

To whom it may concern:

The agency I represent in writing this letter serves the community of South Auckland, providing trauma and other counselling and support for victims of sexual violence. The Counties Manukau Police are well aware of this latter effort. We receive funding from the DHB, MoJ, and MSD as well as payment from ACC Sensitive Claims.

Having read the framework of your inquiry in the Issues Paper, I am in agreement with many of your preliminary observations. We do know our community. We do want to use the resources we have to serve that community, and we understand the need to make reports to funders. I wish now to raise a single issue, that of computer programs to facilitate data collection for reports. Other agencies are changing to new programs which are expensive and time-consuming to master. It will make all our jobs easier if the best program for the purpose were to be made available at a reasonable cost, so that all data from many agencies can be compiled if required, and the agencies will not have to use valuable resources to fund the purchase or lease of the program.