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Tēnā tātou katoa

November is White Ribbon month so engaging men is the focus of our Tip of the month. The government continues to consult on social policy and justice reform. Reports on reproductive coercion, forced marriage and the impact of immigration status on women also feature in the resources section.

Other news, views and happenings in brief:

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Tip of the month Engaging men

The 2018 White Ribbon campaign calls for men to **Stand UP.**

Speak out and act to prevent violence towards women.
Ka Tū

Ahau, ka kōrero me te mahi kia aukati ai e t ūkino i ngā wāhine
Take the pledge
whiteribbon.org.nz/#respectfulrelationships

Thank you for reading this newsletter

Your feedback is welcome



Wellington, New Zealand: Oranga Tamariki Evidence Centre, 2018

Summary: The purpose of the evaluation was to identify any difficulties posed by the Child, Youth and Family (CYF) feedback and complaints system. The Evidence Centre's evaluation team conducted 18 interviews with 25 stakeholders from CYF/Ministry of Social Development and external agencies and organisations.... [Read more](#)

Feedback and complaints systems: A rapid review James McIlraith and Katherine Harrow
Wellington, New Zealand: Oranga Tamariki Evidence Centre, 2018

Summary: This rapid review looks at the components of an effective complaints system to inform the design and delivery of a feedback and complaints system for Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children... [Read more](#)

Child and youth wellbeing strategy: Proposed outcomes framework

Child Wellbeing Unit, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 2018

Summary: The first Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy will be published in 2019. The Strategy will set the direction for how to improve the wellbeing of children and young people in New Zealand. This proposed Outcomes Framework has been developed for consultation... [Read more](#)

Cyberbullying in New Zealand: Estimating societal costs

Sense Partners, commissioned by Netsafe, 2018

Summary: Netsafe commissioned this report to estimate the societal cost of cyberbullying in New Zealand. There is no commonly accepted approach to tallying up the cost of cyberbullying internationally. However, there is a broad consensus that bullying and cyberbullying are harmful. We have brought together a methodological approach, new survey data, and identified gaps... [Read more](#)

Porn and young people - what do we know? NZ Youth Stakeholder Survey

L. Pearson, M. Powell, N. Denholm and J. Robertson
Auckland, New Zealand: The Light Project, 2018

Summary: The Light Project was established in 2017 with the aim of helping equip youth, their whānau and their wider communities to positively navigate the new porn landscape. To better understand how porn may be affecting young people in New Zealand and to help inform The Light Project's service delivery, the project undertook a Youth Stakeholder Survey... [Read more](#)

Reproductive coercion in Aotearoa New Zealand

Kate Burry, Natalie Thorburn and Ang Jury

Wellington, New Zealand: National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges, 2018

Summary: This research is an exploratory study into the issue of reproductive coercion in Aotearoa New Zealand, its identifying features, and related and concurrent issues, such as other methods of IPV used by research participants' partners... [Read more](#)

When saying no is not an option: Forced marriage in Australia and New Zealand

Samantha Lyneham and Samantha Bricknell

Canberra, ACT: Australian Institute of Criminology, 2018
AIC Research report, no. 11, 2018

Summary: As the world continues to develop better understandings of human trafficking and slavery in modern times, different manifestations of these practices are coming to

light. This report addresses forced marriage, a slavery-like practice that has gained increasing attention in Australia and New Zealand since 2010... [Read more](#)

They're our whānau: A community-powered and collaborative research report on Māori perspectives of New Zealand's justice system

ActionStation, 2018

Summary: This research was conducted by ActionStation and supported by fourth year medical students from the University of Otago in Wellington under supervision. It was conducted in four main ways: online survey, expert interviews, a literature review and attendance of the Safe and Effective Justice Summit... [Read more](#)

Youth Pathways and Transitions Study

The Pathways to Resilience Project and Youth Transitions Research have produced many publications and resources providing insights into the lives of young people with complex needs. Approximately 1500 young people, aged from 12-17 years old are involved in these studies. Here are two recent reports. More are available at youthsay.co.nz

