

Research affecting outcomes for children born with variations in sex characteristics/intersex/DSD

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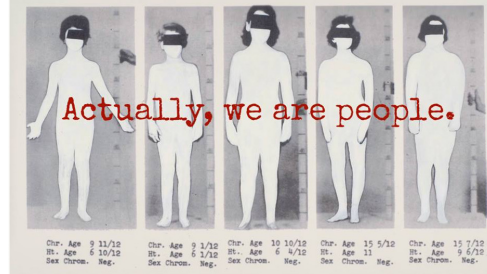
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Background

- Long history of controversy around care
- 2006 beginning of change to health care
- Recommendations slow to happen
- Rise of Intersex activists and awareness
- More qualitative research involving lived experience
- More recognition resources needed
- Increasing frustration from advocates over lack of significant change
- Legislation

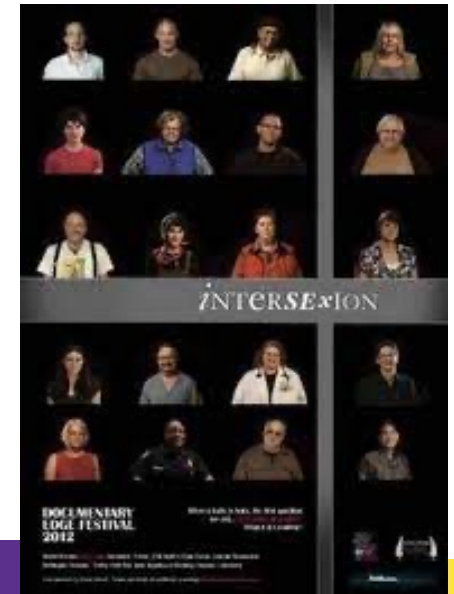
These are intersex children in an old medical archive, defaced and depersonalized as "pseudo hermaphrodites".
It is time to restore all Intersex People's HUMANITY.



This treatment of intersex children as dehumanized objects of medical curiosity continues to this day. Intersex Human Rights Start NOW! www.aunsnkiry.com



