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Tena koe Mr Snelgar,

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2020, requesting information related to programmes and services funded by Corrections in the community, which have a specific Te Ao Māori or Tikanga Māori focus. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- 1) *... all information about the programmes and services you fund or deliver in the community with a specific Māori or Tikanga Māori focus.*

Corrections has designed all of its rehabilitation programmes with the intent to be responsive to cultural needs by including aspects of Tikanga Māori. There are several programmes, outlined below, where Corrections engages providers to deliver programmes with agreed service specifications, and the providers deliver their own programmes in line with those service specifications. Where kaupapa Māori providers have been contracted to deliver these programmes, they deliver under a specific Māori framework.

As you will also be aware, the Minister of Corrections recently launched our new strategy, *Hōkai Rangī: Ara Poutama Aotearoa Strategy 2019-2024*. *Hōkai Rangī* outlines our strategic direction over the next five years and represents our new approach to how we work, how we interact with people in our care and management, and the services, facilities, and programmes that we provide, with the aim of addressing the significant over-representation of Māori in prison and reoffending rates.

More information regarding *Hōkai Rangī*, including a full copy of the new Strategy, is available on our website at: www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic_reports/corrections_strategic_plans/hkai_rangi

Please find the programmes funded by Corrections with a specific Māori focus below:

- Community Residential Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment (Packages of Care) where these are delivered by kaupapa Māori providers;
- Community Non-Violence Programmes where these are delivered by kaupapa Māori providers;
- Tikanga Māori Motivational Programme's;
- Specialist Māori Cultural Assessment;
- The WHARE Programme;
- Tai Aroha Residential Programme; and
- Tiaki Tangata Reintegrative Programme.

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate "all information" regarding these programmes as you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA. In accordance with the OIA, we have considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding. However, given the scale of the request we do not consider that this would be an appropriate use of our publicly funded resources.

As per section 18(b) of the OIA, we have considered whether consulting you would assist to make the request in a form that would remove the reason for the refusal. However, we do not consider that the request could be refined in this instance. However, if you are able to refine your request to more specific information about these programmes, we would be happy to reconsider your request.

You may be interested to know there is information regarding the programmes offered by Corrections on our website at: www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/research_and_statistics/journal/volume_4_issue_2_december_2016/the_department_of_corrections_tikanga-based_programmes

- 2) *What specific programmes are available that encompasses Tikanga Māori or Te Ao Māori for offenders under a supervision order or intensive supervision order.*

All of the programmes identified above are available to people in the care and management of Corrections under a supervision or intensive supervision order. Specifically, the Tai Aroha Residential Programme is for high-risk male participants serving sentences of Home Detention or Intensive Supervision in the community, with multiple treatment needs related to violent as well as non-violent offending. Potential candidates must have at least one conviction (historical or index) for interpersonal violence.

- 3) *How much of the Corrections budget is dedicated to funding Māori specific programmes? What percentage is that of the annual Corrections budget?*

Corrections' budget for funding Māori-specific programmes is \$31 million in the 2019/20 financial year. This represents 2.29 percent of the total 2019/20 budget expenditure excluding capital charge and depreciation. However, as noted above, all our rehabilitation programmes are designed with the intent to be responsive to cultural needs by including aspects of Tikanga Māori.

- 4) *What MOUs or relationships are established between Corrections and Marae, Hapu, Iwi or other urban Māori authorities to strengthen community-based services under corrections?*

Please find the requested information attached as Appendix One.

- 5) *What specific programmes are available to Māori offenders serving sentences or on parole in the community for Māori aged between 17 and 25?*

Corrections currently has a range of programmes offered to the people in our care and management, with varying eligibility criteria depending on the offence type and other factors including (but not limited to) length of sentence, security classification and estimated risk of re-offending. Corrections has designed all of its programmes to be responsive to the cultural needs of Māori, although some programmes are more heavily tikanga based than others and some are more offence focused.

The following programmes are currently offered in the community:

- Community Residential Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Programme;
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Aftercare Worker Service (for those who have completed or exited early from a Drug Treatment Programme (DTP) or Intensive Treatment Programme (ITP);
- Non-violence programmes (males and females aged 17+); and
- Harmful sexual behaviour community-based service for people who have offended against children.

Medium Intensity Programmes for men:

- Medium Intensity Rehabilitation Programme (MIRP) for males over 20 years old;
- Short Rehabilitation Programme for Men (SRP-M) for males over 20 years old;
- Short Motivational Programme (SMP) and Tikanga Māori Motivational Programme for males of any age;
- Mauri Toa Rangatahi for males under the age of 20 years old; and
- The WHARE programme for young men aged 18-24 (25-27-year olds are included on a case-by-case basis).

Medium Intensity Programmes for women:

- Kowhiritanga for females of any age;
- Short Rehabilitation Programme for Women (SRP-W) for females of any age; and
- Short Motivational Programme (SMP) for females of any age

High Intensity Programmes for men:

- Tai Aroha Special Treatment Unit – Violence Prevention Programme for males aged between 20 and 40 years old (with 18- and 19-year olds considered on a case by case basis);
- Mauri Tu Mauri Ora (MTMO) - A high risk youth programme for males 17 years old (with 18- and 19-year olds considered on a case by case basis). This programme begins in prison but has a community component; and
- High Risk Burglary Prevention Programme for males aged 18-27 years of age (18-24 prioritised).

The following reintegration services are available to all people in the care of Corrections serving community sentences or on parole:

- Out of Gate – reintegration assessment and planning beginning in prison and continuing for four (adults) to 12 (youth) weeks following release;
- Emergency Accommodation;
- Employment and Accommodation Service;
- Employment Support Service; and
- Enhanced Supported Accommodation and Employment Service.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nga mihi

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