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Tēnā koe Nikki

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 14 August 2023, in which you requested information on keeping ourselves safe funding.

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

How many New Zealand Police staff are engaged solely in the prevention of child abuse? Sworn/unsworn. What is the breakdown of such staff per region?

Almost all functions across Police either directly or indirectly contribute to the prevention of child abuse. These functions range from frontline public safety teams, policy, prevention, strategy, and other operational programmes.

Most closely aligned to your query is the Child Protection Investigations staff, of which a breakdown is provided below. While the Child Protection Investigations teams significantly contribute to the prevention of child abuse, they undertake a wider range of functions that may not be deemed as solely focused on prevention.

Police National Headquarters

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District	TOTAL STAFF - CHILD PROTECTION	
	Incl. Special Child Interviewers	Excl. Special Child Interviewers
Northland	22.5	21.5
Waitemata	18.5	18.5
Auckland City	16	13
Counties Manukau	38	35
Waikato	25	24.7
Bay of Plenty	34.3	34.3
Eastern	15.5	15.5
Central	25	25
Wellington	26	22
Tasman	6.5	5.5
Canterbury	43	39
Southern	10.5	9.5
PNHQ	2.7	2.7
Total	283.5	266.2

What is that as a percentage of all New Zealand Police staff?

The Child Protection Investigations team above make up roughly 1.7% of all New Zealand Police staff. However, as previously discussed almost all functions across New Zealand Police either directly or indirectly contribute to the prevention of child abuse.

*How much funding has been allocated to "Keeping Ourselves Safe" program?
How much staffing?*

There is no specified funding for the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme on an annual basis and delivery is part of a suite of programmes and activity funded by Police as part of Police's commitment to Youth Harm and Victimisation prevention and Prevention First.

Police has approximately 88-90 School Community Officers who are assigned to work with students, school staff, Board of Trustees, parents, and their communities. The actual allocation of Police time to Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) programme delivery is

determined by school request, Police availability to deliver within their suite of programmes, and Police redeployment to other policing duties.

*What schools have had Keeping Ourselves Safe visits in the past 5 years?
How many schools? Which schools?*

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet (Appendix 1) for details on what schools Police has visited over the past four financial years. Changes in the way we capture data means we only have accurate, consistent, and quality data sets for the past four years rather than the past five years as requested.

Over this four-year period, 977 unique schools have been engaged through 24,674 sessions.

Nāku noa, nā



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