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Te Aorerekura: the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence



Our name – Te Aorerekura

According to Māori lore, Aorere comes from a cluster of stars that navigates humankind to gain knowledge and comprehension.

Aorere is responsible for ensuring the safe journey of her whānau as they travel across the celestial skies. Aorere is intrinsically connected to **whatumanawa** (supreme subconscious), **pūmanawa** (intuition) and **manawa** (heart).

Aorere transmits healing energy through the whatumanawa to restore balance and harmony to all aspects of a person's toiora.



"All people in Aotearoa New Zealand are thriving, their wellbeing is enhanced and sustained because they are safe and supported to live their lives free from family violence and sexual violence."

6 Shifts to achieve change + learning and monitoring

Shift 1: Towards strength- based wellbeing

Shift 4: Towards investment in primary prevention

Shift 2: Towards mobilising communities

Shift 5: Towards safe, accessible and integrated responses.

Shift 3: Towards skilled, culturally-competent and sustainable workforces

Shift 6: Towards increased capacity for healing

Why is this different?

- It sets a wellbeing and strength-based vision
- There is a stronger focus on prevention, healing, and the critical role of tangata whenua and community leadership for achieving intergenerational change
- It identifies and responds to the drivers of violence, requiring accountability from people using violence and supporting them to change
- Accountability is required from those responding to violence and the Strategy confirms government has responsibility for keeping people safe
- There is greater acknowledgement of the complexity and diversity of the experiences of people and the timely responses and capability to meet their needs
- It brings tangata whenua, communities, the specialist sectors and government together to regularly share knowledge and align actions

Community-led solutions

Affirm that people impacted by family violence and/or sexual violence are not alone. People are connected to and sustained by the aroha of their ancestors, whānau, and communities.

Provide a beacon of hope to the people and communities who want and need it most. It is an enduring call to protect the inner spirit and to nurture and grow the potential inside every person.

Provide the guiding light, energy and knowledge every person impacted by violence needs on their personal journey.



Tukunga iho - Outcomes

- **Haumaru:** People are safe and protected
- Whakawhirinaki: People with a network of trusting relationships
- Mana Motuhuake: People have autonomy and freedom of choice
- Ngākau Whakautu: People are respected for who they are
- Tūhono: People are connected with others who support their wellbeing
- Poipoi Wairua: People are nurtured and cared for

Driving system improvements

Te Aorerekura is expected to drive improvements in:

- Government commitment
- Communities designing, leading and delivering solutions
- Government and communities working better together
- Skilled and competent workforces
- Primary prevention
- Joined-up and easy to navigate services



Anticipated impacts for:



- Children and young people
- Participants in the Justice system
- Individuals and whānau
- Tangata whenua, specialist sectors,
 Pacific peoples, ethnic communities,
 LGBTQIA+ communities, older people,
 children and youth, and disabled
 communities
- Women, wāhine Māori, trans women and others impacted by violence
- People who use violence.

Who we are



