



SPRING NEWS 2010

Spring greetings to you all.

WAVES Trust along with the Violence Free Waitakere and the Pacific Island Safety and Prevention Project are well settled into the new Family Violence Hub at 7 Henderson Valley Road.

WAVES Trust is growing and changing in response to the opportunities presented by our wonderful new space, which we have now occupied for one year. Ann Ross is now the full time administrator and we have transformed one of the upstairs offices into a counselling/interview room. This room is available to the community, call Ann to check availability and make bookings.

Auckland Regional Migrant Services have begun using the meeting room once a month to assess the need out West for their migrant employment seminars. So far these initiatives have been very successful and our guests have extended high praise to the facilities here at the Hub.

WAVES' library is expanding and we now have a growing collection of literature relating to family violence with regard to its effects on children, and the specific issues faced by ethnic communities.

We have more workshops, training and seminars coming up before the end of the year. Places are limited so book early by contacting Ann at WAVES Trust, ph 838 4834 or email ann@waves.org.nz.

WAVES Trust AGM & Lunch

Wednesday 1 December, 2010 12:30–2:30pm
At WAVES Family Violence Hub
7 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson
ALL WELCOME!

RSVP to Ann by Friday 26 November
ph 838 4834 or email ann@waves.org.nz

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INTER-AGENCY MEETING DATES

Venue: The Church, Corban Estate Arts Centre

Time: Meetings will be held bi-monthly on Tuesdays from 10am to midday

Dates: 7 December

Interagency meetings are getting very exciting. At some meetings we could hardly fit everyone in. All of us are finding the meetings stimulating and full of interesting information. Do put these dates in your diary now!

NEWS

Waitakere Taskforce on Family Violence

The Mayoral Taskforce on Family Violence has been re-branded the Waitakere Taskforce On Family Violence. The new brand reflects the increasing community ownership of and involvement in the project – and signals the Taskforce's intention to continue its work as the city transitions into the new Auckland Council.

The Taskforce has a new project structure. A Steering Group of senior public servants and community decision makers provide leadership and oversight of the project. The Steering Group is supported by five working groups which operationalise the Taskforce's Strategic Plan. Over the next few months key activities for the Taskforce include:

- Advertising in the Western Leader, explaining the role of the Taskforce
- New billboards to support the *It's Not Ok* campaign
- A range of *White Ribbon Day* activities

Around 80 guests attended the launch of the Taskforce's Strategic Plan on Friday 30 July at Zeal Café. The launch was extremely positive and well received, with a performance by Henderson High School students a highlight. Minister Bennett launched the new brand and plan. Maori Television and TVNZ were in attendance.



Kia Ora and Greetings From Lynne Pillay

I want to acknowledge the fantastic work that WAVES and all the movers and shakers throughout our Waitakere community do advocating for a safe and healthy community, and relentlessly taking on so many of the important issues.

For some years I have been involved in many campaigns including White Ribbon Day, It's not OK Campaign, Fathering Week, and Toddler's Day Out. I will always remember with pride the submissions from Westies to the Justice Select Committee (which I chaired) stating that Section 59 had to go; that our children had the absolute right to be cared for without violence.

It was heartening to attend the launch of the Waitakere Taskforce on Family Violence, along with my colleague Carmel Sepuloni MP – so many people, organisations, our police and council are committed to ensuring our families get the support they need and deserve.

But all is not well for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

The Domestic Violence Reform Bill introduced by the Labour government is still not enacted. The Bill was the culmination of so much work from many people and organisations throughout New Zealand and would provide enhanced support for victims (mostly women) of domestic violence.

It is offensive that under this government the Bill is still languishing on the Parliamentary Order Paper. Instead we see legislation which diminishes people's rights being pushed through at great speed.

Enhanced protection for victims of domestic violence is vital and we in Labour will continue to hold the government to account.

One of the worst injustices is the re-victimisation of survivors of sexual assault. The Minister for ACC, Nick Smith, has overseen dramatic cuts in support and counselling for claimants which has seen approval rates plummet to around 10%. Despite Labour's intensive questioning in Parliament and staunch lobbying by survivors, therapists and organisations the National government has continued with this unfortunate experiment. The impact on people who have been through so much already is devastating and my Labour colleagues and I are absolutely committed to fighting the government every step of the way.

This campaign is not over yet, the Independent Panel reports back in September and I am sure there will be some damning evidence. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been so committed to this campaign. Kia kaha

Kind regards

Lynne Pillay
Labour MP

Labour Spokesperson for Disability Issues
Associate Labour Spokesperson Justice – Victims' Rights

Collaboration Project in Waitakere

Man Alive, Western Refuge Society and WATCS have successfully completed the first phase of their collaboration project. The feasibility study points to a number of positive community outcomes that could result from the agencies progressing collaborative initiatives together. The next phase of the project will explore the most suitable model for the three agencies while building on basic collaborative initiatives that can be undertaken immediately. Thank you to all those who took part in the stakeholder analysis. A full copy of the report is available email: anihera@manalive.org.nz.