Young people's experiences with services

Lauren Alessi, Robyn Munford, Jackie Sanders, William Johnston and Ruth Ballantyne

Palmerston North, New Zealand: Massey University, 2018

The Youth Transitions Study (New Zealand): Whāia to huanui kia toa. Technical report, no. 27, June 2018

Summary: This report draws on the qualitative interviews and explores one theme that emerged in the data analysis: young people's experience with services. The young people had experienced significant adversity over their lifetime. These young people had complex needs and used multiple services (child welfare, youth justice, mental health, and education support services, both statutory and non-governmental organisations... [Read more](#)

Young people's relationships: Opportunities and challenges

Lauren Alessi, Robyn Munford, Jackie Sanders, William Johnston and Ruth Ballantyne

Palmerston North, New Zealand: Massey University, 2018

The Youth Transitions Study (New Zealand): Whāia to huanui kia toa. Technical report, no. 29, August 2018

Summary: This report first explores the positive and supportive relationships in young people's lives and the impact on their overall wellbeing and independence. Later, it explores difficult and challenging relationships and the negative coping mechanisms that were provoked by or adopted in response to the trauma and instability young people faced... [Read more](#)

Journal articles

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Childhood sexual abuse, poly-victimization and internalizing disorders across adulthood and older age: Findings from a 25-year longitudinal study

Charlene Rapsey, Kate M. Scott and Tess Patterson

Journal of Affective Disorders, 2018, In press

Summary: This research aimed to investigate associations between childhood sexual abuse and maltreatment and internalizing disorders (anxiety, depression, PTSD) across adulthood. Following a postal survey of 2,220 women in Otago, a subsample was selected to participate in an interview... [Read more](#)

Exploring the complex pathway of the primary health care response to intimate partner violence in New Zealand

Claire Gear, Elizabeth Eppel and Jane Koziol-McLain

Health Research Policy and Systems, 2018, 16:99

Summary: Integrating sustainable responses to intimate partner violence in health care is a persistent and complex problem internationally. New Zealand holds a leading role, having established national health system infrastructure for responding to intimate partner violence within hospital and selected community settings. However, resources for, and engagement with, the primary health care sector has been limited. The present study focuses on what affects a sustainable response to intimate partner violence within New Zealand primary health care settings... [Read more](#)

Family violence courts in New Zealand: "Therapeutic" for whom?

Alice Mills and Katey Thom

International Journal of Therapeutic Jurisprudence, 2018, 3(1): 49-80

Summary: Family Violence Courts were first established in New Zealand in 2001 and have been conceptualised as broadly based on the principles of Therapeutic Jurisprudence. The aim of FVCs is to improve efficiency in the processing of family violence cases whilst ensuring offender accountability and the safety of victims. Drawing on existing literature and observations of FVCs in New Zealand, this paper aims to explore the tensions that may arise between achieving these goals... [Read more](#)

Giving voice to the victims of sexual assault: The role of police leadership in organisational change

Michael Rowe and Michael Macauley

Policing: An International Journal, Online 5 August 2018

Summary: The purpose of this paper is to evaluate a long-term programme within a police service that sought to transform the policing of adult sexual assault cases through reforming case management and investigation practices, as well as cultural perspectives among staff... [Read more](#)

Inclusionary policy and marginalised groups in Aotearoa/New Zealand process, impacts and politics

Rachel Simon-Kumar

Kōtuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online, Advance online publication, 21 June 2018

Summary: This paper presents the consolidated findings of a four-year research project that evaluated policy inclusion between the New Zealand government and communities of difference - specifically, ethnic/migrant/refugee groups, women/gender and Māori. Policy inclusion builds on foundational principles of deliberative democracy that dialogue and relationship not only improve policy but also foster democratic transitions towards pluralism and diversity... [Read more](#)

Inequalities and child protection system contact in Aotearoa New Zealand: Developing a conceptual framework and research agenda

