Comparing wellbeing outcomes for reporting and non-reporting victims of family and sexual violence in Aotearoa New Zealand

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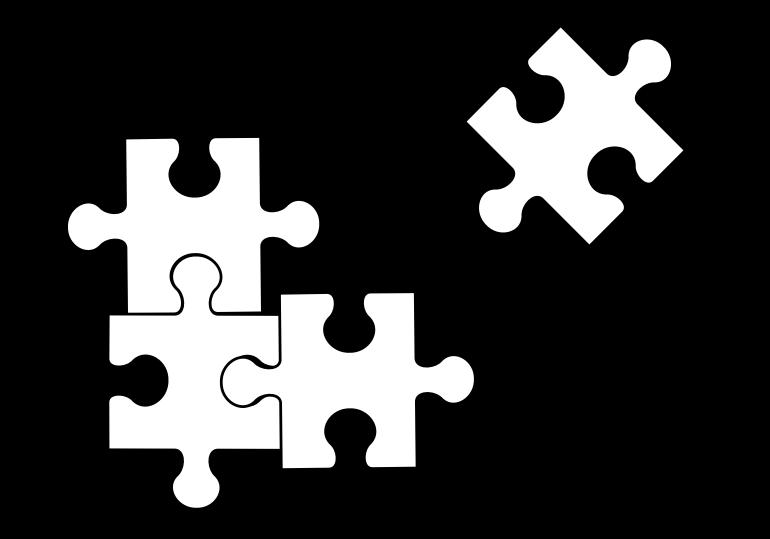
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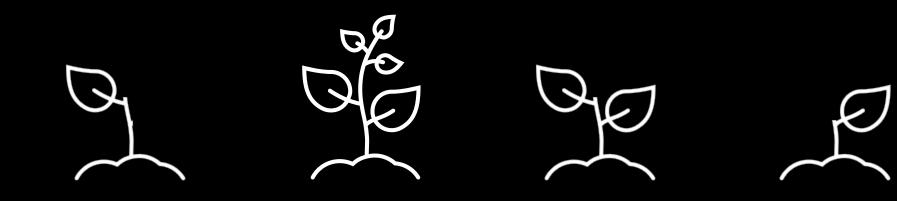
All people in Actearca New Zealand are thriving; their wellbeing is enhanced and sustained because they are safe and supported to live their lives free from family violence and sexual violence.

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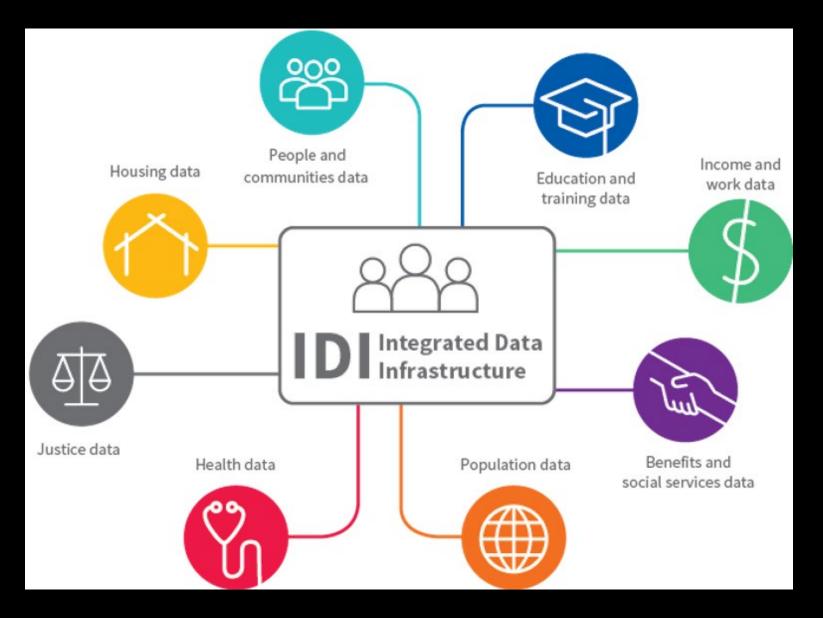