We will continue to keep the community informed of progress.

ACC Changes

In April 2010 Minister Nick Smith, in response to sustained criticism about the new clinical pathway, established a Review Panel to determine if the pathway was allowing timely access to services, giving survivors appropriate assistance from ACC and allowing access to treatment for survivors.

Submissions to the panel were called for and TOAH- NNEST (Tauwi caucus) prepared a comprehensive submission that gathered together the voices of sexual violence agencies throughout New Zealand. The overwhelming finding was that the pathway was causing harm to survivors, and overwhelming community based sexual violence services.

The submission explained the many aspects of the pathway that are harmful such as the inappropriateness of the model for tangata whenua, the inappropriate use of a DSM IV diagnosis, and it's lack of a scientific basis. In Auckland some survivors made submissions in person at a meeting held at Auckland Sexual Abuse HELP and at the Sexual Abuse Survivor Summit / Hui held on the 20th June. Feedback from survivors who participated said that they found the process valuable.

On 11th August ACC announced that from Monday 16th August people with a new ACC sensitive claim, or with a new claim already in the system but waiting on a decision, will be able to access up to 16 hours of counselling. The announcement was welcomed by the sexual violence sector but agencies remain cautiously optimistic. The work is far from over and the network will be working with ACC over the next few weeks to iron out some of the difficulties which remain.

The network is working to ensure that recommendations made by the Taskforce for Action on Sexual Violence in terms of prevention, specialist front line services, and the justice system reforms do not fall off the government agenda.

Deborah Mackenzie, Auckland Sexual Abuse Help.

Auckland Deputy Mayor – Penny Hulse!

Congratulations to Penny Hulse, who was appointed Deputy Mayor to the new Auckland Council.

Penny has been a long time supporter of the WAVES network here in Waitakere.

We all wish her well in her new role.

Debbie's been to Britain

Debbie Hager, WAVES Coordinator, is one of three recipients of a Winston Churchill Award this year. The award enables recipients to travel to complete research outside New Zealand. Debbie has just returned from Britain where she researched the provision of women's refuge services to women with mental health and substance abuse problems. Her trip was also supported by an award from the New Horizons Trust for Women who support research that improves the lives of women.

While in England Debbie presented a paper at the World Safety 2010 Conference – a WHO sponsored conference with a specific strand about preventing violence against women. Her paper was about the theory and practice of advocacy to prevent violence against women. Her dramatised documentary, *He Drove Me Mad*, was chosen to be shown at the conference.

Debbie plans to share the information she has gathered during her research trip with the community.

Introducing Jo Richdale

WAVES Trust has implemented two new projects looking at ways that WAVES can help improve family violence services to new settlers, and support children living with family violence in Waitakere City. WAVES contracted Jo Richdale to coordinate these projects for a six month term, and she has since been employed for a further year to continue this work. Jo is a social and cultural historian and brings to WAVES a strong research interest in relationships and family life.

These projects have developed with a strong focus on building the capacity of the family violence sector to meet the needs of new settlers and children in Waitakere. We thank the family violence service providers in Waitakere City and the service providers from other sectors and regions who have welcomed Jo into this role. She looks forward to continuing her association with the many wonderful people who provide support to our community in Waitakere City.

WHAT'S ON

EVENTS:

Preventing Violence Against Women: The Political Economy of Women's Human Rights
(Fee: \$10.00 per person)

Dr. Jacqui True, Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Auckland.
Friday November 5th, 9.30am – 12.30pm
Saint Columba Church hall. 92 Surrey Crescent, Grey Lynn.

The global elimination of violence against women is one of the key struggles and wishes of our age. This workshop explores the broader international political and economic context of violence and insecurity experienced by women and how political and economic empowerment can serve as a deterrent to violence. This workshop is based on Dr. Jacqui True's report for the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, on the political economy of women's human rights. This was presented to the UN Human Rights Council in June 2009.

Waitakere HealthLink

FREE Consumer Representative Training Workshops 2011

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Consumer Representative is welcome to take advantage of the FREE one day training workshops. No previous experience is required and the training provides an opportunity to enhance skills.

For more information Ph 09-839 0512

Here is a great workshop focusing on communication and conflict resolution.

"Creating Peaceful Pathways" Workshop ***Next workshop is 8 - 10 October 2010***

The Cost: \$100 pp, subsidies are available.

A three day workshop run by Alternatives to Violence Project Auckland Inc. Open to all adults. Learning objectives include improving communication, conflict responses, dealing with anger, leadership skills. Designed for anyone seeking personal growth or wanting to make positive change in their lives.

To register or get more details please contact

Jane Holley, AVP Coordinator, PO Box 70099, Ranui, Waitakere City 0655, avpauack@gmail.com Ph 838 3392 or 0212614388

Unable to make the October workshop?

