

Introducing the New Model for supporting disabled people



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Why do we need a new way?

Disabled people want

a good life and

more choice and control over support they receive





In 2006 MPs set up a committee to talk to disabled people, families and service providers

Ministry of Health have consumer meetings – flexibility, support for families, workforce and access to information highlighted – DSS strategic plan and work programme formed from this

The Committee's report is given to Parliament

Ministry of Health research good practices here and overseas, including Local Area Coordination

New Model for supporting disabled people developed



What is different about the new model?

OLD WAY

Someone else makes decisions about what support you get and when you get it

NEW WAY

With support,
you decide
what's important
to you to have a
good life



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The New Model

This is the model Cabinet approved

A stronger focus on Information and Personal Assistance. Change to:

 introducing Local Area Coordinators to walk alongside disabled people to help them and their family and whânau work out "what's a good life for me", build up and access natural and other supports that help the person to live that good life and become the primary source of information and advice.

Stronger accountability arrangements.

Change to:

- broader
accountability
arrangements e.g.
Ministry, providers
and disabled
people
- stronger focus in
all quality
monitoring (both
contractual and
regulatory) on
whether people are
living an everyday/
good life.

The information & personal assistance I access $^\prime$ The fundina l $^\prime$ The quality am allocated of support I My everyday life, and for support use that of my family and whânau, is enhanced through these processes What I can use my allocated funding for

Allocation of funding, not

services. Change to:
- allocating funding
rather than types of
service. Note: the
funding a person is
allocated will continue
to reflect individual

 clearly defined rules about what funding can and cannot be used for

circumstances

 greater use of selfassessment, with reduced use of assessments by professionals.

More choice and control for people over the support that is purchased. Change to:

- making individualised funding available to most people and for most support
- making contracted supports and services more flexible.



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The New Model -

another
version in
plain language

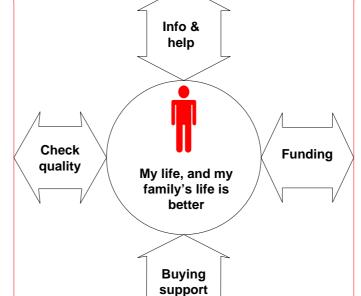
Local Area Coordinators

- walk alongside the disabled person
- · help them work out what they want from life
- help them build community networks.



Better ways to check that people are having a good life





Moving towards giving funding rather than types and levels of services

More choice over what disabled people can buy with the funding.



Local Area Coordination

The most visible part of the new model in the demonstration will be

Local Area Coordination

How does Local Area Coordination work?

A local area coordinator (LAC) will help you:



- get information
- work out how you want to live
- build relationships with people and organisations in your community or town
- work with the community to encourage them to include disabled people

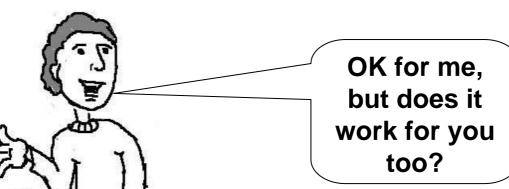




What else is the new model about?

Funding, not services – allocate dollar value rather than type of service, self assessment

What you can use the funding for – expanding IF, increasing flexibility



Accountability – for everyone – Ministry, providers, service users, focus on quality and having a good life





What is Individualised Funding?

Individualised Funding (IF) is a way of paying for support services

What can you do with IF?

You can choose:

who comes into your home

when they come

what they do





how much they get paid (provided it's at least the minimum wage)



Demonstrating the New Model



Western Bay of Plenty/Tauranga has been chosen as the first place to test out some elements of the New Model

Inclusion Aotearoa are supporting the Ministry of Health with this Demonstration project



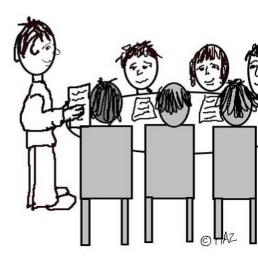


Community Engagement



We want to work closely with the community to share ideas, and to refine and evaluate the model

Inclusion Aotearoa will be setting up a local working group in the new year to work with them and the Ministry of Health to decide what will work here





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