analysis of the mental wellbeing status, and pathways to that status, of the Oranga Tamariki involved members of their cohort.</li> <li>• An initial document with research questions was collaboratively prepared as a discussion starter for Manatū Hauora, Oranga Tamariki (policy) and GUINZ. A joint hui was also had to clarify the context and scope of this piece of work.</li> <li>• Funding remains an ongoing risk for this work, as the source of funding has not been confirmed.</li> </ul>	<p>and recommendations from exploratory research will inform targeted action and measures that monitor change as a result of action taken.</p>
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