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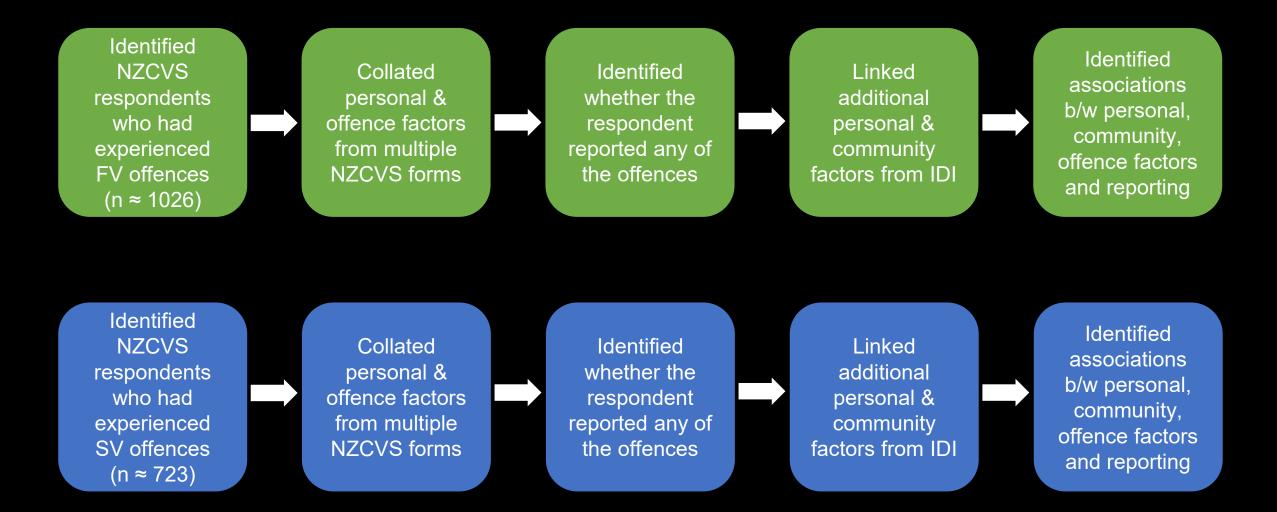
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What person, community, or offencerelated factors are associated with whether victims report family or sexual violence offences to police?



Personal factors

NZCVS

- Age
- Disability
- Gender
- Ethnicities
- Sexual orientation

IDI

- Benefit receipt (MSD)
- Deprivation (Census)
- Mood prescriptions (Health)
- AOD service use (Health)
- Non-AOD service use (Health)
- Number of injury claims (ACC)
- Number of addresses (IRD)
- Number of hospitalisations (Health)
- Number of offences (Police)
- Number of victimisations (Police)
- Pain prescriptions (Health)
- Reports of concern (Oranga Tamariki)
- Sensitive claims (ACC)
- Social housing (MSD)
- Average deprivation (NZDep)

Community factors

NZCVS

• Area (urban/rural)

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- Neighbourhood deprivation (NZDep)
- Neighbourhood victimisations (Police)

Offence factors

NZCVS

- Any woman offender
- Ever viewed as crime
- Maximum severity
- Most severe injury
- Number of times injured

- Any non-intimate partner offender
- Number of physical offences
- Number of threat offences
- Any non-family offender
- Number of forced sex act offences
- Number of forced sex offences
- Number of forced sex threat offences
- Number of forced touch offences

Sample characteristics

Family violence

- *M* age = 40.5
- 76.6% women, 22.8% men
- 52.3% Māori, 7.6% Pacific, 2.9% Asian, 65.2% European

Reporting

- 34.2% victim
- 42.1% anyone

Sexual violence

- *M* age = 34.7
- 79.3% women, 19.5% men
- 42.7% Māori, 7.9% Pacific, 6.6% Asian, 72.6% European
- Reporting
- 9.5% victim
- 12.0% anyone

What person, community, or offencerelated factors are associated with whether victims report family or sexual violence offences to police?

