



Notes of the Forum Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Present:** Rebecca Kime, MBIE/Tenancy Services; Deborah Lemon Papatohu; Cathie Tatopu & Christy MacGregor Family Help Trust; Laura Melville Office of Matt Doocy MP; Tania Smith Methodist Mission; Rita Garland, Greer Swinard & Katelynn Evans, Community Corrections; Keith McDonald Probation; Amanda Cook MSD; Lydia Jacobs-Woods, Linkpeople; Michael Tohill CCC, James Hadlee OCHT (Otautahi Community Housing Trust); Jo Prezja CCC Jankin Alaifea & Paul McMahan Waipuna St John of God; Simon Atkinson People First; Laura Mason, Indi Reid, Amy Thiele, Morag Brown Noah Reer & Onosin Vaega, Comcare; Karen Terris Delta, Raewyn Tudor ARA; Julie McDonald CDHB; Nichole Bagley Family Works; Bruce Irvine Fire and Emergency NZ; Karl Ruddenklau Comcare, Hasaini Yakubu, Julie Pearce & Sharalynne Pollard OCHT; Hayden Mundy & Nathan Beale Vision West, Karen Curtis, Tonya Armstrong & Terry Wilson HNZC; Nicola Fleming, Alana Montgomery & Therest Loney OCHT; Hannah Greenwood & Kirstin Waters Comcare Housing Support; Julia Yoo Community Law Canterbury; Denise Huisman Resettlement Christchurch, Annie Smith & Andrea Goodman, Christchurch Methodist Mission; Andrea Winder Workwise; Jacinta Bowler CDHB; Leonie Stephen, tenant; Ali Brunel TPA; Leann Apps Poto Williams MP; Deb Hough Vision West; Jacqui Wastney Vision West Emily Dunstall & Trudi Morris Waipuna, Rose Taylor Community Corrections, Valerie McDonald CDHB Social Work Dept; Dawn Clark Pres. Support; Patty St Chads; Felicity O'Brien St Chads; Bob Hardie OCHT; Maureen van Venrooy & Sharon Eden Linwood Avenue Community Corner Trust; Pamela Black Presbyterian Support; Gray Crawford City Mission; Kathryn Comcare; Di Harwood, Nicki Smith TPA.

**Facilitator:** Lisa Coulter TPA

**Presenters:** Senior Sergeant Jason Stewart and Detective Sergeant Joe Syme.

**Introduction & Notices:** Lisa welcomed everyone to the housing forum in its new home. She outlined the amendments to the RTA which has had its first reading, and updated the forum on the proposed amendments etc. Information about this can be found at this link. (Including changes re Methamphetamine, Insurance Issues etc.). [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL\\_74126/residential-tenancies-amendment-bill-no-2](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_74126/residential-tenancies-amendment-bill-no-2) all the information about the amendments and the submissions etc. can also be found here.

Lisa also reminded members the Stocktake on Housing Report had been published <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/stocktake-finds-housing-crisis-deeper-more-entrenched> the report and associated documents can be found on the right hand sidebar of this link.

Also the Salvation Army State of the Nation Report *Kei a Tātou – It is us 2018* released today. Can be found at the link below. <http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/research-media/social-policy-and-parliamentary-unit/latest-report>

Lisa introduced our speakers from the Police who proceeded to outline the following issues around drugs methamphetamine "P" (Slides will be attached).

**Presentation Notes:** Drug situation quite a few different ones. Cannabis – we are targeting dealers etc. – lots crime drug related house break-ins car break-ins. Shed, garage, tinny houses. THC levels have increased by cross pollinating – stronger now than generations ago. Generally smoked, silver pipes (rental properties – knives blackened at end, cut off bottles etc. warning signs cannabis being smoked). Some grown outdoors but majority indoors hydroponics – electricity being diverted (electricity big indicator growing indoors). Could see wiring around electrics. Common package tinfoil packages tinny. Smaller bags and larger sandwich bags.

Synthetic cannabis – cause of lots deaths in Auckland recently. Smoked. Now illegal – very dangerous stuff. Very psychotic events. Person presents on the surface well, underneath very different. GBL GBH dancing (not seeing a lot at the moment) often in little brown bottle. Party stuff might see about set off alarm bells.

LSD still coming in – not a huge amount. Packaged as tiny little squares. Sheets little squares with perforations is an indicator of this drug. It is Class A drug.

