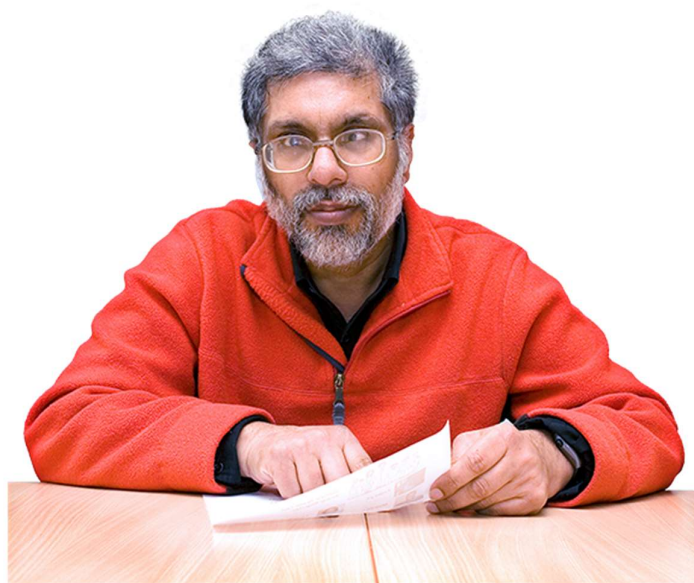


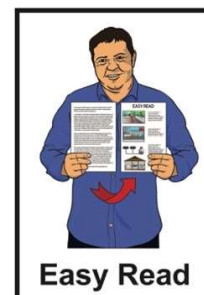


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June 2023



About this pānui / newsletter



This Easy Read pānui / newsletter is from the Crown Response Unit called the **CRU** for short.



The **CRU** is a group of people who work for the government who look after:

- contact between the Government and the **Royal Commission of Inquiry – Abuse in Care**
- the Government **response** to what the Royal Commission finds out.

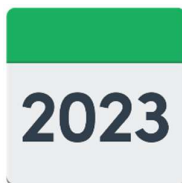




The **Royal Commission of Inquiry – Abuse in Care** is explained in on **pages 4 to 6** of this document.



The **response** is what the Government will do because of what the Royal Commission finds out.



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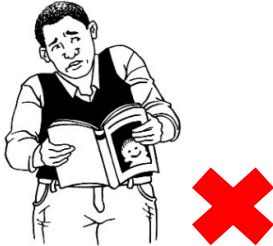


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Some of the information in this pānui / newsletter may upset people when they read it.



This information is not meant to upset anyone.



If you do not feel safe right now call the police on **111**.



If you are worried or concerned after reading this you can talk about it with:

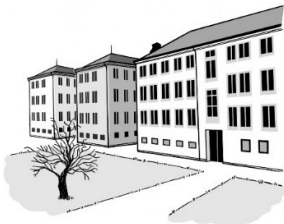
- your family / friends
- your support workers.



What is the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care?



The **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is looking into abuse that happened to people **in care**.



In this document being **in care** means that the Government or a **faith-based institution** were in charge of your care.

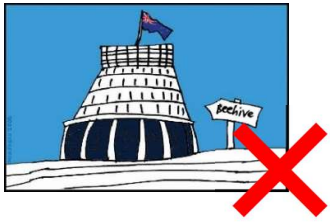


Faith-based institutions are run by religious groups like churches.



Abuse can be:

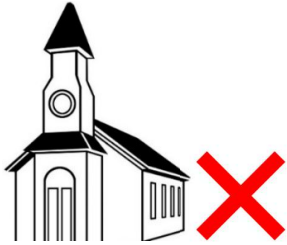
- **physical** – a person kicking or hitting you
- **sexual** – when someone does sexual things to you that you do not want them to like:
 - touching your body or private parts
 - kissing you
 - making you have sex with them – this is called rape
- **emotional** – yelling or saying things to you that are not nice
- **neglect** – not giving you the things or care you need.



The Royal Commission is **not** part of the Government.



The Government cannot tell the Royal Commission what to do.



The Royal Commission is not part of any faith-based organisations like churches.



The Royal Commission calls people who have been through abuse in care **survivors.**

Update on Redress Groups



Redress means someone:

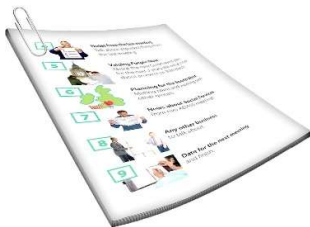
- agrees that something bad has happened
- does something to try to:
 - put things right
 - make up for any harm that has been done.

Redress can be things like:

- saying sorry
- giving money as a way of saying sorry
- giving other kinds of support like counselling.



A pōwhiri / welcoming ceremony was held at Waiwhetū marae on Monday 19 June 2023 to welcome **design and advisory group members**.



The job of **design and advisory group members** is to make proposals for the independent redress system.



You can read more about what these groups do on the Crown Response **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/mw443s5r>



The Design Group Co-chairs are:

- Annabel Ahuriri Driscoll
- Ruth Jones.



The Design Group Co-chairs acknowledged the work of the survivors who helped them.



The design group had its first design wānanga / workshop on:

- Thursday 29 June 2023
- Friday 30 June 2023.



Below is a photo of the Design and Advisory Group members.

Also in the photo is:

- Public Service Minister Andrew Little
- Internal Affairs Minister Barbara Edmonds.



Survivor Experiences Service



The Government started the **Survivor Experiences Services** in response to a recommendation from the Royal Commission.



The Royal Commission recommended that survivors need to share their experiences in a place that is:

- safe
- supportive
- confidential which means they do not tell other people what you say.





From Monday 3 July 2023 the Survivor Experiences Service will be available for:



- survivors of abuse in
 - faith-based care
 - state care
 - other forms of care
- whānau / family of survivors.

There will be more information about the Survivor Experiences Services available soon.

Access to records for survivors



Records are things that people write down about another person.



The Crown Response team talked with more than 20 survivors about how to make looking at their records easier.



Our advice to the Minister for Public Service Andrew Little will be based on the ideas given by the survivors.

These ideas will shape the design of the following work:



- new guidance to improve the way organisations

- make records for survivors

- look after records for survivors

- provide records for survivors



- improved rules / advice on how long to keep records

- organising records to make it easier to find records when people ask for their information



- a records support service to help survivors with accessing records.



These suggestions will be used to set up a new website with information for survivors about:



- their rights to look at their own records
- their rights to make decisions about their own records
- how to:
 - look at their own records
 - control their own records.



Where to find more information



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