Family violence – bivariate associations

Person

- Women
- Benefit receipt
- Social housing
- Sensitive claims
- Pain prescriptions
- Number of addresses
- Number of victimisations

Deprivation

Community

- Neighbourhood deprivation
- Neighbourhood victimisations

Offence

- Ever viewed as a crime
- Maximum severity
- Most severe injury
- Number of physical offences
- Number of threat offences
- Number of times injured

Family violence – multivariate associations

Person

- Women
- Benefit receipt
- Social housing
- Pain prescriptions
- Number of victimisations

Community

Neighbourhood deprivation

Offence

- Ever viewed as a crime
- Maximum severity
- Number of threat offences
- Number of physical offences

Family violence – combined model



Sexual violence – bivariate associations

Person

- Benefit receipt
- Social housing
- Reports of concern
- Sensitive claims
- AOD service use
- Number of addresses
- Number of victimisations
- Deprivation

Community

Offence

- Ever viewed as a crime
- Maximum severity
- Most severe injury
- Number of forced sex offences
- Number of forced sex threat offences
- Number of times injured

• Employed

• Any non-family member offender

Sexual violence – multivariate associations

Person

• Social housing

Community

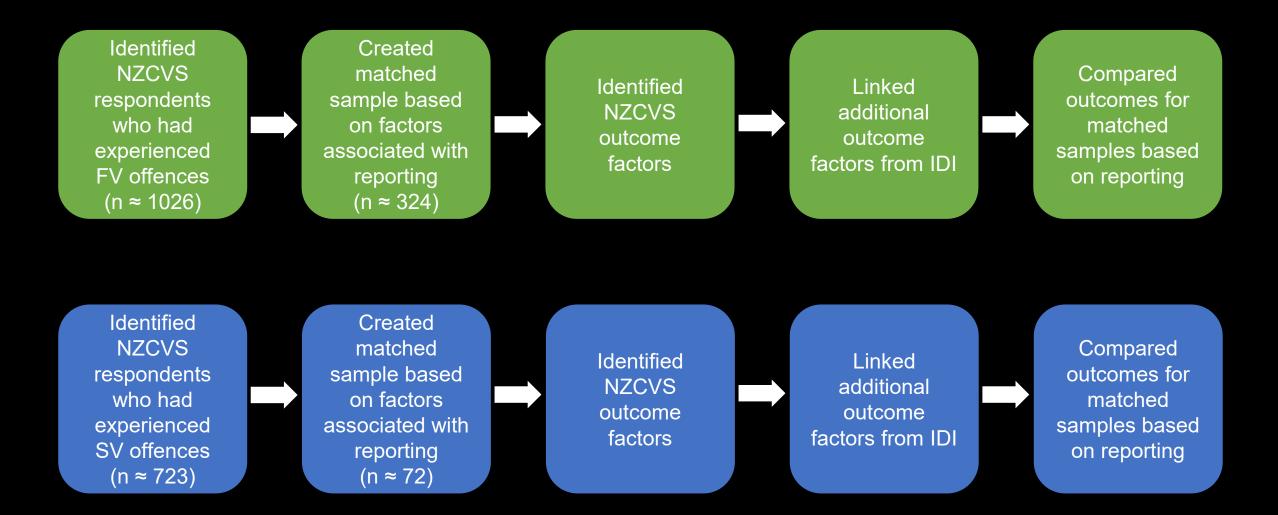
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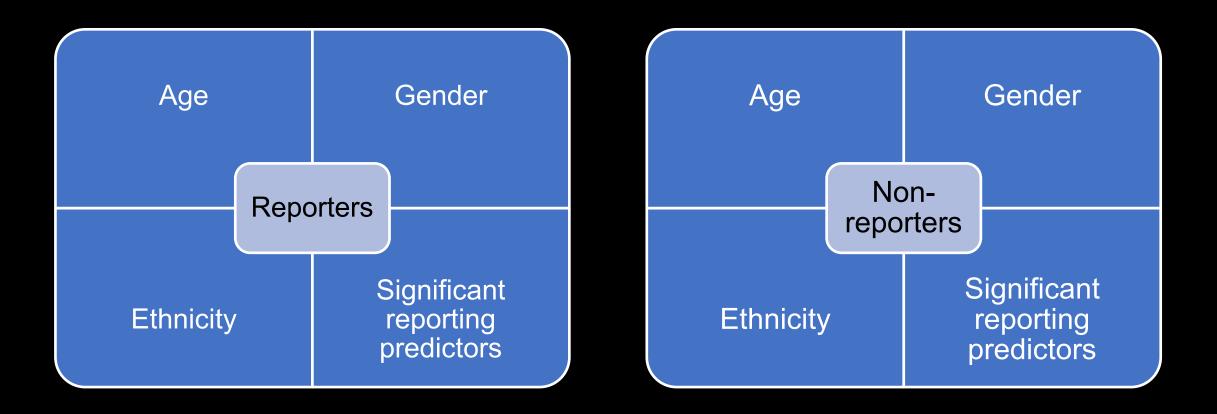
Sexual violence – combined model



