

# Enabling a Multi-Disciplinary Family Harm Approach in Counties Manukau

Continuing to provide wraparound support to families and whānau in crisis

Wellbeing Budget 2023

**This initiative will continue to fund specialist non-government organisation participation in the Multi-Disciplinary Cross Agency Team (MDCAT) in Counties Manukau.**

The Government is investing \$1.920 million over two years to continue funding eight fulltime positions from specialist non-government organisations to participate in the MDCAT in Counties Manukau, which provides wraparound support to families and whānau in crisis.

- MDCAT kaimahi play a key role in building trusting relationships with whānau in crisis and ensure they receive long-term, wraparound support.
- The eight fulltime positions will operate as frontline MDCAT kaimahi, where they will:
  - attend meetings where complex cases with multiple health and social stressors are referred to the MDCAT team
  - work alongside government agencies to develop joint response plans aimed at direct engagement with families and whānau to understand their needs and support them into services.
- The collaborative MDCAT approach provides a promising way of working with families and whānau with complex needs who have to deal with multiple statutory agencies.
- This initiative is part of a whole-of-government Te Puna Aonui package of \$73.480 million over four years to fill key gaps and improve outcomes for family violence and sexual violence services.
- This initiative supports delivery of the following Te Aorerekura action:
  - Action 2: Agencies integrate community-led responses.
- Outcomes of this initiative include:
  - improved mental health and quality of life for victims/survivors of violence in the short term
  - increased trust in the family violence and sexual violence system in the long term.

Costs (\$m, operating)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	TOTAL
	-	0.960	0.960	-	-	<b>1.920</b>