Emily Keddell and Gabrielle Davie

Social Sciences, 2018, 7(6), 89

Summary: There is a growing movement to integrate conceptual tools from the health inequalities field into research that examines the relationship between inequalities and chances of child protection system contact. This article outlines the key concepts of an inequalities perspective, and discusses how these apply to inequalities in child protection in the Aotearoa New Zealand context. Drawing on existing research, this article shows that while there is evidence of links between

deprivation, ethnicity, location and system contact, a more systematic research agenda shaped by an inequalities perspective would contribute... [Read more](#)

Outing the elephants: Exploring a new paradigm for child protection social work

Ian Hyslop and Emily Keddell

Social Sciences, 2018, 7(7), 105

Summary: This article sets out to trouble the psychologised and pathologising approach that has come to dominate child protection practice in Aotearoa-New Zealand and comparable societies. Within a neoliberal ideological frame, Governments deny the need to adjust markets, except in ways that remove protections from workers or specific vulnerable groups. In this context, social work is concerned with adjusting people to the discipline of the market... [Read more](#)

Problem gambling and intimate partner violence: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Nicki Dowling et al.

Trauma, Violence & Abuse, 2016, 17(1): 43-61

Summary: This study provides a systematic review of the empirical evidence related to the association between problem gambling and intimate partner violence (IPV). The authors identified 14 available studies in the systematic search (8 for victimisation only, 4 for perpetration only and 2 for both victimisation and perpetration)... [Read more](#)

Social entrapment: A realistic understanding of the criminal offending of primary victims of intimate partner violence

Julia Tolmie, Rachel Smith, Jacqueline Short, Denise Wilson and Julie Sach

New Zealand Law Review, 2018, 2: 181-218

Summary: In this article it is suggested that the appropriate conceptual model to use when investigating, presenting and interpreting facts involving intimate partner violence is an understanding of intimate partner violence as a gendered pattern of harm that operates as a form of social entrapment. The Family Violence Death Review Committee (FVDR) has developed an appendix to accompany this article which contains a list of questions that could help lawyers to understand the circumstances of a client who is both the primary victim of intimate partner violence, and facing criminal charges... [Read more](#)

Standards of practice in domestic and family violence behaviour change programs in Australia and New Zealand

Andrew Day, Rodney Vlasis, Donna Chung and Damian Green
Australian & New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy, Advance online publication, 26 October 2018

Summary: The purpose of the paper is to encourage ongoing discussion about the setting of men's behaviour change program standards of practice in Australasia and to identify some key issues that require consideration... [Read more](#)

"The tip of the iceberg": Multiple thresholds in schools' detecting and reporting of child abuse and neglect

Irene de Haan, Eileen Joy, Liz Beddoe and Sark Lam
Child and Youth Services Review, Advance online publication, 22 October 2018

Summary: School principals have a very important role to play in the detection and reporting of child abuse and neglect (CAN). How schools address concerns relating to CAN is an under-researched area in Aotearoa New Zealand... [Read more](#)

What #MeToo asks of men

Garth Baker

Voice Male, 2018 Fall, Published online, 7 October 2018
Summary: What does the #MeToo movement ask of men, and how can men effectively respond? New Zealand violence prevention researcher Garth Baker sought to answer those questions as an advisor to the country's White Ribbon campaign... [Read more](#)

International

Bystanders for primary prevention

Ann Taket and Beth R. Crisp

Melbourne: Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, 2017

Summary: This knowledge paper provides a synthesis of the empirical research literature related to bystander action and primary prevention, with a particular focus on the primary prevention of violence against women and family violence....

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Coercion related to mental health and substance use in the context of intimate partner violence: a toolkit for screening, assessment, and brief counseling in primary care and behavioral health settings

Carole Warshaw and Erin Tinnon

National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health 2018

Summary: This US toolkit provides trauma-informed guidance on integrating questions about mental health and substance use coercion into routine mental health and substance use histories and into in-depth intimate partner violence (IPV) assessments in primary care and behavioral health settings. This toolkit is intended to be used in conjunction with comprehensive guidance on trauma-informed approaches to screening, assessment, and brief intervention for intimate partner violence in healthcare, mental health, and substance abuse treatment settings... [Read more](#)