Ecstasy – currently testing waste water is an indication of the level of use of this drug – real increase of this drug and we are still trying to find out where it is coming from. Usually comes in mail, student market, dancing. Can come in card form pressed pill etc. (see slide) like most drugs people don't know what they have got – some packaged differently (can be really toxic don't always know what is mixed with it) caused different effects and is dangerous.

Heroin Opiates – indicative where there is spate of robberies no attempt to hide identity – not really seeing at the moment – not sure if people have stopped, or people have access to other drugs. For landlord look for needles, rubber bands other drug paraphernalia.

Cocaine – making a bit of a comeback in the world (Remember art piece horses head) stopped at the border – cheaper than meth – effects don't last as long. Seen as more socially acceptable – see in media in relation to people with high profile. Cocaine users experience the same sorts of symptoms as meth users.

Methamphetamine (Meth) lasts a long time usually will stay high for two to three days and then sleep days on end. Can be cut down and often is. 80% pure meth can be cut with other products legitimate health products –In the last 2-3 years less and less cutting of meth, stronger quantities coming through. (See slide of meth). Different consistencies different colours. Rock crystal to different coloured salts. 1.3kg meth \$1-1.3M street value could fit in a shoe box.

Signs and symptoms: Before picking of skin behaviour up and down (high and crash). Strange violent and paranoid things experienced. Less and less of skin problems – purer meth lack of other chemicals (may mean less skin problems etc.) nothing to back this up. Utensils – majority of meth smoked, can be injected but rare. Usually a small glass pipe – scales for both dealers and users .1 gram. Small scales around. Manufacturing – (see slides) movie presentation vs. reality. Very messy dangerous and lots of waste and very volatile. See two tiered liquid (coloured) alarm bell. Acids and glassware, coffee filters (lots and lots) no coffee maker a sign. Water distillers can be used and these can be “gunked” up (maybe seen outside rubbish bins). Heating plates – rather than flame – chemicals volatile and lots of unlabelled containers. Positive note not seeing a lot of clan labs in Canterbury more Northland Auckland East Coast.

What we are seeing down here, smaller scale making for self and some for friend's use. Cooking paraphernalia of this scale can fit in a suitcase (slide examples shown). For many drugs only part of their lives. Question about smell – has a quite chemical smell – often in industrial sites – can be camouflaged – using chemicals like acetone etc. you smell other chemicals. Very hard to detect from smokers – more the manufacturing. Takes 2-3 hours or a half a day to a day to make a batch. We are seeing more importations of finished product. About a kilo a week tested through wastewater. Made large quantities offshore (different levels of enforcement). May be more effective to import whole produce than parts and make here. Example cheap imports – can't compete. More cost effective to import finished product.

Question: Smoking in house any risks to next people (and children) who move in. Yes, probably – we don't advocate any testing companies. When we test properties for manufacturing and smoking rigorous. (Example used about how and where testing done by others) and the need for Legislation and realistic measures coming up. There are also transfer from one person/furniture to another. Always difficult to test how long meth used/baked in property without baseline test. Please put submissions in response to testing etc.

Gang Scene: Rebuild after earthquakes – didn't have a huge amount of different gangs (see slide). Defined gangs and their behaviours. Tribesmen come into town. Others come from Australia and Auckland. Prime target market for drugs and prostitution – “money here people working hard and partying hard people coming in and taking advantage of that”. Not a large amount publically out and about. Bit about PR not wanting to attract attention. Different clothing styles (subtler logos etc.) those in the know understand what it means. Big on colours (details on slides). Distinction between motorcycle gangs and ethnic gangs, Black Power and Mongrel Mob still active now

competition from other gangs. Younger people attracted because they have seen the money these people have got. Increase in motorcycle gangs coming in - younger seeing the money generated, jewellery, money, Harleys and cars attraction like money. Portrayed as attractive on TV series – portrayal of gangs on media etc.

Offending still same offering to anyone (including young kids) increase in violence inter-gang and between gangs.

Unsure about drugs/meth please call police or call Crimestoppers NZ. <https://www.crimestoppers-nz.org/>  
Crimestoppers different not run by police, information is anonymous and it gets looked at and reviewed. If police can corroborate it, we will act on the information.

Other support in the community (see slide) good drug counselling services out there. Number of good drug rehabilitation services in the community. If we can stop demand helps limit supply.

The session finished with a question and answer session.

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