



REI KŌTUKU PROVIDES SPECIALIST PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES TO SERIOUSLY ILL TAMARIKI

Providing compassionate care to tamariki and whānau during life's toughest journey.

How We Work



We work alongside whānau when they need us the most.

Our goal is for our young patients to live their best possible life, no matter how long that life is. We do this by focusing on symptoms - physical, psychological, social, spiritual and cultural.

We are the specialists in the field of paediatric palliative care, but we are not the child's specialist - therefore our priority is spending time getting to know them, and partnering with their parents to provide individualised suitable care. We truly believe in this kaupapa, because - as is captured in our name, 'Rei Kōtuku' - every child is unique, rare and precious and it is our privilege to care for them.

Who We Care For



Serious illness can develop at any age, even before birth. We work with parents who have received an antenatal diagnosis of their baby, as well as babies, tamariki and rangatahi with serious illness.

This includes young people with cancer who may have a poor prognosis, or have symptoms they need help managing. We also care for tamariki and rangatahi with rare disorders, including genetic disorders, neurological conditions, and heart disease.

Where We Work



Rei Kōtuku is based in central Wellington and can take referrals from anywhere in the Central Region - Wellington, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa, Whanganui, Palmerston North and Hawke's Bay.

We are not clinic based - we 'go where the child is'.

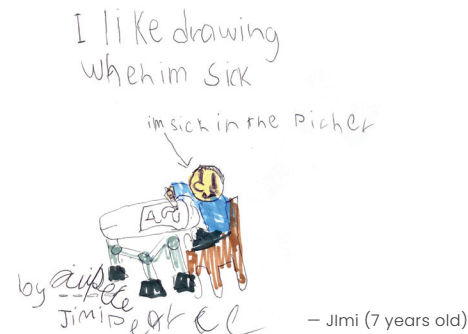
In doing so we ensure seriously ill children can remain in their home, in their own beds, surrounded by those they love most. That's all part of supporting them to get on with living as best they can.

When To Refer A Child



We are open to receiving referrals from clinicians for any tamariki and rangatahi with serious illness at any phase of their illness. This includes:

- ◇ at diagnosis of their serious diagnosis
- ◇ while they are living with their disease but vulnerable to deterioration
- ◇ when they have episodes of acute illness or deterioration
- ◇ for end-of-life care
- ◇ additional support for bereaved parents and children.



Find Out More



To find out more information about us - who we are, how to refer a young person or whānau, or to donate funds or resources to allow us to support tamariki and whānau - please go to:

www.reikotuku.org.nz or call us on **0508 kotuku**.