2011 workshop dates include:

March 18-20; May 27-29; August 19-21; September 2-4

WAVES TRAINING:

Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury as a result of Domestic Violence (Free workshop)

Dr. Adriana Preoteasa, Brain Injury New Zealand.
October 29th, 2010, 10.30am – 12.00noon

The Church, Corban's Arts Centre Estate, Henderson
This workshop aims to raise awareness and educate people who work with domestic and family violence about the risks and causes of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and to promote coping strategies and the improvement of community based support services.

Domestic violence is a serious, preventable public health problem that affects millions of people worldwide. The term "domestic violence" describes physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse. For victims of domestic violence, physical assault and/or use of violence are the assumed major causes of TBI. People providing services for women might sometimes find it difficult to work with them because they cannot make decisions or are struggling with ongoing cognitive issues. These problems could be a result of the repetitive TBIs they have sustained over time through blows to the head, violent shaking, falls, etc.

This workshop will cover:

- What the link is between TBI and domestic violence
- Recognizing TBI in domestic violence victims
- Tips on working with TBI clients
- Support services for people with TBI
- Prevention strategies

Introduction to Family Violence – two days
November 2nd and 9th. 9.30am – 4.30pm lunch included
(Fee: \$50 per person (for the two days))
Opanuku Room, Corban's Art Centre Estate, Henderson

This introductory workshop will help participants to understand:

- the dynamics of family violence
- the incidence of family violence in New Zealand and who is affected
- the effects, on women and children, of witnessing and experiencing violence and abuse in their homes
- Maori perspectives of family violence
- how to offer constructive help without in depth intervention
- who does what in family violence service provision in Waitakere

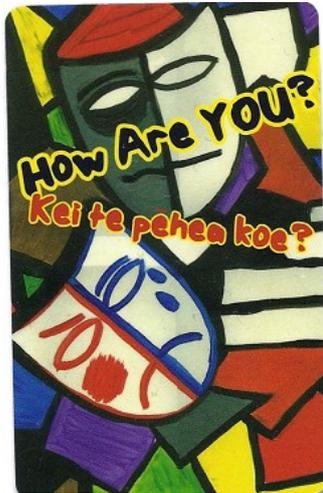
To book a place in WAVES training courses, contact Ann Ross at WAVES Trust. Ph 838 4834 or email ann@waves.org.nz

NOTICEBOARD

How Are You? Kei te pehea koe?

These colourful wallet cards were produced with funding from WAVES' Everyday Community Funds as part of project to improve children's access to helping services.

Children attending WATCS family violence art therapy contributed the artwork for the cards, which carry the phone numbers for What's Up line, Kidsline, and Family Services Helpline.



The cards are extensively used by Everyday Theatre in their school performances and have proved enormously popular with other social services.

They have been so popular that WAVES has had to order another 5,000! These are in stock now.

To find out more about the cards and their uses, contact: Michelle Hazeldine ph 838 0419 michelle.hazeldine@barnardos.org.nz or WAVES Trust on 838 4834 email: coordinator@waves.org.nz

VisionWest Community Trust has been offering community-based services to people in West Auckland since the 1980's. The Trust was formerly incorporated as the Friendship Centre Trust and has rebranded as VisionWest as of July 2010. The other services available at VisionWest Community Trust are: VisionWest Community Housing, VisionWest Baptist Home Healthcare, VisionWest Training Centre, VisionWest Christian Kindergarten, VisionWest Budgeting Service, VisionWest Foodbank & Op Shop, VisionWest Property Care, and VisionWest Community Care.
www.VisionWest.org.nz

WATCS Children's Art Coming Soon to WAVES Trust

Waitakere Abuse and Trauma Counselling will be showcasing art produced by children in their art therapy sessions at WAVES Trust Family Violence Hub, 7 Henderson Valley Rd.

Contact WAVES for more details, ph. 838 4834

Volunteers Wanted!

You can Shine in your community today, volunteer with us! Join our 'after hours' call-out Advocacy team and you immediately begin to make a real difference in the lives of children and adult victims of domestic violence. You will gain free professional training and support, developing new skills and specialized knowledge to become part of a highly valued team of volunteers. Contributing to our essential work with victims of domestic violence and enjoying our team spirit of positive action and change.

Call us today on: 09 303 3938 ext 813 or email receptionist@2shine.org.nz to talk about volunteering and join us at our next training day (held on a Saturday).

Thank you!

safer together helping New Zealanders Shine



VisionWest
Counselling

Building Hope Together

Hikoi Tumanako-tahi

Centre (formerly Focus Counselling) is a long-standing provider of quality, professional and confidential counselling; assisting individuals and families through personal discovery and growth. Issues such as stress, trauma, grief and abuse stop people developing into who they want to be.

VisionWest's team of fully trained counsellors provide many kinds of counselling using a range of counselling tools to meet individual needs. The team are passionate about seeing people set free from past hurts and finding hope and transformation in their lives. Counsellors are available to work with men, women and children who have experienced domestic violence or other types of abuse, including those who may still be in this situation. VisionWest Counselling Centre has been working effectively in the community since 1993; helping people towards more fulfilled lives.