John Money

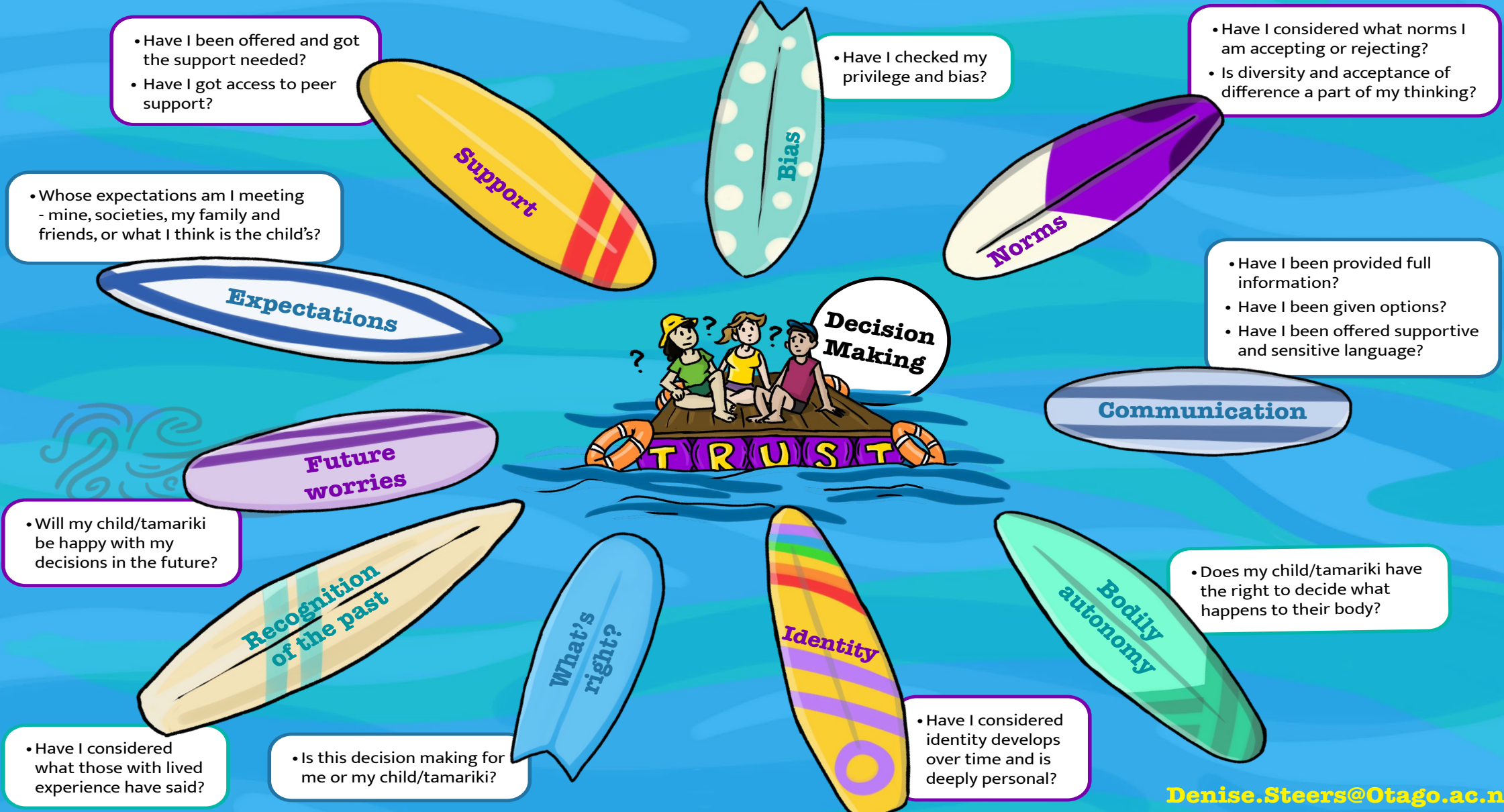


Research question



What are the elements influencing decision making for children born with a variation in sex characteristics (VSC) in Aotearoa/New Zealand

