



# COVID-19 RECOVERY AND RESPONSE

## WHĀRAURAU WERRY WORKFORCE SECTOR LEADERS

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# Overview

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- Impacts
- Our response
- Discussion



# What we're seeing post-lockdown

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## Wellbeing, behavioural, psycho-social and family harm concerns

- Number of weekly reports of concern have increased back to only slightly higher than normal levels since exiting lockdown.
- Police reports of concern relating to family violence lower than during lockdown and lower than same time last year.
- Family harm and sexual attack calls to NZ Police are tracking close to pre-lockdown levels.
- Mixed picture from providers of family and sexual harm support services.



# What we're seeing post-lockdown

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## Wellbeing, behavioural, psycho-social and family harm concerns

- Youth Justice Family Group Conference and admissions to residences reduced during lockdown but have increased back to usual levels
- Limited but mixed picture on changing nature of the concerns among the tamariki, whānau and caregivers we work with.



# What we're seeing post- Lockdown

## Service provision

- Some backlogs in service provision but not as significant as we might have expected.
- Small number of providers facing financial viability issues as a consequence of lockdown period.



# How we're responding

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- Preparing for downstream impacts
- Making immediate adjustments to service provision
- Embedding different ways of working
- Getting inter-agency mechanisms in place to galvanise action on specific issues that emerge



# How we're responding

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## Preparing for downstream impacts

- **Actively respond** where impacts are easier to predict:
  - Reduced employment opportunities for young people
  - Increased hardship and stress within whānau and increased demand for family support services.
  - Reduced philanthropic funding available for NGOs
  - Impact likely to be worse for those already experiencing systemic disadvantage – risk of increased disparities for tamariki and whānau Māori
- **Plan and monitor** where the impacts are more difficult to predict:
  - Reduction in availability of non-statutory care options
  - Reduction in placement options, placement stability and exits from care
  - Mental health impacts for the tamariki and rangatahi we are working with
  - Economic impacts may lead to higher youth offending



# How we're responding

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## Immediate service adjustments

- Address backlogs
- Early intervention
- Intensive intervention
- Support to NGO, iwi and Māori partners
- Accommodation and employment support for young adults





# How we're responding

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## Surfacing and embedding different ways of working

- Making digital engagement a core part of how we engage with tamariki, rangatahi and whānau
- Continuing to use digital tools to connect with other practitioners, the Courts and other professionals and agencies
- Accelerating the shift towards relational and partnered practice
- Continuing to realise the opportunities and benefits created through flexible working



# How we're responding

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## Cross-agency responses

- Establishing cross-agency mechanisms to galvanise action:
  - Oranga Tamariki Action Plan
  - Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing Recovery Plan



# Discussion

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- What are you seeing post lockdown?
- Impacts for the cohorts of tamariki, rangatahi and whānau we work with?
- Other responses required?