VisionWest's philosophy is to make counselling accessible to everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Therefore fees are set on a sliding scale, with a Client Subsidy Fund (where funding is available) to assist those facing financial hardship.

Contact Details:

Ph: 09 818 0760

Fax: 09 818 0761

Email: Counselling@VisionWest.org.nz

Stitch Project Update

Raeburn House is pleased to announce that The Stitch Project has now been extended. Instead of finishing in February of next year, the project will now continue through to June, giving more people time to participate in the creation of a unique art piece that celebrates our city's rich diversity. The first exhibition of the completed Stitch Project is scheduled for mid June 2011 at the Lake House Art Centre. Weekly Stitch sessions take place across Auckland at the following locations:

North Shore — Mondays, 11:00am – 4:00pm at Level 1, Norman King Building, 1 Ernie Mays Street, Northcote (opposite the Northcote Library)

West Auckland – 1st Thursday of the month, 1:00pm-3:30pm at Way Out West, 6B Paramount Drive, Henderson

Central Auckland – 2nd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm-3:30pm at the Wesley Community Centre, 740 Sandringham Road extension, Mt Roskill.

Helensville – 3rd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm-3:30pm at the Council Room in the War Memorial Hall/ Helensville Library, 49 Commercial Road, Helensville.

South Auckland – 4th Thursday of the month, 1:00pm-3:30pm at Te Puke O Tara Community Centre, Newbury Street, Otara.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Stitch sessions. These cost nothing except time to socialise. Friendly experts are on hand to help novices. For more information please contact Joan Hamilton on 486 8952 or email Joan@raeburnhouse.org.nz

FOR LEASE

Henderson Central Retail Viviana are moving

As you may be aware we have found larger premises for the Viviana team. Before we can move, we need to lease our current building. We are looking to the network for support. Does anyone know of potential tenants? If you do please contact Poto Williams Chief Executive Officer, Western Refuge & Viviana Outreach. (09) 836 1987 or 027 492 9002

New Counselling Service

The holistic therapy group: counselling for people living with domestic violence, anxiety, depression, stress and more. We also provide life coaching for those who are seeking coaching and support for life changes. Call or text Cooper Watkins BSocP (Counselling) for an appointment.

Email: cooperwatkins@yahoo.co.nz



VOLUNTEER NOW

Ensuring victims of crime and trauma are well supported, safe and in control of restoring their lives.

Do you care about your community?

Do you have time to make a difference to someone's life?

We provide a 24 hour, seven day a week access to an integrated, personalised, professional support system to all victims of crime, accident and emergency.

We advocate for the rights and interests of these victims.

We currently have 10 places left on our next training course.

If you want to be part of a team dedicated to the wellbeing of victims, make contact with us today.

www.victimsupport.org.nz or ph: 839 0603

Violence Free Waitakere is working on several projects you might be interested in being involved with...

Violence Free Waitakere are coordinating development of a 12 minute cartoon for children aged 8-12 years on ways to support them staying safe around witnessing family (and other) violence. This is a kiwi version of "**Tulip Doesn't Feel Safe**" made in the USA in 1993. We are looking for collaborative partners who are willing to contribute some money towards this project (budget around \$55,000) Please contact Elaine on 837 4849.

A Treasure Hunt "**Our Amazing Place Game**" is being piloted at McLaren Park/ Henderson South on 13th November and expected to be rolled out through the neighbourhoods of the city over the next few years. We are eager to have many services involved with the area as part of helping people discover the treasures in their community (services, people, landscape, resources).

And last thing... for the week leading up to White Ribbon Day, (25th November) we are organising a display of the "**Behind Closed Doors**" exhibition developed for WRD in 2009. This will be in West City Mall, and will need attendants to chat to public, hand out resources and promote services. A roster will be sent shortly, please all see if you can be there for at least one 2 hour block during the week.

If you are interested call us on **837 4849**

RESEARCH

Learning from Tragedy: Homicide within Families in New Zealand, 2002–2006 prepared by Jennifer Martin and Rhonda Pritchard for the Centre for Social Research and Evaluation (MSD), April 2010.

The authors' have analysed 141 family-related homicides occurring between 2002 and 2006. Seventy-seven deaths were couple-related, 38 were child homicides, and 26 were other family member homicides where the victim was aged over 15 years.

The study found strong links between family violence and family-related homicides. Key recurring themes in each of these categories of homicide were the perpetrators' history of violent behaviour, concurrent substance abuse, and experiences of unemployment and spousal separation as triggers. The authors' state their study is unique because they identify factors associated with homicide events and potential pathways for the prevention of violence within families.

The report is available from the Family Violence Clearing House (NZFVCH) website.

Community Study Summary Report: The Campaign for Action on Family Violence prepared by the Centre for Social Research and Evaluation, March 2010.

