

# Media Release

## Multi agency door-to-door programme to run next week

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About 6000 homes in Christchurch will be visited next week under a CERA led initiative to ensure people living in the city's suburban red and orange zones are able to access services and support.

Police, Maori wardens, Earthquake Support Co-ordinators, Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service and Ministry of Social Development staff, along with representatives from the Canterbury District Health Board, Christchurch City Council, Red Cross and the Salvation Army have partnered with CERA to provide a co-ordinated effort.

Beginning Tuesday, homes across the zones will be visited to make sure residents are aware of services that are available, and how to access them.

CERA general manager of Community Wellbeing, Michelle Mitchell acknowledges that people have been through a lot over the past 15 months and sees this as another opportunity to connect face to face with those in some of the most affected areas.

"We can't just assume everyone knows what assistance is available and is able to access it easily. Our communities have been undergoing significant change and will continue to do so for some time. We want to make sure no one is left behind."

The co-ordinated programme will run Tuesday to Thursday and includes all orange and red zoned homes in Christchurch city.

In the Waimakariri District, their pastoral care team visits residents in earthquake affected areas in Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach and Kairaki.

Earthquake Support Coordinators are also available to assist people navigate their way through the wide range of services involved in rebuilding people's homes and lives.

They help people connect to organisations and experts for advice and information, or to services such as accommodation assistance, financial assistance, legal services or health services. People can contact this free service by calling 0800 777 846.