Decision making process for VSC



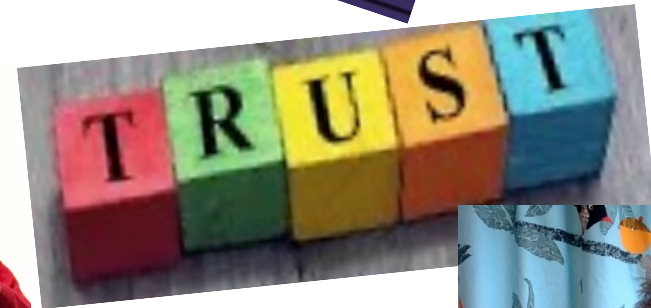
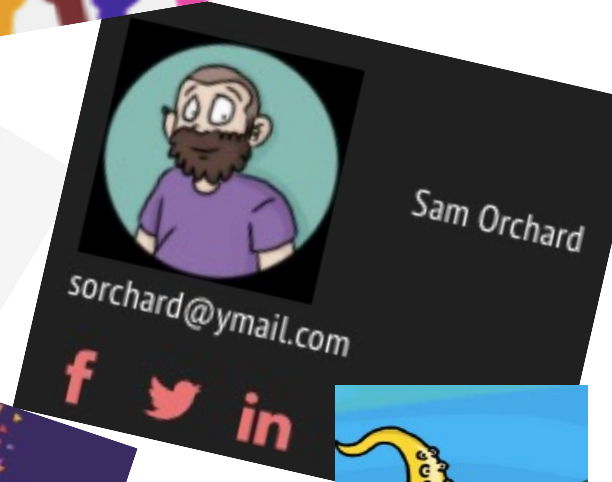
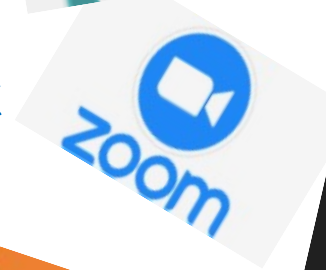
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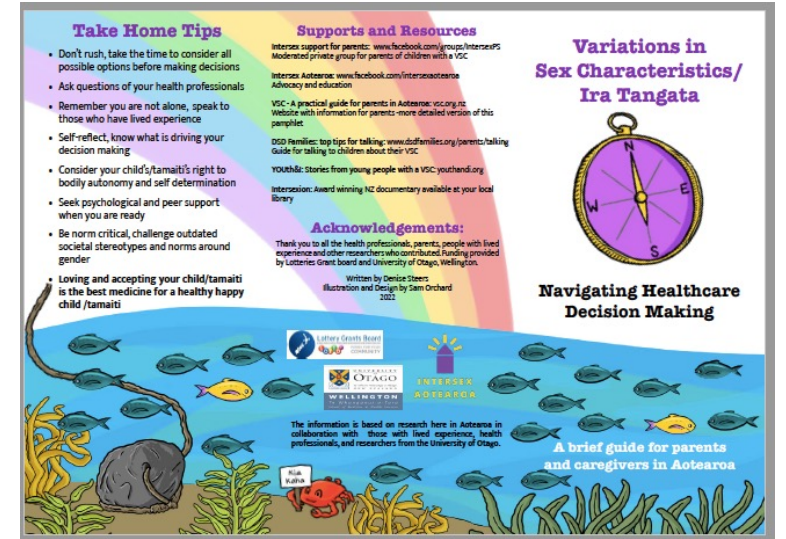
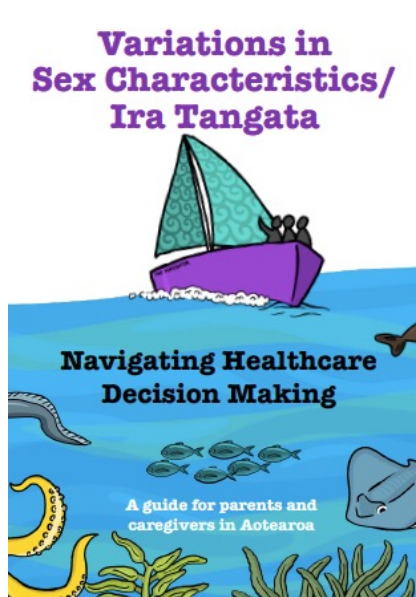
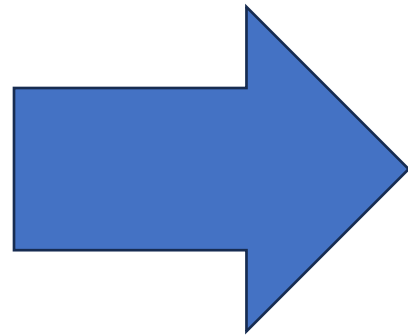
Process

- Practical Partnerships
- Research participant feedback
- Graphic designer
- Time
- Funding
- Ongoing development



