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Thank you for your email of July 24, 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting information around the Oranga Tamariki Practice Guide *Responding to concerns involving Extremism or Radicalisation*. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

*I am requesting documents related to the creation, implementation and post-implementation review of the Oranga Tamariki practice guidance 'Responding to concerns involving extremism or radicalisation' ([link](#) for reference). Please include any advice or input received by other Government agencies on the guidance.*

*For reference, but not to limit the scope of the request, I am particularly interested in how the guidance was influenced by the experience and practice of other jurisdictions*

This guidance was written by Oranga Tamariki senior practice advisors with significant practical and academic knowledge and experience in this field. It was developed following the usual process for practice design at Oranga Tamariki, which involves a literature scan and review, including literature from other jurisdictions (in this case the United Kingdom).

The guidance was taken through our usual internal peer review and quality assurance processes, including endorsement by the relevant Deputy Chief Executive. It was also reviewed by members of the Oranga Tamariki He Aranga Ake working group (He Aranga Ake means to emerge to arise, to be clear), which included the Oranga Tamariki Youth Justice, Privacy and Legal teams. Police were consulted as members of the He Aranga Ake working group, but did not provide any specific feedback or advice on the guidance.

## He Aranga Ake working group

The He Aranga Ake working group were successful in a bid for centralised multi-agency funding, which presented an opportunity for Oranga Tamariki to develop our professional learning in the fast-emerging violent extremism field, and in particular to discover what approaches were currently successful with regard to disengagement from extremism. It was agreed that we should attempt to learn from our Australian partners who have more established system response mechanisms and experience in delivering disengagement from Violent Extremism programs to young people. The New South Wales Youth Justice Countering Violent Extremism (NSW YJ CVE) Unit and selected Oranga Tamariki kaimahi came together for a series of training and system consultation hui in Wellington from 20 to 22 June 2023.

The purpose of the hui was to focus on developing deeper, more significant operating partnerships with the NSW YJ CVE Unit, including taking part in learning sessions delivered by the Unit's training staff. Overall learning outcomes focused on developing the understanding and practice leadership needed by key kaimahi and leaders at both national advisory and operational levels in Oranga Tamariki.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

I trust the information provided is useful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with us directly by contacting [OIA\\_Requests@ot.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman by contacting them on 0800 802 602 or [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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