An evaluation of the impact of the Campaign for Action on Family Violence in four New Zealand communities, including Waitakere City. In Waitakere City, the evaluation found a high level of awareness and strong retention of the key messages. Members of the public felt that the Campaign affirmed their actions in response to family violence. Service providers felt that it had brought greater awareness and discussion about family violence to the community, with a notable increase in the uptake of services. However, almost all providers felt that greater resourcing of the family violence sector in preparation for the Campaign was needed. The report is available online at the NZFVCH.

We Had to Cope With What We Had: Agency Perspectives on Domestic Violence and Disasters in New Zealand, Rosalind Houghton, PhD Thesis, Victoria University, 2010.

Houghton surveyed 17 communities and gave five community case studies to demonstrate that domestic violence reporting can be as high as triple after civil defence emergencies. She recommends changes to civil defence policies and the implementation of emergency plans for family violence agencies to ensure adequate response to those seeking help during these times. In the light of the devastation caused by earthquake in Christchurch, agencies would be well advised to develop their own civil defence policies.

The thesis is available online at the NZFVCH website.

The Parenting Hearings Programme Pilot: Evaluation Report prepared by Trish Knaggs and Anne Harland for the Research, Evaluation and Modelling Unit, Ministry of Justice, September 2009.

The Parenting Hearings Programme (PHP) pilot began in November 2006 and was initiated by Judge Peter Boshier, the Principal Family Court Judge. The intention was to address urgent applications under the Care of Children Act 2004, including those where allegations of domestic or sexual abuse indicate children may be at risk, by producing faster court proceedings with less adverse impact on families through a non-adversarial, judge-led set of hearings.

Of interest to those working in the field of family violence and child protection is the view that faster processes are needed for parenting hearings related to domestic violence matters. However, the speed of the PHP might also cause problems where 'the emphasis on a quick resolution may pressure parties to compromise or reach agreement, in spite of safety concerns'. See:

<http://www.justice.govt.nz/publications/global-publications/p/parenting-hearings-programme-pilot-evaluation-report-1/parenting-hearings-programme-pilot-evaluation-report>

Raising Questions about the Importance of Father Contact within Current Family Law Practices, *New Zealand Law Review*, 2009;
Is 50:50 Shared Care a Desirable Norm following Family Separation? Raising Questions about Current Family Law Practices in New Zealand, *NZ Universities Law Review*, June 2010.
By Julia Tolmie, Vivienne Elizabeth and Nicola Gavey (University of Auckland).

These two articles relate to the same study group and endorse international literature suggesting that when parents separate, the quality of child-father contact is more important to children's wellbeing than the quantity of that contact. The authors conducted interviews with 21 women about their experience of NZ family law professionals understanding of the importance of father-child contact.

In the first article, the authors concluded that there was a diversity of positions adopted by family law professionals, ranging from uncritical views that any father contact is good for children to a more sophisticated analysis emphasising quality contact with fathers as enhancing children's wellbeing.

The second study emphasises how 50:50 shared care can be deleterious to children's wellbeing when parents remain in conflict over parenting or because of family violence.

Both articles contain relevant information about post-separation family violence and parenting in relation to NZ law, and suggest that further study is needed.

IAIN CHAPMAN: NEW POLICE SAFETY ORDERS

I have had that sinking feeling on numerous occasions. It generally hits at about two in the morning, lying awake in bed after a shift, hoping that she is not being beaten, or dead.

I am talking about walking away from a domestic violence incident when I have been unable to do anything. It was clear that something was happening in the home; her demeanour, his aggression. She would not say anything. She was unwilling to talk to anyone in authority for fear of what will happen next time they are alone. For her, a statement was out of the question.

In the past, this was a real and regular occurrence. My hands were tied. I had a level of evidence I needed before I could put this aggressor before the Courts, but often that evidence simply did not exist.

The level of evidence is the primary thing I have to consider before taking any legislative action. It is often misunderstood, and is sometimes objectively seen as Police inaction. Very simply put, for a person to be charged, there has to be a good statement from the victim, and something else. Be it a witness, an injury, a panicked 111 call, an admission, anything. Without this, my hands were tied.

That was until July 1, 2010. The Police Safety Order is now provided for within the Domestic Violence Act 1995. It is, as far as I am aware, one of the first pieces of legislation which allows Police to take serious action based on a 'gut instinct'. It relies purely on a subjective belief that violence is being used against a person, by another person. The definition of violence is the same as in the Domestic Violence Act, and includes intimidation, harassment and all other forms of non-contact violence.

If the level of evidence required for an arrest is not present at a scene of Domestic Violence, a report is still taken, and a three page risk assessment is completed. It is this risk assessment, along with the subjective analysis of the incident, which allows the attending Police to form a belief that there is a person at risk. If the attending Police believe that when they leave both people at the address violence may continue, they can invoke a Police Safety order.

