**Update on ICR progress in Waitemata**

**Background**

MSD is working with community partners and [Joint Venture](https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/key-initiatives/reducing-family-and-sexual-violence/work-programme/updates/) (JV) partner agencies towards better integration of our family and sexual violence sector decisions and responses in communities throughout New Zealand.

Evidence shows a more integrated, community-led approach can reduce the causes of family violence through better coordinated, comprehensive and more sustained responses to family violence.

**Phase One - SAM Tables Project — NGO representation in local decisions and responses**

MSD is currently implementing the first JV ICR project — the SAM (Safety Assessment Meeting) Tables Project — in 44 communities around New Zealand.

SAM tables were established under the ISR and WNPH models to support the risk assessment, triage and referrals for families experiencing family harm.

NGO co-ordination at SAM tables provides two main benefits:

1. The long-term aim is that everyone who experiences family violence gets access to the best local service — for them; and
2. By funding NGO participation at SAM tables, we’re building an essential system foundation for future ICR-related work.

In Waitemata, we currently run two SAM tables, one supporting the West and the other supporting the North and East of the District.

The SAM Tables Project has agreed to fund the participation of three (3) specialist NGO co-ordinators to represent each of the North, East and West of Waitemata Police District.

As such, over the last few months we’ve taken a collaborative approach around the design of these roles and consulted widely within the sector.

As a result, its been widely agreed that the funding for these positions should sit with Kāhui Tū Kaha, under the auspices of the Runanga Ngāti Whātua.

The collaborative design and implementation of these positions is currently under way. If you would like to know more or contribute please contact your FV network co-ordinator at Waves, Te Rito or the Family Violence Network North Shore, Tipene Lemon (Tipene.Lemon@kahuitukaha.co.nz) or (kelly.farrant@police.govt.nz) to discuss further.