A MARSDEN FUNDED PROJECT:

Stable Housing and Reintegration in Aotearoa New Zealand

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Stable housing and reintegration

IMPORTANCE OF HOUSING

- Of those released from NZ prisons in 2016/17, 46.8% were reconvicted and 32.2% reimprisoned within 12 months (NZ Corrections 2018).
  - Figures for Māori – 50.4% and 34.9%

- Stable accommodation can reduce the risk of reoffending by between 11 and 62% (Lutze, et al. 2014; O’Leary 2013; Baldry, et al. 2006; Metraux & Culhane 2004; Social Exclusion Unit 2002)

- ‘a secure base around which (pro-social) identities are constructed’ (Dupuis & Thorns 1998)
Over 16,000 releases from NZ prisons annually

Approximately 700 released with unmet housing need (Hallott & Patterson 2017; Johnston 2018)

Corrections funds over 1,000 housing places each year through various initiatives, e.g.
  - Supported Accommodation
  - Supported Living Service
  - Creating Positive Pathways (with HUD)
1. TO EXAMINE:

whether stable housing is associated with reduced recidivism in New Zealand

2. TO EXPLORE:

the role of stable housing in contributing to desistance from crime
Began initial interviews at Auckland Women’s

March 2019

Begin first wave of follow-up interviews with participants

August 2019

Finish last wave of pre-release interviews

September 2019

Begin first wave of 1 year follow up interviews

March 2020

Conduct narrative interviews for stage 2

June 2020
Research sample

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Research sample

**Ethnicity**

- Māori: 70%
- Pākehā: 30%
- Pasifika: 10%
- Other: 5%

**Gender Distribution**

- Female: 20%
- Male: 80%
- Diverse: 10%
Number of moves 6 months prior to incarceration

- None: 48
- Once: 12
- Twice: 11
- Three Times: 5
- Four Times: 2
- Five or More: 3
- Homeless/No Fixed Address: 19
Do you know where you are going to live on release?

Percentage

- Female
- Male
- Māori
- Non-Māori

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Have you had any support finding housing on release?

- Yes: 27% Female, 32% Male, 32% Māori, 34% Non-Māori
- No: 74% Female, 66% Male, 68% Māori, 66% Non-Māori
Pre and post-prison housing
Whānau support – received at least one visit

![Graph showing the number of participants who received at least one visit by gender and ethnicity.](image)

- Female: 26
- Male: 26
- Māori: 26
- Non-Māori: 24

Percentage:
- 25%
- 30%
- 35%

Participants who received at least one visit
Whānau support

- Very Supportive: 54%
- Supportive: 19%
- Neither: 7%
- Unsupportive: 3%
- Very Unsupportive: 10%
- No contact: 8%
Conclusion

**WOMEN AND MĀORI** are slightly more likely to have plans for housing after release.

**IMPORTANCE OF** a broad conceptualisation of homelessness and housing stability.

**CHALLENGES** of the next stage of our study.
Thank you!

ANY QUESTIONS?
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