

Recommendations that government agrees, partially agrees, or accepts intent of, and which are either already completed or in progress on 12 November 2024

	Rec #	Recommendation	Proposed Action	Status on 12 November
1	2	Public apologies	A public apology from the Prime Minister.	Completed
2	3	Public apologies from identified senior public servants and other organisations	Apologies from seven public sector chief executives. Non-state organisations identified have been contacted by the Lead Co-ordination Minister to draw the recommendation to their attention and encourage them to take action.	Completed for state
3	5	Removing memorials, street names, honours etc	To engage with relevant entities (who may be responsible for a memorial or site) to draw this recommendation to their attention and seek information about what action they might take.	In progress
4	18	Review Lake Alice settlements for parity	Make additional payments to claimants who have already settled but who had legal costs deducted, to ensure parity with later claimants.	In progress
5	19	Investigate unmarked graves	Set up a fund to support community organisations, NGOs and councils to identify ways to respect and care for unmarked graves associated with psychiatric and psychopaedic hospitals. This will be funded from the Survivor and Community Support Fund.	In progress
6	20	Survivor and Community Support Fund (slightly different to rec which is for community healing fund)	Proposal is to establish a contestable fund for community harm. Survivors and their whānau will be the priority for the fund. Projects or organisations that directly provide supports and services to survivors will be prioritised. Detailed design of fund to be completed in 2024, fund expected to open in February 2025.	In progress
7	22(b) 22(d)	Amend prosecution guidelines	Regular scheduled review of the Solicitor-General's Prosecution Guidelines is nearly complete and will address these parts of the recommendation.	In progress
8	23	Issue specific guidelines to	The Solicitor-General's Prosecution Guidelines referred to above have integrated	In progress

		prosecutors on how to approach cases involving individuals who are deaf, disabled and/or experience mental distress	specific considerations of how to approach cases involving disabled people or those experiencing mental distress.	
9	25	Support judicial-led initiatives such as Te Ao Mārama	Government is supporting and investing in judicial-led initiatives such as Te Ao Mārama Enhancing Justice for All.	In progress
10	26	Amend the Crimes Act	Include 'disability' in the definition of a 'vulnerable adult'. Included in Responding to Abuse in Care Legislation Amendment Bill.	In progress
11	27	Amend the Sentencing Act	Cabinet has agreed to amendments to existing aggravating factors in the Sentencing Act 2002. These changes will reflect the vulnerability of victims of offending in State or Faith-based care and the vulnerability of victims of violence or neglect who are under 18 years old.	In progress
12	33	Education and training on the Royal Commissions findings for legal professionals and judges	This recommendation is directed to the Judiciary and the legal profession. Training for prosecutors will be provided in conjunction with the training on the Solicitor-General's prosecution guidelines.	In progress
13	43	Review the roles, functions and powers of government agencies involved in the care system to identify duplications and gaps	Officials from care agencies are working with the Public Service Commission and the Crown Response Office to begin this analysis of functions and powers as a prerequisite to assessing many of the other recommendations in the report.	In progress
14	46	Reviewing legislation relating to the care of children, young people, and adults in care to identify and address any inconsistencies, gaps or lack of coherence in the relevant statutory regimes	Mental Health Bill currently before Select Committee addresses in relation to mental health care.	Partially in progress
15	58(b)	Children's worker safety regime	The Children's Act (2014) is being amended to ensure the workforce restrictions for core	In progress

			<p>children’s workers capture people with relevant overseas convictions.</p> <p>This is a start, as it addresses a gap identified in the system. The Minister has directed officials to undertake further work on options for improved safety checking requirements.</p>	
16	65	Complaints are responded to effectively	Mental Health Bill currently before Select Committee contributes to response to this, in relation to mental health care.	Partially in progress
17 & 18	73 and 74	Institutional environments and practices to be minimised and ultimately eliminated	Mental Health Bill currently before Select Committee contributes to response to this, in relation to mental health care.	Partially in progress
19	76	Government should provide people in care with access to independent advocates to help them understand and exercise their rights	<p>An independent peer monitoring service “People for Us” has been established for Disability Support Services. It will enable disabled adults using DSS funded residential care (particularly those who are at higher risk of abuse or neglect) to communicate if they are safe, living a good life, and experiencing high quality support services.</p> <p>The Mental Health Bill currently before Select Committee will address this in relation to mental health care.</p>	In progress (for those in disability and mental health care)
20	81	Best practice for data collection record keeping and information sharing	<p>Crown Response Unit has worked with survivors and other organisations to improve survivors’ access to care records. For example the Citizens Advice Bureau are to launch a Central Records Website designed to help survivors and other care experienced people understand and navigate care records in December 2024.</p> <p>Changes to the Records Act are also included in the Responding to Abuse in Care Legislation Amendment Bill.</p>	In progress
21	85	Review the roles and functions of independent monitoring entities and consolidate care and protection and youth justice monitoring entities	A Bill to make structural changes to the governance of the Independent Children’s Monitor and the Children and Young Peoples Commission to improve the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System was introduced to Parliament last week. This will increase the independence of the Independent Children’s Monitor and give more visibility to the role of the Children’s Commissioner.	In progress

22	113	Dissemination of Whanaketia	<p>Crown response agencies have put information and links on their websites and many have used their other existing channels to inform staff and key stakeholders about Whanaketia.</p> <p>Corrections has purchased copies and distributed them in prisons.</p> <p>The reports are also frequently referred to in press releases and other communications by the Lead Coordination Minister.</p>	Complete
23	114	Communities are empowered to minimise the need for out of whānau care	Mental Health Bill currently before Select Committee contributes to response to this, in relation to mental health care.	Partially in progress
24	119(a)	Include a stand-alone right to security of the person in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act	The Minister of Justice has agreed to consider amending the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act (1990) to introduce a stand-alone right to security of the person.	Partially in progress
25	123	Establish a Care System Office	A Crown Response Office has been established within PSC, but it will not [initially] have all the functions the Royal Commission recommended.	Partially in progress
26	124	Care System Office responsibilities	A Crown Response has been established (as above) but not with the full functionality recommended as yet.	Partially in progress
27	130	Publish Government's response to the findings	Government announced in September they broadly accepted findings, with exception for ones with legal implications.	Completed
28	133	Annual reporting	Agreed that the Crown Response Office will produce a full response plan setting out timeframes for Governments response to the Royal Commission's recommendations by early 2025.	In progress
TOTAL				28