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Abuse in Care Inquiry:
Pānui / Newsletter



October 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 into Abuse in Care**
- the Government **response** to what the Royal Commission finds out.



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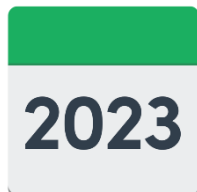
In this document when it says **we** it means the **Crown Response Unit**.



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



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

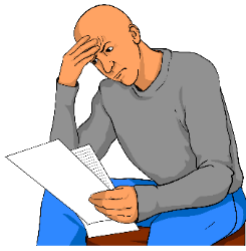


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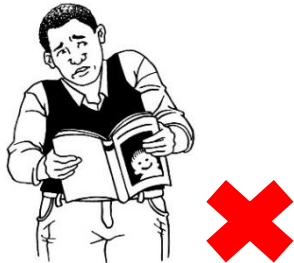


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<https://shorturl.at/tGMOS>



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:

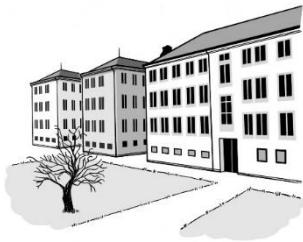
- your family / friends
- your support workers.



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** was 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

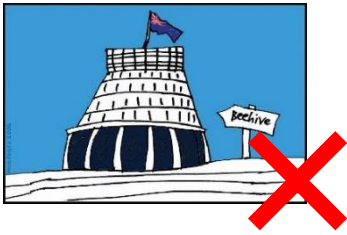
- **sexual** – a person doing sexual things to you that you do not want them to like:
 - touching your body or private parts

 - kissing you

 - making you have sex with them – this is called rape

- **emotional** – a person yelling or saying things to you that are not nice

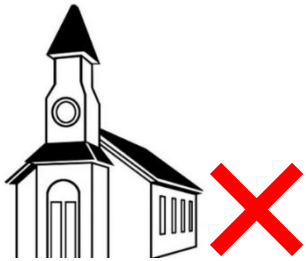
- **neglect** – a person not giving you the things or care you need.



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.**

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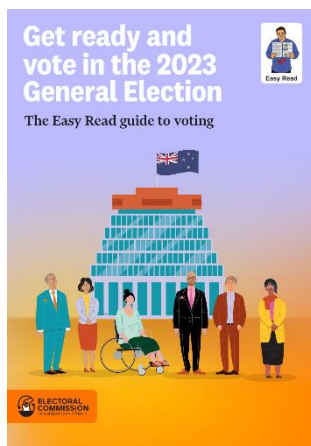
We have been working on some things while we wait for:



- the new Government after the 2023 **elections**
- the new Minister for the Public Service to start their job.



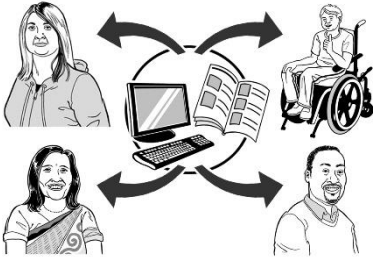
Elections are when you choose the people you want to run the country.



There is an Easy Read guide to the elections at:

<https://shorturl.at/svwG9>

While we are waiting we have been working on:



- talking with survivors to prepare a **draft public apology**

- making sure services supporting survivors to share their experiences are the best they can be for:

- Deaf people
- disabled people.



Draft means writing something for the first time.

The draft gets changed after people say what they think about it.



An **apology** is when you say sorry for something that has happened.



We have also been supporting the work of survivors on what a **redress** system should look like.



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.