It is important to note that the Police Safety Order does not assume guilt, nor does it mean that one person in the relationship is the clear 'offender'. That is for the Courts to decide, and remember, the level of evidence does not exist to place them before the Courts if a Police Safety Order is invoked.

The Police Safety Order is to be viewed as a tool to enforce a 'cooling off period'. It is not a sanction or penalty, and can not be viewed as such. That may not sit well with some people, but believe me, if the evidence existed that violence was occurring, that person would be in handcuffs.

The Police Safety Order allows us to remove a person whom we suspect of using violence against another person from the address for a period of up to 5 days. In reality, best practice

will mean that the period starts at 24 hours and is altered from there.

Why not always five days? Well the answer is complex. I have said that the Order can not be seen as a penalty. If we wanted the person punished, then the correct course of action is for them to be charged, and allow the Courts to convict and sentence. Remember, we are not at that level of evidence.

The Act states that we have to take into account the hardship that the family will suffer as a direct result of removing a person from the family dynamic. I however believe that you would be hard pressed to identify a time that the hardship outweighs the risk factor. That said, routinely issuing an Order for five days is an incredibly strong power for the Police to have when they are effectively acting without substantive evidence that anything is actually occurring in the home.

Another factor we have to consider is that people recant. There are thousands of pieces of research on why this happens, and unfortunately it is a factor we have to consider. Almost daily my phone has a message on it from a victim of last night's incident, requesting that the 'charges are dropped' against their partner who is downstairs in the cells. In the heat of the moment, at the time of the incident, they are probably glad to see the back of them. But a few hours later it is a different story.

Exactly the same will happen for with the Safety Orders. "Great officer, take him away!", will soon be replaced by, "Come home...".

Issuing the Order for five days without very strong justification would otherwise serve little purpose than to set the bound person up to fail. In my view, if we were considering issuing a five day order, we should be finding evidence to charge, or removing the person to refuge.

If the Order is breached, then the bound person is taken into custody. There he is held for up to 24 hours, before being taken before the Courts. They are not 'charged' in the traditional sense. The Judge can either issue an order for a further period, or issue a Temporary Protection Order if satisfied that grounds for such an order exists.

I see this legislation as being a great step forward in addressing Family Violence from a Policing perspective. To date it has been used over 30 times, with only a small number of breaches.

On another note, I am leaving the Family Violence office shortly, Detective Sergeant Kelly Farrant-Alofa will be returning after maternity leave, and will be joined by Sergeant Wendy Pickering, who I am sure you will all get to know in the coming months.

Iain Chapman

WHO IS IN THE WAVES NETWORK?

and what is the main focus of their family violence related activities?*

Age Concern Focus: Elder Abuse. Contact: Robyn Feltham. 57 Rosebank Road, Avondale 1026. ph: 820 2717 email: robynf@ageconak.org.nz

Auckland Regional Public Health Service Focus: Primary prevention of family violence Contact: Catherine Manning, Greenlane Clinical Centre, 214 Greenlane West, ph: 623 4600 ext 27201 email: cmanning@adhb.govt.nz

AVP (Alternatives to Violence) Project Focus: Workshops to help people create healthy relationships, peaceful communities and alternatives to violence. Contact: Cathie Peters, National Co-ordinator. ph: 838 0500 email: national_coordinator@avpaotearoa.org.nz Contact: Jane Holley, Auckland Co-ordinator. ph: 838 3392 email: avpauck@gmail.com

Barnardos Focus: "Children Come First", Child safety and family wellbeing, working across our services and with other agencies to ensure that the needs of the children and young people are best met and their families have the best opportunities to make a difference. Contact: Vicki Khoo, 13 Edsel Street, Henderson. ph: 838 0419 email: vicki.khoo@barnardos.org.nz

Brainwave Trust Focus: Child development and the importance of the first three years. Contact: Jane Valentine-Burt, 3-39 Hawera Rd, Kohimarama. ph: 416 5385 email: jane@brainwave.org.nz

CADS West 65+ Focus: Alcohol and drug counselling. Contact: David Fenn, CADS West Unit, Floor 1, 1 Trading Place, Henderson. ph: 837 9400 email:

davidfenn@waitematadhb.govt.nz

Changeworks Focus: Counselling and group processes to support the development of relationship skills to address issues of anger and abuse in children, young men, women and families. Contact: Ron Hepworth, Level 3, John Henry Building, Pioneer Street, Henderson. ph: 836 3773 email: ron@changeworks.org.nz Contact: Steve Deakin email: steve@changeworks.org.nz

Child Youth and Family Services Focus: Care and protection of children. **Contact:** Amritha Krishnamurthi, 1st floor, 22-24 Cabernet Crescent, Westgate, PO Box 93 117, Henderson, Waitakere 0650. Ph: (09) 926 8052 email: Amritha.Krishnamurthi003@cyf.govt.nz

Family Works Northern Focus: Supporting children aged up to 17, and their families, to make positive and lasting differences in their lives. Contact: Ian Tomkins, 3 Montel Ave, Henderson. ph: 835 1288 email: iant@northern.familyworks.org.nz

