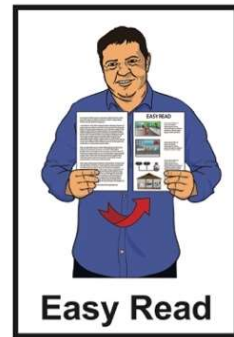




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About this pānui / newsletter



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.

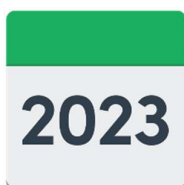




The **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is explained on **pages 4 to 6** of this document.



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



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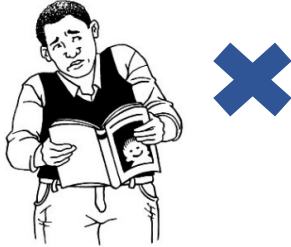


You can find more pānui / newsletters from other months at this website:

www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/mo-matou-about-us/karere-news/



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:

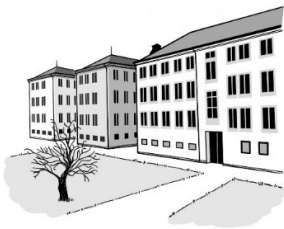
- your family / friends
- your support workers.



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:

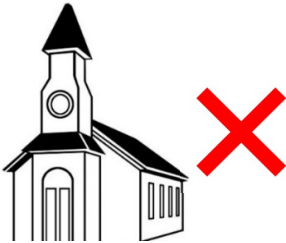
- **physical** – a person kicking or hitting you
- **sexual** – a person doing sexual things to you that you do not want them to like:
 - touching your body or private parts
 - kissing you
 - making you have sex with them – this is called rape
- **emotional** – a person yelling or saying things to you 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**.

Changes to care records



Records are things that people write down about another person.

Care records are the things written down about people in care.



The Royal Commission said things needed to be done better to keep care records safe.



Archives New Zealand did a **consultation** to create a plan to do this.



Archives New Zealand looks after government records so they can be used in the future.



A **consultation** is meeting with different people to learn about what they:

- know
- think
- can do.

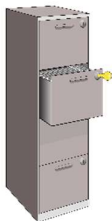


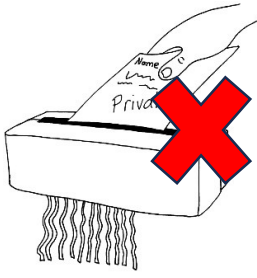
Archives New Zealand got feedback from lots of people who know things about being in care.



Archives New Zealand is using this feedback to figure out:

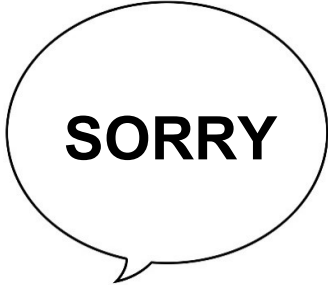
- what kinds of care records are important to keep safe
- how many care records there are that need to be kept safe.





When this job is done the information will be used to stop care records from being got rid of for a little while.

Public apology talks



An **apology** is saying sorry for what happened.



The CRU has talked to survivors about an apology 2 times.

They have finished time number 2.



They spoke to over 40 survivors.



The CRU asked survivors what should be included in the public apology.



The CRU says thank you to the people they worked with.

Design of redress system

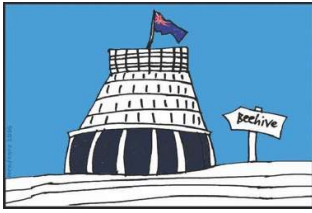


Redress means someone:

- 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.



The Minister for the Public Service is the person in the Government who is responsible for the CRU.

The Minister for the Public Service is Nicola Willis.



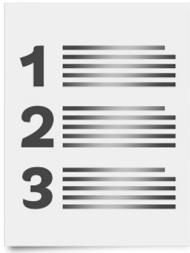
The **Co-chairs** of the Design Group sent **proposals** on the redress system to the Minister for the Public Service.



The job of a **Chair** is to lead the group to make sure redress works well.



When a group has 2 chairs they are called **Co-chairs**.



A **proposal** is a document that talks about how something could be done.



The Co-chairs also sent a pānui / newsletter about this work.



You can read the pānui on this **website**:

tinyurl.com/6x54vyjd



This website is not in Easy Read.

Where to find more information



If you want to contact CRU about the new redress system you can:

- send an email to:

contact@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz



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