

A photograph of four children of diverse backgrounds sitting together and focused on a craft project. From left to right: a young boy with dark hair in a grey shirt, a girl with dark hair in a red floral shirt, a girl with blonde hair in a light grey sweater, and a girl with dark hair in a blue floral shirt. They are all looking down at their hands, which are holding small colorful objects, possibly beads or clay. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

A new child-centered system for vulnerable tamariki and rangatahi

Te Kaupapa Hāpai i ngā Tamariki
Investing in Children Programme

Expert Panel Review

- Intensive and robust process of enquiry
- Focus not just on Child, Youth and Family - looked at all of the system players
- Prioritised the voices of vulnerable children and young people,
- NGOs and Iwi groups were also involved in the review



The voice of the child

- Nurture and love
- Help to make sense of what has happened
- A say in what happens next
- Connection to their birth family
- A sense of identity and belonging.

Review findings

- The system as a whole is fragmented, lacks accountability and is not well established around a common purpose.
- Child, Youth and Family lacks a clear mandate to direct services from the wider sector towards helping whānau care for their tamariki.
- Funding, strategy and services scattered across multiple agencies.



Investing in Children Programme

Long-term process of change, over a four-five year horizon.

Vision:

“New Zealand values the well-being of our children above all else.”

Purpose:

“To ensure that all children and young people are in loving families and communities where they are safe, strong, connected, and able to flourish.”



Key objectives

- Developing the strategies, framework, mechanisms, and policies and procedures to deliver the various models
- Creating and operating the new Ministry from 1 April 2017
- Developing a sustainable environment of committed engagement from all involved
- Implementing sustainable improvements to underpin the new Ministry's strategy.

Legislative reform

- Significant legislation reform needed to support the transformational change.
- Two stages of legislation change
 - Bill 1 changes expected to be passed by end of the year.
 - Bill 2 changes expected to be introduced into the House later this year.

Building blocks of the future system

There are six key building blocks of the future system...

Engaging all
New Zealanders



An investment
approach

A child-centred
system



High aspirations for
Māori

Strategic
partnering



A trauma-informed
professional
practice framework

Engaging all New Zealanders





Connection and advocacy service

Establishment of an independent connection and advocacy service aims to:

- help tamariki and rangatahi to drive system change
- support them to advocate for themselves as individuals and/or support a trusted person to advocate with and for them
- connect them as a community of tamariki and rangatahi in care
- build youth leaders from within the community
- equip them with skills and confidence for their future.

Service design and development is underway, and it will be operational by end of March 2017.

Strategic Partnering Approach

Develop strategic partnering principles, guidelines and mechanisms to guide successful partnerships

Work in Partnership to:

- Monitor delivery of services
- Support the delivery of services

Monitor

Mechanisms to support delivery:

- In-house
- Contracted services
- Strategic partnering
- Direct Purchase
- Brokering etc.

Delivery

Mokopuna



Review & Understand

Work with Partners to:

- Understand needs of mokopuna
- Agree on common purpose
- Evaluate performance of current services
- Gap analysis
- Understand the market

Plan your delivery Strategy

Work with Partners on how we can better meet needs:

- What can the market deliver?
- Design of new services?
- Adjust current services?
- Deploy new delivery models?
- What can be done to build the market?

New Ministry

- The Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki comes into effect on 1 April 2017.
- The new Ministry:
 - signals a whole of sector approach
 - provides a single point of accountability
 - has a broader remit, including prevention as a core area of focus
- The inaugural CE, Gráinne Moss, came on board on 5 Sept 2016.

Core services

The new Ministry will focus on five core services:

- Prevention services
- Intensive Intervention services
- Care Support services
- Youth Justice services
- Transition Support services

Service and practice model design: Four-year work programme

Year One

- **Blueprint** for five core services, investment and impact analysis, and implementation plan
- **Blueprint** for system and agency practice frameworks, and review of assessment and decision making (including FGCs)
- **Delivery of early enhancement initiatives** for children and caregivers
- **Detailed service, practice and operating model design** for the implementation of new care and protection age settings

