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## Te Mana Whakamaru Tamariki Motuhake - Ngahuru Update

Kia ora <<First Name>>,

It has been an eventful start to 2022 for us here in Aotearoa and globally. We hope that you are all staying well and are taking time for yourselves and your whānau.

As you know, we launched our report **Experiences of Care in Aotearoa: Agency Compliance with the National Care Standards and Related Matters Regulations** last month, along with a shorter version focusing on the report's **key findings** and a child friendly version for **tamariki** in English and te reo Māori. We have already started working towards our next report, details of which are below.

We are preparing to expand our monitoring function to meet the Monitor's new obligations set out in the Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System and Children and Young People's Commission Bill. The Bill received over 300 submissions and the Select Committee report is due on 13 June.

Over the past few weeks, we have listened to the evidence of Māori survivors and their whānau at the Abuse in Care Royal Commission hearings. Survivors have shared their lived experience of the care system and the impact that it has had on them and their whānau. It's important that we reflect on what survivors have shared, as we step forward with our work.

**Ngā mihi**

**Arran Jones**

**Tumu Whakarae | Executive Director**

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## Monitoring updates

Our monitoring visits for Te Tai Tokerau, Auckland Central and North West Auckland began on 28 February and will end this Friday, 25 March. Due to the high number of Omicron cases in the community, our engagements are virtual to ensure the safety and wellness for the monitoring team and communities. We will go back to face-to-face engagements when it is safe for everyone. Despite the distance of a screen, it has been heartening to hear of the resilience of tamariki, rangatahi, whānau and caregivers during these unusual times. We look forward to sharing their experiences of the care system in our next annual report.

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## Kawa and tikanga

We have completed all our kawa (policies) and tikanga (practice guidance) for the monitoring work. Our kawa and tikanga support staff to plan, conduct, and complete a monitoring visit. They will be available on our [website](#) early April.

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## Annual report

We are currently updating our data request for the three monitored agencies. We will continue to monitor compliance against the National Care Standards, but we will also follow up on the areas of focus we identified in the 2021 report, including understanding more about the wider system participants such as health, education and the Police. Our monitoring teams will complete interviews in June which will provide us with qualitative information to support our analysis.

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## Recruitment

We have two new Data Analysts and a Lead Advisor Communications joining us in April. We will be recruiting for some new roles in both the Monitoring and Corporate, Strategy and Insights teams from mid-May, so keep an eye on our [website](#) for those opportunities.

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## Contact us

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