The forgotten victims: Prisoner experience of victimisation and engagement with the criminal justice system

Andrew Day, Sharon Casey, Adam Gerace, Candice Oster and Deb O'Kane

Sydney, NSW: ANROWS, 2018

ANROWS Research report, Issue 01, August 2018

Summary: Many women in prison have experienced intimate partner violence (IPV). As this form of violence is often intergenerational and entrenched, women in prison are widely considered to be at particular risk of ongoing victimisation following release from custody. And yet, their support needs often go unrecognised, and it is likely that a range of barriers exists that prevent ex-prisoners from accessing services. This research develops an understanding of the factors that influence help-seeking by women in prison who may have concerns about their personal safety post-release and how this might inform service responses... [Read more](#)

A guide to evaluating interventions related to violence against women

Celina McEwen

Sydney, NSW: ANROWS, 2018

ANROWS Insights, 03/2018

Summary: Evaluation is a standard requirement for most community-based services, programs and projects. Ideally, they are done by evaluators, but often they are done by those delivering the services, who may have little evaluation knowledge and skills. This guide can be seen as a companion to other evaluation guides. It is a resource for community and health workers, clinicians, as well as educators, activists, policy-makers, academics and others... [Read more](#)

Handle with care: A guide to responsible media reporting

of violence against women

Edinburgh, Scotland: Zero Tolerance, 2018

Summary: This guide, produced by Zero Tolerance, a charity based in Scotland, offers comprehensive advice to journalists and those working in the media on various issues from interviewing survivors to providing relevant context and ensuring that violence is neither trivialised nor sensationalised...

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How can we improve the health systems response to reproductive coercion in the Australian context?

Laura Tarzia

Melbourne, Vic: Safer Families Centre of Research Excellence, University of Melbourne, 2018

Discussion paper, no. 1, 2018

Summary: Despite the numerous health impacts of reproductive coercion, and the fact that health practitioners are well-placed to respond to women experiencing it, little is known about what an effective health systems response might look like... [Read more](#)

Intimate partner, family and community violence in disaster: Plenary panel

Diversity in Disaster Conference, Melbourne, Vic, 17-18 April 2018

Summary: This conference included a session on "Gendered Expectations and Consequences in Disasters". Within this there was plenary panel on "Intimate partner, family and community violence in disaster". Videos of a number of the presentations are available... [Read more](#)

Moving toward prevention: A guide for reframing sexual violence

Berkeley Media Studies Group and National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2018

Summary: In the guide the authors review best practices in framing sexual violence to inform the public about preventing sexual assault. They highlight ways to communicate with the media, which plays an important role in educating the public...

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National Public Inquiry into Family Violence in Samoa State of human rights report

Sā'ililiga Lautele i Sāuāga i Totonu o'Aiga i Sāmoa

Apia: Samoa Office of the Ombudsman, 2018

Summary: This report highlights the issue of family violence in Samoa based on evidence collected from testimonies and village visitations, during the National Inquiry held in 2017.

Available in English and Samoan... [Read more](#)

Older women and domestic abuse

Annelies Allcock

Glasgow, Scotland: Iriss, 2018

ESSS Outline, August 2018

Summary: This evidence summary seeks to address the following question: What are effective interventions for older women experiencing domestic violence and abuse?... [Read](#)

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Sentencing and treatment of juvenile sex offenders in Australia

Riddhi Blackley and Lorana Bartels

Canberra, ACT: Australian Institute of Criminology, 2018

Trends & Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, no. 555, July 2018

Summary: This paper examines sentencing and treatment practices for juvenile sex offenders in Australia and the challenges of reconciling the imperatives of rehabilitation, accountability and community protection. It begins with an

overview of juvenile offenders and the juvenile justice system, including the principles for sentencing young offenders. It then considers the complex lives and offending patterns of juvenile sex offenders, before providing examples of judicial reasoning in sentencing... [Read more](#)

Strengthening and sustaining the primary care response to family violence: A new model

Kelsey Hegarty

Melbourne, Vic: Safer Families Centre of Research Excellence, University of Melbourne, 2018

