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Dear Strickland

Request for Information 01-20-36965

Thank you for your email dated 05/12/2020 requesting information. You requested:

- Dates of any meetings between Police at a National level and Dept of Corrections and names of the most senior Police Person present and Dept of Corrections Person present as regards this property;
- Dates of any meetings between Police at a Regional level and Dept of Corrections and names of the most senior Police Person present and Dept of Corrections Person present as regards this property;
- Full details of the security and safety arrangements that Police have and or will put in place for the well being of residents of Rangiuuru Road outside of those who will be living at 240 Rangiuuru Road, particularly as regards to the many older vulnerable and frail people living here;
- Confirm Te Puke Police capacity to be able to deal with inevitable incidents arising at the proposed Corrections Facility number 240 Rangiuuru Road whilst maintaining other normal local area duties;

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and I enclose the following information:

- Attached is a Factsheet for 240 Rangiuuru Road
- Meeting date: 04th December 2020
- Senior Police Person: Clifford Paxton – Area Commander
- Senior Corrections Person: Mark Cleaver – District Manager
- Confirm Te Puke Police Capacity: The Information is withheld under 18(e) of the official information Act, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or [,despite reasonable efforts to locate it,] cannot be found.

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If you have any questions, you may contact me by email.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request. You may contact the Ombudsman office by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 and there are further details on the website at:
<https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/contact-ombudsman>.

Yours sincerely

Dylan
Information Request



Proposed community residential transitional housing service at 240 Rangiora Road

December 2020

What we want to do

We want to establish a transitional housing service at 240 Rangiora Road, Te Puke. Up to fifteen men will live at the property and be supported to transition to independent living in the Bay of Plenty region. Residents will receive 24-7 supervision and wrap-around support from service provider staff, who will work alongside a probation officer and other local Ara Poutama Aotearoa – Department of Corrections staff.

Why we are doing this

There is a significant need for supported housing in the Bay of Plenty for men being released from prison or needing suitable accommodation to serve a community-based sentence, such as home detention. This service will provide navigational services for residents to develop the skills and access the services and employment needed to reintegrate into the community and live a crime-free life.

Where the residents will be from

Most will be from the Bay of Plenty or have iwi or whānau ties to the region. All residents will be committed to reintegrating into the region long-term.

This is not a prison

The service will provide supported housing to men who would ordinarily be in the community, serving a community-based sentence. They will not be detained by Ara Poutama Aotearoa or service provider staff.

It addresses regional homelessness

All residents will have an identifiable housing need. Without this service, some of these men could find themselves homeless or in unsuitable accommodation,

without any support. This creates conditions that can lead to reoffending.

What restrictions will be in place

Residents will abide by any conditions on their sentences and orders, such as electronic monitoring or non-association orders. There will be several house rules, including a curfew, rules around visitors and a ban on alcohol.

How we will select the residents

Public safety is our top priority, and a person will not be permitted to reside at the property if we think the risk to public safety could not be safely managed.

If someone is interested in living at the property, they will have to undertake a careful and robust assessment and selection process. The service is opt-in and a resident will not be ordered to live there by the judiciary.

Men who are charged with or have convictions for sexually offending against adults and children will not be permitted to live at the property. Men subject to extended supervision orders or intensive monitoring conditions will also not be permitted to live there.

Men with high or complex needs will not be eligible to live at the property. This includes men who:

- present as being at high risk of harm to others
 - have a high risk of serious reoffending, such as highly violent or sexual offending
 - have serious addiction or substance abuse issues
 - have acute mental illness
 - have cognitive impairments.
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How we will keep the community safe

We will provide 24-7 onsite supervision of residents, with at least two staff members awake at all times. We will install outdoor CCTV cameras to monitor activities on the property.

Residents will have to agree to follow house rules such as a curfew, a ban on alcohol and requiring approval for any visitors. Antisocial behaviour or breaching the house rules will not be tolerated and could lead to being withdrawn from the service and facing enforcement action before a court or the New Zealand Parole Board.

We will provide a contact number for neighbours to talk with the service manager if there are any concerns or disturbances.

What the property will look like

There will be few indicators that it is an Ara Poutama Aotearoa transitional housing service. We will install discreet outdoor CCTV cameras, but these will look the same as any other outdoor security camera designed for a residential dwelling.

Who will deliver the service

We have not signed a contract for the delivery of the service with a service provider yet. We went through an open tender process and identified Manaaki Support Services as our preferred service provider, in the event that we go ahead. Currently, we are speaking with the community before we formalise arrangements with a service provider.

Who owns the property

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities purchased 240 Rangiuru Road on behalf of Ara Poutama Aotearoa. If we decide to go ahead, the service provider will take on the lease.

How long they will live there

Most residents will live at the property between six to twelve months, but some may stay for up to eighteen months if they still need support to reintegrate into the

community. Residents will be permitted to move out earlier if they are ready and have found suitable long-term accommodation.

Working with the community

We want to be the best neighbours that we can be and minimise any disturbances this service could have on the community. As part of this, we will encourage residents to give back to the community through participating in activities such as setting up a community garden onsite. We will work with the community to identify other ways that they may wish to be involved.

How we will manage transport

Residents will not have access to their own vehicles but may bike or walk outside the property. Some residents will be serving sentences with conditions that include a curfew or being subject to electronic monitoring and will require preapproval from a probation officer to leave the property.

How we will manage visitors

Visitors must be pre-approved and will have to apply to visit. They will only be able to visit at pre-arranged set times and must comply with the house rules while at the property.

Community engagement

We are currently talking with the community around what we want to do and how we can make it work. If you would like to talk with us about the service, contact us using the details below.

Contact us

- Telephone: 07 5730659
- Email: BOPEngagement@corrections.govt.nz