


## Appendix 6: GHIC/NDIB harm and deprivation analysis A3


# SOCIAL DEPRIVATION, GANG HARM AND DRUG HARM IN NEW ZEALAND



### Harm exists in specific pockets within districts

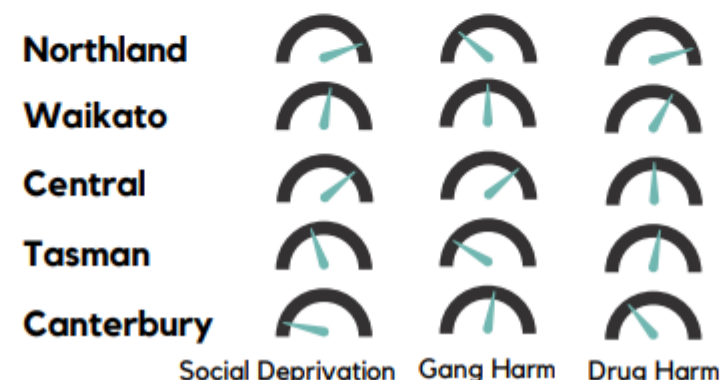
 Methamphetamine and family harm are the lead causes of harm in Waikato, Central, and Northland.

A community-level, place-based approach is recommended when considering ROCC expansion, deploying to area levels within districts facing the highest levels of social deprivation, gang harm and drug harm.

 **Whangārei, Far North, Waikato West, Hamilton City, Manawātū and Whanganui** should be key areas of focus.

### Key Indicators of Harm


While social deprivation, drug harm, gang harm and gang membership appear connected, further analysis into the drivers of these areas is required to understand whether a causal relationship exists. It is possible that the more familial the gang environment is, the less gang harm is present




### Relationship between Gang & Drug Harm

Northland, Wellington, Tasman and Canterbury are outliers that do not show a relationship between social deprivation, gang harm, and drug harm.

Northland has high social deprivation and drug harm, but low gang harm.


 Wellington has low drug harm, but a high gang population and high gang harm. However, the **Wellington City Area** had the largest increase in total drug harm nationally (72%) between 2019-2020.

**Tasman** has the second lowest gang harm nationwide, but medium drug harm levels. Drug harm in the **West Coast Area** increased 59% between 2019-2020.


 **Canterbury** has the lowest drug harm nationally, and low social deprivation, but there is increasing gang harm, especially in the **Christchurch Metro Area**.


### Northland

Nationally, Northland experiences the highest levels of social deprivation and drug harm.


 The strongest drivers of deprivation are employment, housing, environment, and education.


Gang Harm in the **Whangārei Area** increased by 31.2% between 2018-2022 


 Offending by gang members increased by 60% between 2018-2022, and firearm-related offending increased by 50% over the last three years.

Methamphetamine consumption was highest nationally in the **Far North Area** in 2020. 

### Waikato

 Significant variation in social deprivation across territorial authorities within the district.

Employment, health, access, and education are the biggest deprivation challenges. 


 Gang crime harm and volume of offending by gang members was highest in the **Hamilton City Area**.


The **Hamilton City Area** has the second highest two-year average drug harm, nationwide, between 2019-2020.

 The **Waikato West Area** had the second highest methamphetamine consumption in 2020, nationally.

Addiction support cannot meet demand. Lack of addiction support will likely result in increased criminality and harm.


### Central

Many communities experience social deprivation due to geographical divide, economic inequality, and limited access to health and social services. 

 Offending by gang members more than doubled between 2018-2022 in the **Manawātū Area**.

The five year average of offending by gang members and crime harm was highest in the **Manawātū Area**.

**+39%** Highest percentage increase of drug harm of all districts between 2019-2020.

The **Whanganui Area** had the third highest two-year average total drug harm score nationally, increasing 69% between 2019-2020. 

Gang harm was measured using the Crime Harm Index, which assigns the minimum number of days a first-time offender would spend in prison for the crime.

Drug harm was measured by combining and weighting data from multiple indicators, measuring the scale of drug harm relative to population. This is expressed as a total drug harm score.

Social deprivation was measured using the Dynamic Deprivation Index, where a score of 'one' represents the least deprived ten percent, and 'ten' is the ten percent experiencing highest levels of deprivation.



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