Discussion paper, no. 2, 2018

Summary: Safer Families CRE has developed a Sustainable Primary Care Family Violence Model (see Fig 1) that connects with the significant program by the Royal Australian College of General Practice (RACGP) and recent work by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM). It also aligns with work being undertaken by Primary Health Networks in parts of Australia, particularly Victoria... [Read more](#)

Systems thinking for social change: A practical guide to solving complex problems, avoiding unintended consequences, and achieving lasting results

David Peter Stroh

White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green Publishing, 2015

Summary: This book enables readers to contribute more effectively to society by helping them understand what systems thinking is and why it is so important in their work. It also gives concrete guidance on how to incorporate systems thinking in problem solving, decision making, and strategic planning without becoming a technical expert... [Read more](#)

Temporary migration and family violence: An analysis of victimisation, vulnerability and support

Marie Segrave

Melbourne, Vic: School of Social Sciences, Monash University, 2017

Summary: The report offers recommendations that speak to the opportunities we have as a community to ensure that migration status does not impact on how we respond to family violence and how we support victim/survivors of family violence who seek assistance... [Read more](#)

Understanding and preventing the onset of child sexual abuse in adolescence and adulthood

Nadine McKillop, Susan Rayment-McHugh, Stephen Smallbone and Zoe Bromham

Canberra, ACT: Australian Institute of Criminology, 2018

Trends & Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, no. 554, July 2018

Summary: Offender and offence characteristics associated with the onset of child sexual abuse in adolescence and adulthood were examined in a sample of males adjudicated for sexual offences. Predictors of adolescent- and adult onset abuse reinforce that adolescents and adults, for the most part, are two distinct offender populations who may be motivated to sexually abuse for different reasons and who are influenced by opportunity structures, constraints and experiences that characterise these developmental stages... [Read more](#)

Understanding domestic violence incidents using crime script analysis

Hayley Boxall, Chloe Boyd, Christopher Dowling and Anthony Morgan

Canberra, ACT: Australian Institute of Criminology, 2018

Trends & Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, no. 558, August 2018

Summary: Finding ways to reduce repeat domestic violence

requires an understanding of both violent relationships and what happens during violent incidents. The current study uses crime script analysis to describe incidents of men's violence against women. The results provide new insights into the situational factors present when arguments escalate to violence... [Read more](#)

Violence against women in Australia: An overview of research and approaches to primary prevention

Melbourne: Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, 2017

Summary: This publication presents a synopsis of the latest published research examining violence against women in Australia and its prevention. It also includes responses to violence against women and primary prevention actions... [Read more](#)

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Are immigrant women visible in Australian domestic violence reports that potentially influence policy?

Nafiseh Ghafournia and Patricia Eastaerl

Laws, 2018, 7(4)

Summary: Through an intersectional lens, this article explores whether immigrant women are represented in a sample of Australian government documents aimed at providing information about family violence in Australia, and discusses implications for policy development. The authors find that while these documents pay lip service to the special vulnerabilities of immigrant and refugee women; arguably, they do not engage with the complexities of the intersection of gender and other social categories... [Read more](#)

The domestic violence protection order system as entry to the criminal justice system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Heather Douglas and Robin Fitzgerald

International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy, 2018, 7(3): 41-57

Summary: The domestic violence protection order (DVO) system is a hybrid system of criminalisation in which the DVO itself is a civil order, but any contravention of that order may result in a criminal charge. Limited attention has been paid to the potential consequences of criminalisation through the hybrid DVO system in the Australian context... [Read more](#)

Exposure to interpersonal violence during pregnancy and its association with women's prenatal care utilization: A meta-analytic review

Brittany Jamieson

Trauma, Violence & Abuse, Advance online publication, 15 October 2018

Summary: Inadequate prenatal care utilization has been proposed as a mechanism between exposure to violence during pregnancy and adverse maternal and fetal obstetric outcomes. Adequate prenatal care is important for identifying and treating obstetric complications as they arise and connecting pregnant women to supports and interventions as needed. There is some evidence that pregnant women experiencing relational violence may delay or never enter prenatal care, though this association has not been systematically or quantitatively synthesized. The present meta-analysis investigates the relationship between interpersonal violence during pregnancy and inadequate prenatal care utilization across two dimensions: (1) no prenatal care during gestation; and (2) delayed entry into prenatal care... [Read more](#)

