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Tēnā koe Rebecca

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 29 August 2024. You asked for information regarding funding for the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme.

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

1. *Sources of funding for the programme, including any contributions from external organizations or partners*

Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) is a programme developed in 1988, designed as a personal safety and child abuse prevention programme taught in schools. Initially, the programme was developed as a joint project with what is now known as the Ministry of Education, but the responsibility of KOS was owned by Police. As such, all costs have been met by Police, and the development of the programme and delivery are funded through allocated costs from Police baseline.

2. *Any reports or evaluations conducted on the effectiveness and impact of the programme*

Since 1988, various reports and evaluations have been conducted on the effectiveness and the impact of the programme. The first evaluation was conducted in 1990, and the most recent evaluation of the programme was conducted by Latterly Core Education Limited in 2019/2020.

A list of historical evaluations for your convenience have been listed below.

- Briggs, F. (1991) Keeping Ourselves Safe. A Personal Safety Curriculum Examined. SET, No 2. Wellington: New Zealand Council for Educational Research.
- Briggs, F and Hawkins, R. (1993) Follow-up data on the effectiveness of Keeping Ourselves Safe when used with children of 5 - 8 years. Adelaide: University of South Australia.
- Briggs, F and Hawkins, R. (1996) Keeping Ourselves Safe. A Survey of New Zealand School Children Aged 10 - 12 Years and their Parents. Adelaide: University of South Australia.
- Briggs, F and Hawkins, R. (1996) Keeping Ourselves Safe. Who Benefits? SET Special 5. Wellington: New Zealand Council for Educational Research.
- Briggs, F and Hawkins, R. (2001) An Evaluation of the New Zealand Secondary School Programme 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. Report for the Commissioner of Police. Wellington: New Zealand Police.
- Briggs, F. (2002) To what extent can Keeping Ourselves Safe protect children? Wellington: New Zealand Police.

- Briggs, F and Hawkins, R. (2004) Personal Safety Issues in the Lives of Young People With Learning Disabilities. Wellington: New Zealand Police.
- Education Review Office. (2003) Motivational Speaker for Police Youth Education Programme-Keeping Ourselves Safe. Report to the New Zealand Police. Wellington.
- Education Review Office. (2004) Keeping Ourselves Safe. Report to the New Zealand Police. Wellington.
- Mahoney, C. (1998) Keeping Ourselves Safe: Investigating the development, implementation and reactions to the programme. Dunedin: University of Otago.
- Perniski, L. (1995) Child Protection Programmes: What do children Learn and Remember? Keeping Ourselves Safe - An Evaluation with Follow Up. Wellington: Victoria University of Wellington.
- Van Kessel, K. (1990) An Evaluation of the Side Effects of Keeping Ourselves Safe. A Child Abuse Prevention Programme. Auckland: University of Auckland.
- Woodward, J. (1990) Evaluating the Implementation of the Keeping Ourselves Safe Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education Programme. Dunedin: University of Otago.

3. *Information on any future funding plans or changes to the programme*

There is not current funding or changes proposed to the programme at this time.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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Nāku noa, nā



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