

## Reduce methamphetamine demand by enhancing treatment services and increasing our responsiveness.

Northland DHB, NZ Police together with community agencies lead Te Ara Oranga, the Methamphetamine Harm Reduction initiative in Northland that launched in October 2017. Te Ara Oranga is about working in a tangible and engaging style with the community and agencies, focusing on delivering a holistic approach to health and policing to produce better outcomes for all. The initiative links evidence-based health services with police prevention and enforcement activity.

### Police Action (September 2017 - March 2022)

Prevention		
Total 4 Years (Sept 2017- Sept 2021)	Oct 21 - Mar 22	Total
<b>877</b> Referrals to Treatment: - <b>833</b> People referred to DHB for treatment options - <b>44</b> Whānau referred to Whānau group for support.	<b>88</b> Referrals to Treatment: - <b>82</b> People referred to DHB for treatment options - <b>6</b> Whānau referred to Whānau group for support.	<b>965</b> Referrals to Treatment: - <b>915</b> People referred to DHB for treatment options - <b>50</b> Whānau referred to Whānau group for support.
<b>62</b> Reports of Concern for <b>137</b> children	<b>2</b> Reports of Concern for <b>10</b> children	<b>147</b> Reports of Concern for <b>72</b> children
Enforcement		
<b>66</b> Firearms Seized	<b>6</b> Firearms Seized	<b>72</b> Firearms Seized
<b>264</b> Arrests ( <b>2,019</b> charges)	<b>25</b> Arrests ( <b>199</b> charges)	<b>289</b> Arrests ( <b>2,218</b> charges)
<b>162</b> Search Warrants	<b>10</b> Search Warrants	<b>172</b> Search Warrants
<b>399</b> Drug Tests of Persons on Bail	<b>39</b> Drug Tests of Persons on Bail	<b>438</b> Drug Tests of Persons on Bail

### Health Action (September 2017 - March 2022)

Treatment			
4 Years (Sept 2017- Sept 2021)	Oct 21 - Mar 22	Total	
Treatment cases	2,857	262	3,119
Screening and Brief Intervention			
People screened	12,721	654	13,375
Self-reported methamphetamine use in previous 3 months representing 2.6% of those screened.	332	49	381
Users consented to a referral for support/treatment	123	18	141
Referral for meth use support/treatment	81	9	91
Agreed to a referral to address other substance use	42	9	51
Choice (One-day Brief Intervention Programmes)			
Referrals to Choice	1,061	26	1,087
Pou Whānau Connectors			
Clients and their whānau members supported	992	40	1,032
Employment			
Total Referrals	285	26	311
New Employment	121	25	146
Education/Work Skills	57	4	61
Job Retention	13	3	16

### Wastewater Testing Results

Northland: Weekly Drug Use

- METHAMPHETAMINE
- COCAINE
- MDMA
- INPUTED METHAMPHETAMINE

