

USING THE TUITUIA FRAMEWORK TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF TAMARIKI IN CARE



Tamariki who are or have been in care often have complex and serious needs. To respond to these needs and work to build a positive future we need to have a current, comprehensive picture of the challenges faced by te tamaiti along with their strengths.

Tuituia is the key assessment framework used to assess the needs of tamariki, including those tamariki who are in care. The dimensions of assessment that need to be covered in the needs assessment for tamariki in care are outlined in Regulation 10 of the National Care Standards.

However, the existing Tuituia framework does not automatically map to the National Care Standards needs assessment dimensions. The following table is designed to help navigate how to use Tuituia to assess the relevant Care Standards area of need.

		NATIONAL CARE STANDARDS NEEDS ASSESSMENT DIMENSION										
		Identity/Cultural	Connections	Safety	Behavioural	Play/Rec/Community	Emotional	Education/Training	Health	Disability	Visiting	How to use Tuituia
TUITUIA DOMAIN	Attachment	●	●	●								
	Identity and culture	◎	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		
	Behaviour	●		●	◎	●	●		●			
	Health	●		●	●		◎		◎	●		
	Education	●			●			◎		●		
	Friendships	●		●		●						
	Learning and Achieving	●			●	●		◎		●		
	Safety and Basic Care			●			●					
	Safe Parenting			●								
	Networks of Support		●			◎						
	Family/Whānau/Hapū/Iwi	●	◎			●	●					
	New Content developed			◎						◎	◎	◎

- KEY**
- ◎ Primary Tuituia domain relevant to the care standard needs assessment area
 - Tuituia domain relevant to the care standards needs assessment area

Some care standards areas of need assessment are covered in multiple Tuituia domains.

For example, the assessment of *Identity and cultural needs* for te tamaiti in care is considered within multiple Tuituia domains including “identity and culture”, “attachment”, “behaviour” and “family/whānau/hapu and iwi”.

Some Tuituia domains relate to multiple care standards needs assessment areas.

For example, the Tuituia domain *behaviour* is relevant to multiple care standards needs including “identity and cultural needs”, “safety needs”, “behavioural needs” and “emotional needs”.

Some areas of assessment under the care standards are new – *safety, disability and frequency of visiting* - and new additional guidance has been written to support your assessment of these areas of need for tamariki in care.

Be purposeful when undertaking the assessment – it’s not just a collection of information. Identify the domains and areas that need to go deeper and be clear about the areas that are of less concern.