

Evaluating Ara's Impact — What Happens After the Programme?

What's happening?

Ara Educational Trust runs programmes that help rangatahi build skills in construction and move into long-term employment. We're taking part in a research project to see how well these programmes work — now and into the future.

To do this, we're using a secure research database called the **Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI)**, managed by **Stats NZ**. It holds anonymous information about things like education, income, health, and employment for people across Aotearoa.

Why are we doing this? Programmes like Ara's are all about helping people succeed — but it's not always easy to measure what happens after they finish.

This research helps us understand:

- How well our programmes support people into jobs and training
- Where we can make improvements
- How similar programmes might help other rangatahi in the future

What information will be shared? To understand outcomes over time, Ara shares de-identified information (meaning your name and personal details are removed) with Stat's NZ IDI.

This information includes:

- **Unique identifiers** (e.g., NSN, NHI, SWN) for matching purposes only
- **Service Name** The name of the service or programme you took part in
- **Service start date** (when you began with Ara)
- **Service end date** (when you finished working with Ara)

How We Protect Your Data

Your information is completely secure and protected by strict rules and technology.

- Only approved researchers can use the IDI
- All findings are reported in a way that combines data from many people
- No one can see your personal information or track you individually

Your choice matters

You don't have to take part in this research if you don't want to. If you'd prefer not to have your NSN included, you can **opt out**.

You can also ask questions or request more information.

To opt out or learn more, email: info@kotatainsight.co.nz