

Introduction to Safe Network clinical services

Safe Network operates the largest community-based specialist clinical assessment and intervention service in Aotearoa New Zealand for those with concerning and harmful sexual behaviour.

Who we are

Safe Network is New Zealand's largest community-based specialist service for those with concerning, problematic and harmful sexual behaviour. Our specialist clinicians work with adults and youth to address their harmful sexual behaviour towards children or others, as well as with children who have concerning sexual behaviours, assisting them to learn to express themselves in healthier ways.

Our services are based in Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, and Te Tai Tokerau/Northland. Our clinical staff includes psychologists, psychotherapists, counsellors and social workers.

Our services

We provide specialist services for both males and females who display concerning, problematic and harmful sexual behaviour, including contact and non-contact behaviour such as accessing, distributing or producing child sexual abuse images and films through the internet and social media. We offer tailored services through the following clinical pathways:

- **Children's (Early Intervention) Service**
– For children aged 5-12 years.
- **Youth Service** – For young people aged 13-17 years.
- **Adult Service** – For people 18 years and over.
- **Internet Service** – For youth and adults who have accessed, traded, or produced child sexual abuse material, or who have engaged or communicated with children and young people online in a sexual context (grooming).
- **Intellectual Disability Service** – For those clients with intellectual or cognitive disability and/or complex needs.
- **Kaupapa Māori Service** – Clinical services for

children, youth and adults which incorporate and are embedded within Kaupapa Māori therapeutic models of practice. Our services are developed and delivered by Māori practitioners and cultural advisors for Māori clients and their whanau.

- **Amanaki Pasifika Service** – Our Amanaki Pasifika service has been developed and is led by clinicians of Samoan and Tongan descent who are fluent in their language and able to meet the clinical and cultural needs of this client group.
- **Risk assessments for adults**
- **ACC counselling for sensitive claims**
- **Consultation and supervision**
- **Education and training**

The referral pathway

If you are concerned about your own sexual behaviour or that of someone else, including a child, a youth or an adult, you can arrange for a referral to Safe Network services.

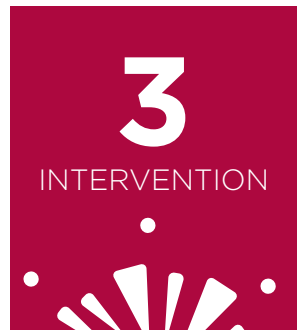
Individuals may self-refer to Safe Network or can be referred by family members, friends, the Courts, Community Probation Service, Police or other professionals within the community.

What is the process?

A **referral** is received and reviewed to determine suitability for Safe Network's services and the best service pathway for that client.

An **assessment** is offered for all suitable referrals. An assessment typically involves up to three interviews and concludes with a written report that will make recommendations about suitability for therapeutic intervention.

Where an **intervention** is recommended, a personally tailored therapeutic plan will be provided. Typically, intervention will be between six to 18 months in



duration and involve counselling for the individual, family members and/or support persons, others from the wider social system and any other professionals.

What can I expect from attending the Safe Network service?

Research indicates that around 95% of adults¹ and 98% of adolescents² who complete one of Safe Network's services will not engage in any further harmful sexual behaviour. In parallel with the individual's intervention, Safe Network offers education and support to their family, partner and their wider support network, to give them the knowledge, resources and help they need to prevent the harmful sexual behaviour from reoccurring.

Expected intervention outcomes

On completion of intervention we expect that:

- The issues related to the concerning or harmful sexual behaviour have been addressed
- The individual is able to be a safe and responsible part of their family again

- The individual is able to fit and function well within the wider community
- Adults are able to engage in safe, intimate adult relationships
- Children and youth are able to have safe, meaningful relationships with peers and family
- A safe and healthy lifestyle has been created.

Will clients need to pay to attend Safe Network?

Generally the full costs of services at Safe Network are covered by our Government-funded contracts. Where there are limited or no funded positions available, then a part-charge or fee-for-service contract may be offered.

How do I contact Safe Network?

To enquire or to make a referral, contact Safe Network by phone or download a referral form from our website, complete it and forward it to us.

¹ *Community Solutions for the Community's Problem: An outcome evaluation of three New Zealand community child sex offender treatment programmes*, by Ian Lambie and Malcolm Stewart, 2003.

² *Getting it Right: An evaluation of New Zealand community treatment programmes for adolescents who sexually offend*. Ka pū e ruha, ka hao te rangatahi, by Ian Lambie, 2007.

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