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Tēnā koe Minister Davis

Barnardos welcomes the 2021 Annual Report of the Independent Children's Monitor – *Experiences of care in Aotearoa: Agency Compliance with the National Care Standards and Related Matters Regulations*, and the opportunity to provide you with comment on its findings.

We are committed to our continuous improvement journey to ensure that tamariki and rangatahi in care have a positive experience when that is necessary. We were pleased to see the improvements that we have been focusing on noted by the Monitor, including our work to meeting the needs of our Māori tamariki and their whānau through s7AA, developing our quality assurance processes and ensuring our staff have the skills and knowledge to care for these tamariki.

Overall, the Report provides a helpful focus for the children's system to make sure we are all working together to ensure the best outcomes for these tamariki. We acknowledge, along with our partners, the ongoing need to ensure that tamariki and rangatahi know their rights, have a voice in their care and that caregivers receive the support their need, when they need it. We continue to strive to ensure we work closely in partnership across the system to achieve these goals.

Barnardos looks forward to our continuing partnership with the Monitor to keep us focused on high quality practice and care provision.

Ngā mihi nui



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