



ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION

INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT

Victims of rape/incest (after 1 April 1974) may lodge a claim with ACC.

To lodge a claim, the following are required:

- 1 C1 filled out - this is the ACC claim form.
- 2 First Medical Certificate - C14. This would be obtained from the doctor first informed of the sexual abuse/assault. If that occurred many years ago, this medical certificate may have to be obtained from the medical practitioner currently involved with your case.
- 3 A consent form as we will need to write to the counsellor.
- 4 Other valuable information: write on a separate sheet of paper:
 - a) A Police or Court involvement - eg: if and when charges were laid, police reports, statements made.
 - b) Names and addresses of Counsellors, medical personnel involved in your case, both voluntary and professional, eg: Rape Crisis, Psychiatrists or Psychologists.

What can be claimed for:

- 1 Counselling costs - within prescribed limitations. (M41 counselling form required from GP).
- 2 Travelling expenses to and from medical treatment (over 8kms one way).

The Christchurch City Council may also help.....

The Christchurch City Council exgratia will assist with some counselling costs.

Parents of children at the Centre who wish to undertake counselling should in the first instance contact Martin Maguire (Senior Community Development Adviser) on 711-882.

Martin will advise you on the nominated counsellors, the number of sessions available and the conditions and parameters of this assistance.

ACC may not meet all the costs of children's counselling. Some Counsellors have a surcharge. Claims of this nature may also be considered by the Council. Martin Maguire should be contacted to discuss this.