

Abuse in Care Sector Advisory Group

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Te Pai Ora SSPA has established an Abuse in Care Sector Advisory Group to breathe life into the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions. The advisory group will provide guidance, advice and support as we work with the sector in ensuring these recommendations lead to lasting change and an end of abuse in care. You can read the group's [terms of reference](#) here.

Six members have been appointed to the advisory group.

Tu Chapman

Tu is an experienced Māori leader (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Taranaki whānui) specialising in strategic commissioning, data-driven insights, and kaupapa-led system transformation. Her leadership is shaped by extensive lived experience – as an intersex Māori woman, a survivor of state care, and someone who has navigated multiple government systems throughout her life. This background gives her a unique lens on inequity, resilience, and the structural change needed to serve whānau with dignity. Tu is known for her clarity, courage and authenticity. She brings a survivor-centred, tikanga-grounded approach to every space she occupies.



Poto Williams

Poto is the Executive Director of the Institute for Climate & Peace and former CEO of Challenge 2000, a youth development, community and family social work agency based in Wellington. She has whakapapa connections to the Cook Islands and Wellington where she was born. Previously a Member of Parliament, Poto has held a range of ministerial roles including the Associate Minister for Children and the Minister for Disability Issues. She has experience of working in the care space and providing support to prevent and address abuse in care. She is excited to bring her experience to the advisory group where she wants to work to ensure there is meaningful support for survivors, whānau, family, community and the care workforce.



Andrea McLeod

Andrea is the Chief Executive Officer of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children. She lives in Tāmaki Makaurau and is of Tongan heritage. She has extensive leadership experience, and prior to her current role, she was the General Manager of Social Services at Presbyterian Support Northern, where she led the integration of their suite of services: Family Works, Shine, and Lifeline. She is currently Co-Chair of Manawa Titi Tamaki, the Family Violence Governance Group for the Central Auckland area, a partnership between iwi, government agencies, and NGOs. Andrea has found her place working in values-based organisations, fostering partnerships and collaboration to bring about meaningful change. She is committed to the mahi of Abuse in Care Advisory Group.



Jaimee Barwood

Jaimee is the General Manager, Quality and Practice for Kia Puāwai where she focuses on quality and practice for both in-home and out-of-home services. She has more than two decades of experience in frontline youth justice and care and protection social work, senior government roles and NGOs. She has worked extensively within the care system at different levels, including the monitoring and assessment of care and improving the wider system for care experienced tamariki and to prevent tamariki from coming into care. She has experience of the care system from within her family and understands the impact this has over many generations. Understanding the impact of trauma, how to break patterns of behaviour and heal at a personal level has deepened her commitment to this kaupapa.



Leia Jarvis

Leia is the Practice Lead – Social Work at Barnardos Aotearoa. She has whakapapa connections to Ngāti Paoa in the Waikato region and lives in Tāmaki Makaurau, where she was born and raised. She has dedicated her career to supporting tamariki and rangatahi in care and strengthening the systems that hold responsibility for their wellbeing. Over the past decade, she has worked across residential care, foster care, social work practice leadership, and sector advocacy. She is deeply committed to ensuring that the mistakes of the past are not repeated, and that care systems in Aotearoa truly uphold the rights, dignity and voices of tamariki and whānau.



Sarah Barry

Sarah Barry is a Senior Trainer for Shine RESPOND, in Tāmaki Makaurau, delivering workforce capability trainings in family and sexual violence response. Previously, Sarah was the national Survivor Wellbeing Liaison at Tautoko Mai, a sexual harm support and prevention agency in Tauranga Moana. In this role, she worked alongside survivors of abuse in state and faith-based care across Aotearoa, on behalf of the Survivor Experiences Service and the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care. Her focus was on supporting each survivor to access wellbeing services that met their individual needs, while ensuring responses upheld their mana, dignity, and sense of agency. In this role, Sarah was also part of a team that developed and delivered 'Understanding Abuse in Care', a specialised abuse in care workforce capability training. The Te Pai Ora SSPA Abuse in Care Advisory Group is an important part of the commitment Sarah has made to the recommendations of Whanaketia, and her continued advocacy for survivors.