Helensville Women and Family Centre Focus: Services for women and families. Contact: Christine Salmon, 51 Commercial Road, Helensville. Ph: (09) 420 7992 email: info@hwfc.co.nz

Inner City Women's group Focus: Preventing violence against women by educating and supporting women to break cycles of abuse. Contact: Hazel Scott, 4 Warnock Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland. ph: 3604933 email: icwg@xtra.co.nz

Lifewise Focus: Preventing Family Violence by providing home based family support and advocacy,

parenting programmes or just someone to talk to. Contact: Rose Harrop, 298 West Coast Rd, Glen Eden. ph: 818 0201 email: roseh@lifewise.org.nz

Man Alive Focus: Stopping violence groups for men. Contact: Karin Tautuhi, 11 Edmonton Road, Henderson. Ph: (09) 835 0509 ext: 833 or email: info@manalive.org.nz

Pacific Island Safety & Prevention Project (PISPP) Focus: Anti violence programmes for men. Individual and couple counselling for adults and youth. Programmes run in English, Tongan and Samoan. Contact: Cheryl Davis, 399 Don Buck Road, Massey. ph: 832 2555 email: PISPP@xtra.co.nz

Parent Trust Focus: Parenting programmes - being the parent you want to be. Contact: Helen Parkes, 13 Maidstone Street, Youthline House, Grey Lynn. ph: 376 0400. email: info@parenttrust.org.nz

Plunket Focus: The health and wellbeing of children. Screening for family violence. Contact: Caro Walker, 8a Woodford Ave, Henderson. ph: 838 0981 email: caro.walker@plunket.org.nz

Police District Family Violence Coordinator Contact: Snr Sgt Dave Ryan, PO Box 33 1046 Takapuna. ph: 353 0577 ext. 96397 mob: 027 4965 406 email: dave.ryan@police.govt.nz

Police Waitakere Family Violence Unit Contact: Hannah Goodburn, Iain Chapman, 7 Buscombe Ave, Henderson. ph: 839 0600 email: hannah.goodburn@police.govt.nz iain.chapman@police.govt.nz

Relationship Services

Focus: Counselling for couples.
Contact: Trish Goldstone, 11 Albert Pryor Ave, Henderson. ph: 837 2723 email: westauckland@relate.org.nz

Shakti Focus: Domestic violence intervention & refuge support for Asian, African and Middle Eastern women. Contact Tinsy Seethi, 153 Rathgar Road, Henderson. ph: (09) 636 8512. email: saws2@shakti.org.nz

Tika Maranga Focus: Refuge for Maori women Contact: Kathy Apiata, PO Box 21 735, Henderson. ph: 833 9653 email: tika1@xtra.co.nz

Tu Wahine Focus: Counsellors and Therapists for Wahine, Tamariki and Whanau who have been involved in Whanau and Sexual Violence. Provide Pepi/ Tamariki/Rangatahi Advocacy Services and Primary Prevention projects and training. Contact: Stella Gukibau - Tumuaki/Director, 247 Edmonton Road, Te Atatu South. ph: 838 8700 email: stella@tuwahine.org.nz
Ngaroimata Reid – Projects Manager email: ngaroimata@tuwahine.org.nz

Violence Free Waitakere Focus: Zero tolerance to violence and promoting positive parenting. Contact: Elaine Dyer, 7 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson. ph: 837 4849 email: vfw@xtra.co.nz

Viviana/Western Refuge Focus: Refuge and outreach services for abused women. Contact: Poto Williams, 401A Great North Road, Henderson. ph: 836 1987 email: potow@xtra.co.nz

Waipareira Trust Contact: Paul Watkin, Cnr Edmonton & Great North Roads, Henderson. ph: 836 6683 email: Paul.Watkin@wai-trust.co.nz

Waitakere Abuse & Trauma Counselling Services

Focus: A face to face counselling service for people whose lives have been affected by abuse, trauma or family violence. Contact: Michelle Clayton, 247 Edmonton Road, Te Atatu South. ph: 837 2491 email: watcs@xtra.co.nz

Waitakere City Council Contact: Anton Blank, Family Violence Project Leader, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson. ph: 836 8000 ext. 8048 email: anton.blank@waitakere.govt.nz

Waitakere District Court Manager Contact: Debbie Masani, 9 - 11 Ratanui Street, Henderson. ph: 916 5230 email: Debbie.Masani@justice.govt.nz

Waitakere District Court Victim Advisors Focus: Victims of crime. Provide information about their rights within the criminal justice system, improve their understanding about proceedings, keep them updated about the progress of the case they have an interest in and prepare and assist them to participate in the process. Karen Brown, 9 – 11 Ratanui Street, Henderson. ph: 916 5330 email: karen.brown@justice.govt.nz
Regional Coordinator Pat Worthington ph: 916 9289 email: pat.worthington@justice.govt.nz

