

What is a Holistic Cultural Assessment?

The assessment is based on Te Whare Tapa Wha, the four cornerstones of Maori health. It will be delivered in the acknowledgement that te reo rangatira is an essential part of the holistic concept of te ao Maori. These concepts are:-

- ◆ Te Taha Wairua
- ◆ Te Taha Hinengaro
- ◆ Te Taha Tinana
- ◆ Te Taha Whanaungatanga

Who is the service for?

Our services are specifically targeted at kaumatua and kuia aged 54 years and over who are experiencing issues of:-

- ◆ Social isolation
- ◆ Isolation from whanau
- ◆ Inability to cope with daily standards of living
- ◆ Diagnosed with early dementia
- ◆ Alleged abuse and/or neglect
- ◆ Inability to understand the effects and the impact of dementia

Am I eligible?

To determine eligibility and priority, you will need as much information as possible. Kaumatua and kuia from other ethnic groups are more than welcome to access our services or supports. Our services are provided in the least restrictive way

How can I access these services?

A referral can be made by:-

- ◆ Self
- ◆ Whanau or friends
- ◆ Neighbours
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Other Maori Service Providers
- ◆ Health Professionals/Services
- ◆ Government Agencies

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Why do an assessment?

- a) To determine current abilities and needs of the person who requires the services. We identify what is needed to make the most of their independence and participation in life
- b) To determine the needs and supports of the carer which has a significant impact on the whanau

Who does the assessment?

The assessment is carried out by our trained and qualified Specialist Cultural Needs Assessor who speaks Te Reo Maori. She is also a qualified Social Worker

Where does the assessment take place?

The assessment usually takes place in your own home. However, if this is unsuitable other arrangements can be made

Who can attend the assessment?

Other providers and key persons already in place. We recommend that our qualified Social Work Service Co-ordinator be present to assist in preparation for planning services identified in the assessment. Total whanau involvement is also recommended

What happens once the assessment is completed?

The Specialist Cultural Needs Assessor will then provide the Service Co-ordinator with a complete report of the assessment. They will then coordinate the services to meet the needs of the person been assessed to ensure the services are appropriate, accessible and user friendly

Whanau choices

We will link you with any services/supports of your choice that will assist you. These may also be provided by Te Oranga Kaumatua Kuia Disability Support Services Trust



The triangle represents:
Te Maunga, Te Whenua, Tangata Whenua

The sun represents:
Healing and warmth

The sun's rays represent:
The "hands" of many carers

The four spirals represent:
Te Whare Tapa Wha
The four cornerstones of Maori Health

- ◆ Te Taha Wairua
- ◆ Te Taha Hinengaro
- ◆ Te Taha Tinana
- ◆ Te Taha Whanaungatanga

The encompassing circle represents:
The spiritual dimension which permeates
the whole of life by embracing the soul of
man

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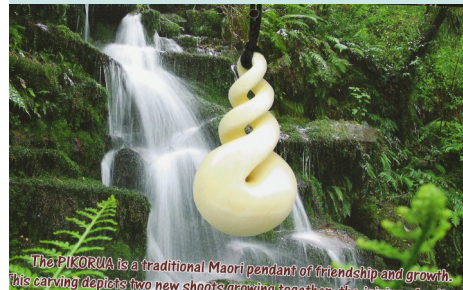
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The TIKORUA is a traditional Maori pendant of friendship and growth. This carving depicts two new shoots growing together, the future of our

Disability Support Services Trust



**Comprehensive
Specialist Cultural Support
& Needs Assessment**

*"Kia mau ki nga taonga tuku iho
oranga kaumatua
oranga kuia
mauri ora"*