Are there any differences in wellbeing outcomes for victims of reported versus unreported family or sexual violence offences?



Propensity score matching



Outcomes

NZCVS

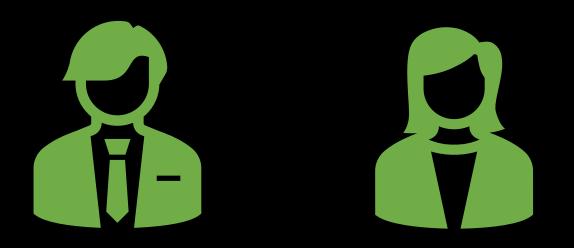
- Life satisfaction
- Psychological distress
- Time off work

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- Benefit receipt (MSD)
- Mood prescriptions (Health)
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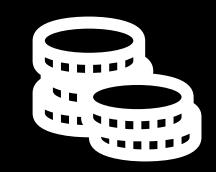


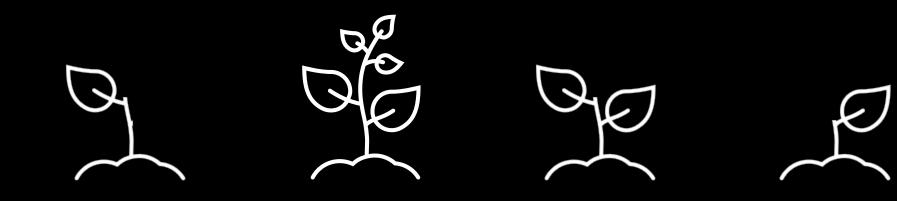
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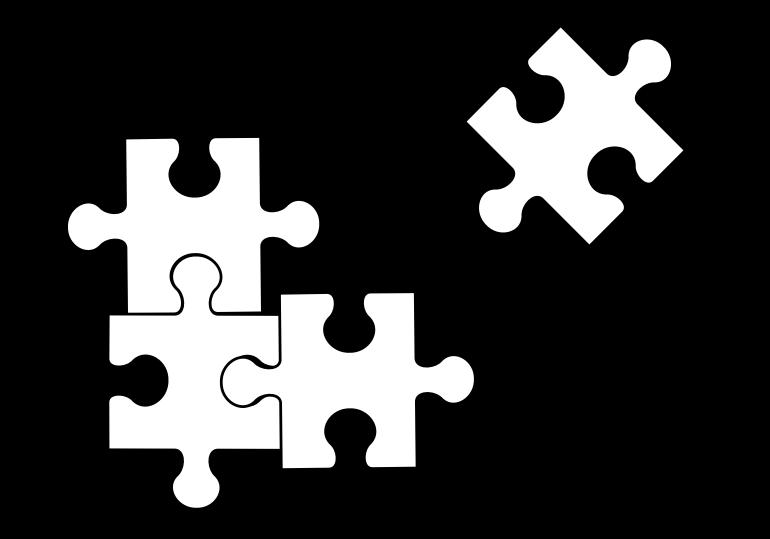
Sexual violence

What are the implications for the ecological validity of research and policy that relies on official victimisation data?









Thank you

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