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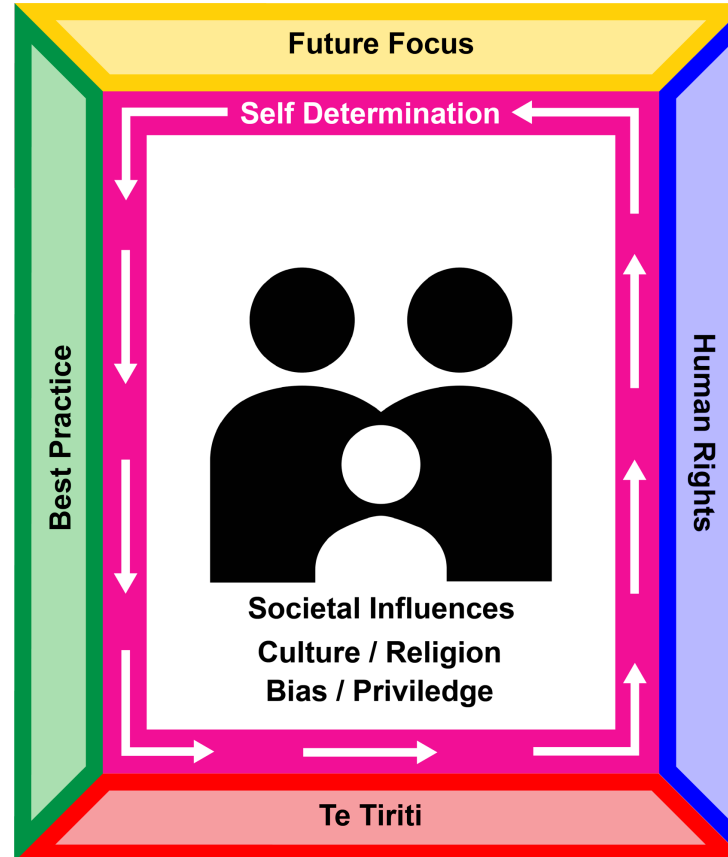
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Kia ora, nau mai, haere mai, welcome.

Rights-based framework

- Self determination
- Guidelines
- Delay non-essential surgery
- Training



- Self determination
- Avoiding past mistakes
- Honoring lived experience

- Self determination
- Bodily autonomy
- Valuing lived experience
- Communication and collaboration

- Self determination /Rangatiratanga
- Takatāpui, Ira tangata – valuing Māori world view

How do we do better ?

1. Use a Rights based framework
2. Listen to and acknowledge the lived experience of people living with an VSC
3. Work with Te Tiriti o Waitangi
4. Co-design with Māori and people with lived experience clear, flexible and accessible pathways of care
5. Recognise every encounter with the health system is inherently psychosocial
6. Pay explicit attention to psychosocial experience and outcome
7. Practice humility and “intellectual candour”
8. Remain emotionally aware and reflexive
9. Recognise collaboration and open communication is key to creating a better outcomes

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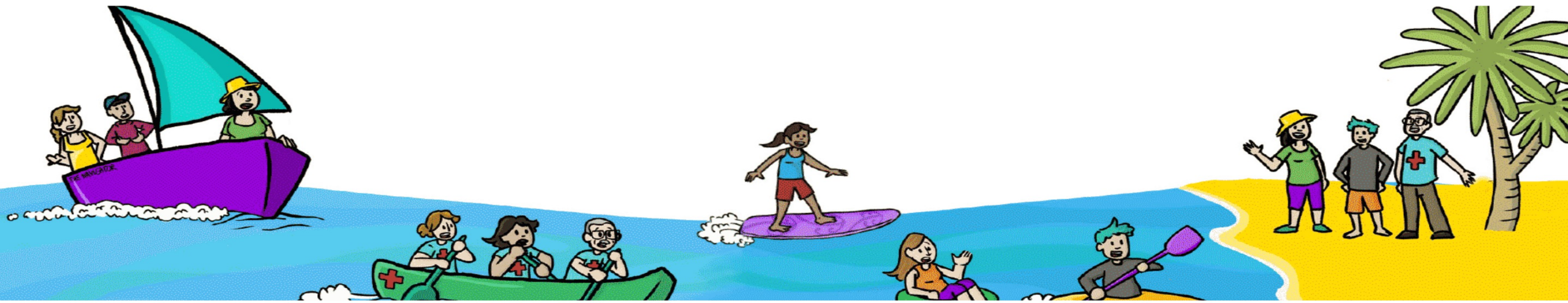
Resource

<https://vsc.org.nz/>

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