#HowIWillChange: Engaging men and boys in the #MeToo movement

Morgan E. PettyJohn, Finneran K. Muzzey, Megan K. Maas and Heather L. McCauley

Psychology of Men & Masculinity, 2018, Advance online publication

Summary: In response to the #MeToo movement, #HowIWillChange was intended to engage men and boys in the ongoing discussion about sexual violence by asking them to evaluate their role in sustaining rape culture. The authors collected publicly available tweets containing #HowIWillChange from Twitter's application programming interface on October 26, 2017 via NCapture software, resulting in 3,182 tweets for analysis. Tweets were analyzed qualitatively and coded into three primary groups: (a) users committing to actively engage in dismantling rape culture, (b) users indignantly resistant to social change, and (c) users promoting hostile resistance to social change... [Read more](#)

Long-term housing and intimate partner violence : journeys to healing

Andrea Hetling, Amy Dunford, Sarah Lin and Emily Michaelis
Affilia, 2018, 33(4): 526-542

Summary: For survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV), safe, affordable, long-term housing is a critical aspect of establishing a life free from abuse. New permanent housing models for IPV survivors, which are emerging across the United States, are designed to meet the basic need of shelter and must at the same time be focused on meeting the needs of survivors of IPV. Using an in-depth qualitative case study of a new supportive housing program serving 10 IPV survivors and their children, our research project examines how housing helps residents heal from trauma... [Read more](#)

Screening for intimate partner violence, elder abuse, and abuse of vulnerable adults: Evidence report and systematic review for the US Preventive Services Task Force

Cynthia Feltner et al.

JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association, 2018, 20(6): 1688-1701

Summary: The USPSTF commissioned a review of the evidence on screening for IPV in adolescents, women, and men; for elder abuse; and for abuse of vulnerable adults. The USPSTF concludes with moderate certainty that screening for IPV in women of reproductive age and providing or referring women who screen positive to ongoing support services has a moderate net benefit... [Read more](#)

Service provider difficulties in operationalizing coercive control

Iain R. Brennan, Victoria Burton, Sinéad Gormally, and Nicola O'Leary

Violence Against Women, Advance online publication, 21 September 2018

Summary: The authors examined perspectives of social workers, police officers, and specialist domestic abuse practitioners about their perceived ability and organizational readiness to respond effectively to incidents of coercive and controlling behavior. Interviews revealed intervention and risk assessment strategies structured around an outdated, maladaptive concept of domestic abuse as an unambiguous and violent event and frontline services that lacked appreciation of the power dynamics inherent in controlling relationships... [Read more](#)

Staff conceptualisations of elder abuse in residential aged care: A rapid review

Harriet Radermacher, Li Toh, Deborah Western, Jan Coles, Dianne Goeman and Judy Lowthian
Australasian Journal on Ageing, 2018, Advance online publication, 30 July 2018

Summary: The purpose of this rapid review was to explore how residential aged care staff conceptualise and identify elder abuse. English language publications, between 2000 and 2017, about elder abuse in residential aged care in developed countries were sought from three academic databases. Only perspectives on staff-resident and resident-to-resident abuse were included... [Read more](#)

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Attention continues to focus on the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace...

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The Government has released the final terms of reference for the Royal Commission...

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The Government is inviting feedback to inform development of the Child and...

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The Safe & Together Institute is offering a 25% discount on their e-training (until 31 October 2018)...

[Consultation on information sharing with Police \(name changes, deaths and non-disclosure\)](#) - 18 Oct, 2018

NZ Police are seeking feedback on an information sharing agreement related to...

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The Ministry of Social Development's (MSD) latest email update for family and...

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The Government has made a number of recent announcements related to pay equity...

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Wellington

2019

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5 - 6 February 2019

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