

PETERSGATE COUNSELLING CENTRE

Key statistics for **March 2009**.

Comparative figures for 2008 are shown in brackets.

Number of counselling sessions: **705 (620)**

Number of new requests for counselling: **152 (146)**

Income from fees: **\$24,474 (\$20,139)**

Expenses paid: **\$28,561 (\$34,384)**

2009 is already looking as though it will be busier than last year's record levels. In the first three months we have conducted 1,690 (1,505) counselling sessions for many existing clients and 378 (372) new clients.

We have an exciting mix of experienced counsellors and counsellors-in-training in our team of 30 counsellors with a broad range of skills and qualifications.

Some of our readers will be aware that Petersgate has changed its financial year end to 31 December which means we are now more easily able to report both statistical and financial information covering the same period.

2008 was a very successful year for us. Our team of 30 counsellors conducted 7,562 counselling sessions, an increase of more than 300 on the previous year. We achieved a satisfactory financial result for the period and are well placed to deal with the challenges of the economic downturn.

We made progress with our plans for extending our counselling rooms at 29 Yaldhurst Road and have been granted resource consent by the Christchurch City Council. We are currently working our way through the process of preparing the necessary documentation to apply for building consent.

Our plan is to extend the building at 29 Yaldhurst Road to provide a new group room, and to reconfigure the existing group room to accommodate the Director, reception, client waiting area, administration and a staff room. We will take the opportunity to upgrade the existing counselling and support rooms, and redesign vehicle access and movement. 29 Yaldhurst Road will become the only entry on to the site and a new exit will be created onto Curletts Road.

Exciting times are ahead and it will be a pleasure to keep you informed of our progress.

Denis Warren
Manager