

New legislation to impact health practitioners

What's happening?

There are significant changes coming into effect on 1 July 2019 which will impact on your practice.

What are the changes?

There are two regulatory frameworks that will have an impact on the health sector;

1. New requirements on information sharing within the [Family Violence Act 2018](#) (Reprinted 12 April 2019) .
2. New requirement on information sharing introduced by [section 65A to 66D](#) of the [Oranga Tamariki Act 1989](#) .

Where have the changes come from?

The agencies of Ministry of Health, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Justice and ACC have been working collaboratively to introduce these changes.

How will it affect me?

As an occupational therapist the changes will affect the way you share information with other agencies you come into contact with. You will need to understand these changes regardless of where you work. We encourage you to work with your employer and colleagues to understand how these changes will affect your practice.

Remember competence four requires you to practise in a safe, legal, ethical and culturally competent way.

Where can I get further information?

In addition to the above you may find the following links to guidance documents helpful:

- [Information Sharing to support tamariki wellbeing and safety](#)
- [govt.nz Information Sharing Guidance](#)
- [Ministry of Health – New information sharing schemes](#)
- [Information Sharing Oranga Tamariki \(PDF\)](#)
- [Information Sharing Family Violence \(PDF\)](#)