



# SSPA Alert

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*SSPA Alert is to tell you about current events and invite you to fill in a survey*

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## What's happening?

SSPA members and other NGO networks have expressed concerns about the proposal by MSD to require the collection and sharing of individual and identifiable client data. This is proposed to be a contract requirement from 1 July 2017. A [ComVoices Issues Paper](#) sets out the concerns – you may wish to forward it to your members for background.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner is looking into this matter and is inviting input from NGOs – please see the email below and a link to their survey.

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## Message from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner

Attention: Chief Executive Officers of Non-Government Organisations affected by MSD's new funding contracts

Calling NGO representatives!

Concerns have been raised with us that in 2016 the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) began asking NGOs for "individual client-level data" as a condition of funding. Some NGOs have been asked to provide personal client information (name, date of birth, primary ethnicity, iwi, gender, geographic area, dependants' names and dates of birth, service-level information and service results information) or they will not be funded for that client. Previously NGOs provided information on the services they had delivered, such as the number of clients served, rather than information about individual clients.

The **Office of the Privacy Commissioner** is inquiring into this matter and we want to hear from NGOs that have clients who will be affected.

We have prepared a short, anonymous survey to help us with this inquiry.

This is your chance to have your say about how these contracts affect you and your clients. The responses we receive will feed into our report.

If this issue impacts on your organisation and clients, please click the link below and **complete the survey before 15 February**.

[Start Survey](#)

You may also submit your views by email to [NGOSurvey@privacy.org.nz](mailto:NGOSurvey@privacy.org.nz)

**Feel free to forward this survey on to other NGOs that you are connected with.**

Ngā mihi,

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## Action

SSPA has been active in raising issues concerning our members about MSD's proposals to collect individual client level data. Privacy issues are a major concern and it is important the OPC gets views and input from a wide range of SSPA members.

Please take a few minutes to do the survey.

[Start Survey](#)