Year Two

System-wide and agency practice frameworks

Transition support services
Implementation

Early enhancement initiatives

Care support services
Implementation

Early enhancement initiatives

Early enhancement initiatives
Early enhancement initiatives

Year Three

Transition support services
Continue to be there for me as I find my way

Care support services
Give me stable and loving care in a caregiving family

Youth Justice services
Implementation

Intensive intervention services
Implementation

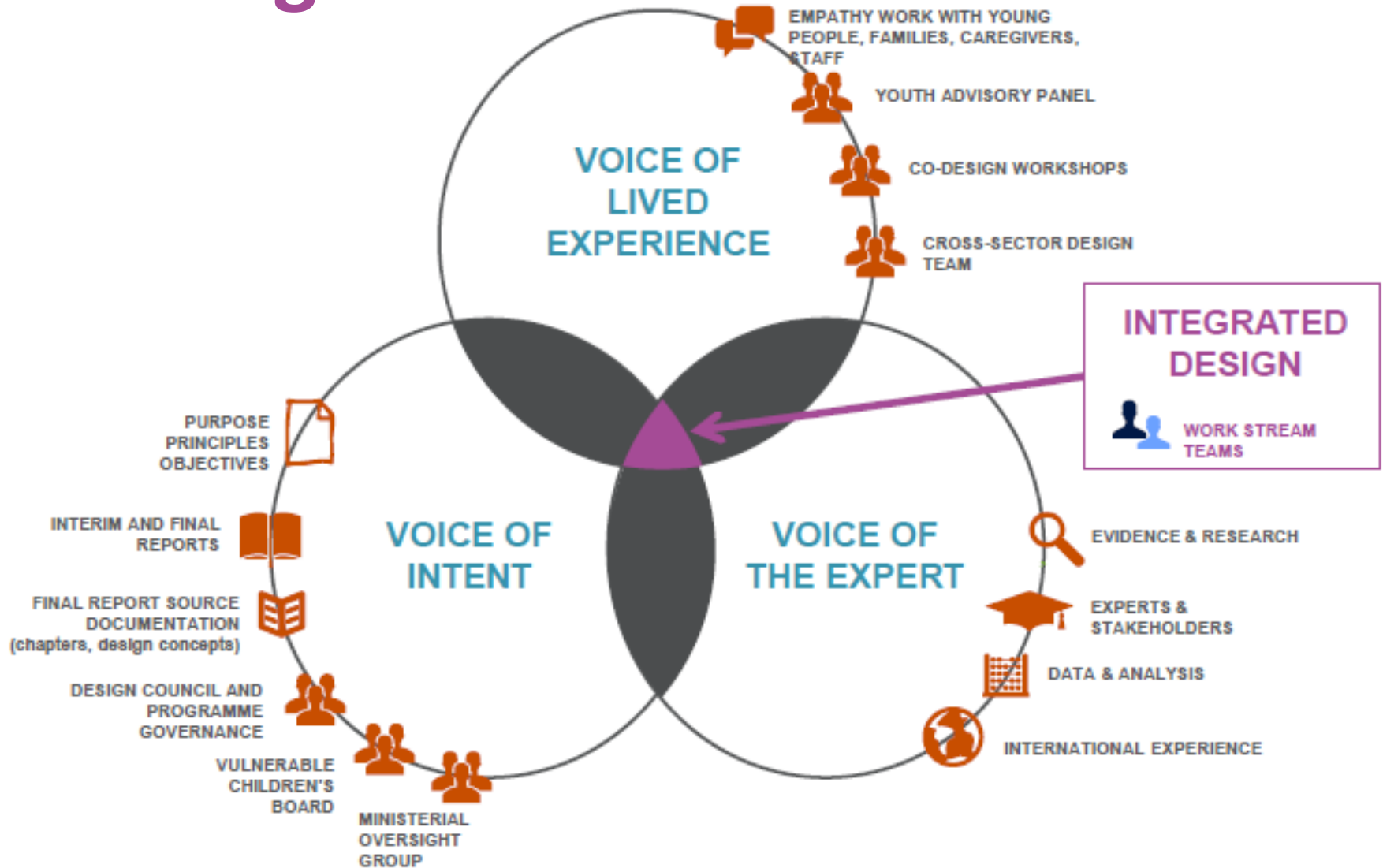
Year Four

Youth Justice services
Help me to take responsibility, repair the harm & prevent re-offending

Intensive Intervention services
Work with my family so I can flourish at home

Prevention services
Implementation

Child-centred, collaborative design





More information

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