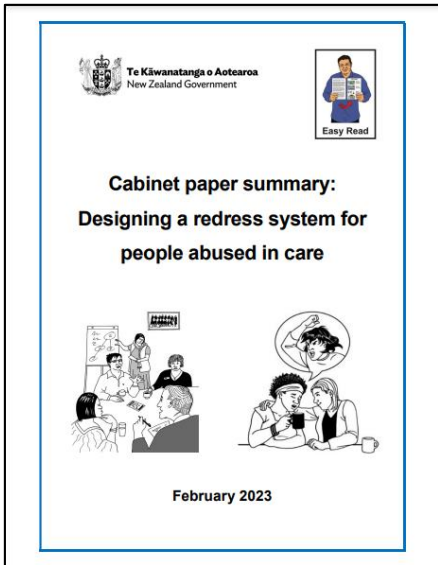
Redress can be things like:

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





These suggestions about what the redress system should look like are due to the Minister by 30 November 2023.



There is an Easy Read document with more information about the **redress system** called:

**Cabinet paper summary:
Designing a redress system for
people abused in care.**



You can find this document at this **website**:

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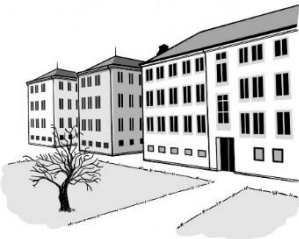
The Crown is working on making their **record** keeping better.



A **record** is written information that is kept about a person / event.



We have been working on supporting **Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga Archives New Zealand** to find out what records are needed by people who have spent time in:



- State care
- non-State care.

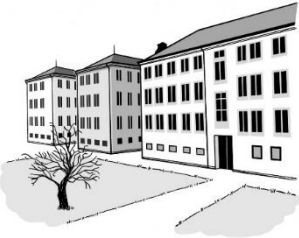


The rest of this document is about how you can help Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga Archives New Zealand with this.

Having a say on what kinds of records you need about your time in care



Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga Archives New Zealand wants to know what kinds of records may be needed by those who have had experience with:



- State care
- non-State care including faith-based care.



These might be records about the:



- time people spent in care
- places people were in care.



Knowing what records are needed helps organisations to work well:

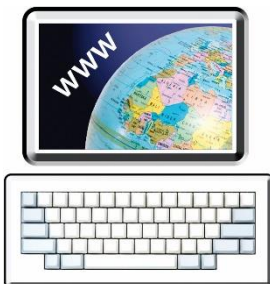
- now
- in the future / years to come.

There is information on Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga Archives New Zealand website about:



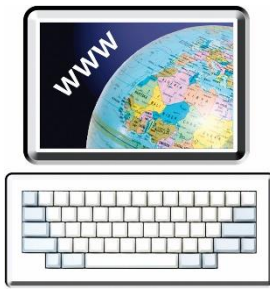
- what care records mean
- how to give **feedback**.

Feedback is when you tell someone what you think about something.



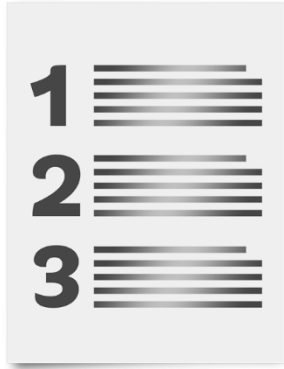
You can find the information at this **website**:

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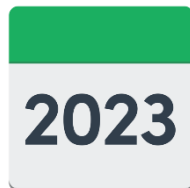


There is a **questionnaire** on the **website**:

<https://shorturl.at/itBE3>



A **questionnaire** is a list of questions that you answer to tell people what you think about something.



The last day you can answer questions in the questionnaire is 18 November 2023.

Where to find more information



If you have any questions about this pānui / newsletter please:

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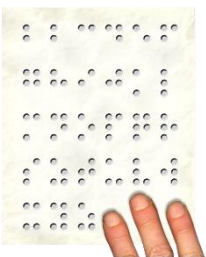
contact@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz



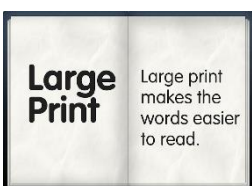
- phone:

04 815 6327

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- Braille
- New Zealand Sign Language



- large print
- audio.



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