Waitakere Family Court Contact: Selina Vaifale, 9 - 11 Ratanui St, Henderson. ph: 916 5230 email: selina.vaifale@justice.govt.nz

Waitakere Health Link Focus: Ensuring that the community is heard in health care decision-making. Contact: Susan Armstrong, Health West Building, Waitakere Hospital, 55 - 75 Lincoln Road, Henderson. ph: 839 0512 email: susan@waitakerehealthlink.org.nz

Waitakere Probation Service. Focus: Work with perpetrators. Administer sentences. Monitor anti-violence programme attendance. Also write reports about victims for the Courts and link victims to counselling services. Contact: Teresa Smyth, 92 RAILSIDE AVENUE, HENDERSON. ph: 837 8700 <http://www.corrections.govt.nz>

Waitakere Women's Centre. Focus: Family violence support group for women dealing with family violence in/out of the relationship. Contact: Mavis Seymour, 111 McLeod Rd, Glendene ph: 838 6381 email: wawc@xtra.co.nz

Waitemata District Health Board Focus: Policy development and the training of DHB staff about family violence and the DHB screening protocols. Contact: Margaret Devlin, Health West Building, Waitakere Hospital, 55-75 Lincoln Road, Henderson. ph: 486 8920 x 6359 email: Margaret.devlin@waitematadhb.govt.nz

West Auckland Victim Support Focus: Supporting victims and providing information about services and options. Contact: Fiona Curtis & Linda McCormack, Henderson Police Station, 7 Buscombe Avenue, Henderson. ph: 839 0677 email: west_auckland@victimsupport.org.nz

Work and Income Focus: Mentoring of staff to ensure equitable access to benefits and appropriate referral to specialised advocacy/ safety planning/ stopping violence groups for clients who are experiencing or perpetrating domestic violence. Contact: Jo Anne O'Connor, 36-44 Sel Peacock Drive, Henderson. ph: 913 0323 email: joanne.o'connor003@msd.govt.nz
Contact: Mary Underwood, Level 2 Building A, 65 Main Highway, Eilerslie. ph: 917 7150 email: mary.underwood002@msd.govt.nz

Other Waitakere Contacts:

C.A.R.E Waitakere Trust. Focus: General counselling, including providing specialist grief therapy for children suffering from loss of a loved one. Contact: Kathy Clist, 64 Waipani Road, Te Atatu Peninsula, ph: 834 6480 email: admin@carewaitakere.org.nz

Dayspring Trust Focus: Support for women who have been abused - especially those with mental health problems. Contact: Jane Bruce, 2 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn. ph: 827 6321 email: janedayspring@xtra.co.nz

Fatimah Foundation Focus: Family Assistance to Islamic Mothers and Homes. Provides support groups and advocacy for muslim women, children, and families based upon Islamic principals. Contact: Shamima Hafiz ph 276 7680 email: shamima@fatimahfoundation.org.nz

NZ Ethnic Social Services Focus: Helping refugee and migrant families settle into NZ, supporting women, men and children involved in family violence to lead non abusive lives. Contact: Hassan

Hosseini, 56a Covil Ave, Te Atatu South. ph: 834 6668. email: hosseini@nzess.co.nz

Post Natal Distress Support Network Trust. Contact: Wendy Taylor P O Box 21338, Henderson. ph: 836 6967 email: info@postnataldistress.org.nz

Strengthening Families Contact: Peter Toews, 36-44 Sel Peacock Drive, Henderson. ph: 913 0329 email: peter.toews@psn.org.nz

Sexual Health Clinic-Auckland District Health Board. Contact: Belinda Clapham, 2nd Floor, 362 Great North Road, Henderson. ph: 836 0838 email: bclapham@adhb.govt.nz

TANI The Asian Network Incorporated. Focus: Supporting and working with all Asian families for their wellbeing and life. Contact: Samuel Cho, Unit 8, Level 1, 49 Sainsbury Road, Saint Lukes. ph: 815 2338 Email: samuel.cho@asiannetwork.org.nz

Vision West Counselling Centre Formerly Focus Counselling Centre: Provides confidential counselling, assisting: Individuals, Couples & Families, Children & Adults. Qualified professional Counsellors are trained to meet individual needs; including counselling for family violence, sexual abuse and other types of abuse. Affordable rates: subsidies may be available. Located at 97 Glendale Road, Glen Eden. ph: 818 0760 email: Counselling@visionwest.org.nz

Waitakere Community Law Centre Focus. Advice and help with anything relating to legal issues including those associated with family violence. Contact: Debbie James, 1A Trading Place, Henderson. ph: 835 2130 email: debbie@waitakerelaw.org.nz

Westside Counselling Services Contact: Faye Pouesi, 8 Vadam Rd, Massey. ph: 833 3107 email: Westside@mcconline.org.nz

Women's Refuge, Kia Timata Ano Trust. Contact: Roz Sampson, P O Box 20608, Glen Eden. ph: 411 9394 email: roz.kiatimata@gmail.com

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