# My Home My Choice

Whaikaha – The Ministry of Disabled People is committed to working in partnership with disabled people, Māori and Government to transform the disability support system in line with the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) approach.

The My Home My Choice programme focuses on the work needed to transform the way people in residential services are assisted so they have more choice and control in their lives. This includes developing options and alternatives for people who are considering entry into or exit out of residential care.

This means supporting disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori to live everyday lives in everyday places, and be seen as citizens with opportunities for learning, working, having somewhere to call home and fully participate in their community.

# My Home My Choice is informed and guided by:

* Te Tiriti o Waitangi
* the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
* the Enabling Good Lives principles and approach - [Principles - Enabling Good Lives](https://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/about-egl/egl-approach/principles/)
* learnings and experiences shared at the Royal Commission of Inquiry - Abuse in Care
* the Waitangi Tribunal report Wai 2575 – the Health Services and Outcomes Inquiry, and
* New Zealand Disability Strategy
* Te Aorerekura National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence (Whaikaha has responsibility for Action 28)

**Our partnership approach**

We will work in partnership with disabled people, tāngata whaikaha Māori, family and whānau, so changes are guided by their voices and experiences.

The programme team will include:

* senior members from Whaikaha. Amanda Bleckmann, Deputy Chief Executive Operational Design and Delivery is the programme’s sponsor.
* renowned leaders Sir Robert Martin KNZM and Gary Williams MNZM, both hold leadership positions as the programme’s patrons.
* a steering group which includes disabled people, tāngata whaikaha Māori, Pacific people, family / whānau and providers. The steering group is responsible for guiding the work.

**Stay updated and get involved**

Disabled people, tāngata whaikaha Māori, whānau and service providers will have the opportunity to provide feedback and share their experiences as the programme progresses.

Regular updates will be provided on our website, on webinars, in newsletters and on social media. Please let us know if you would like to be on our distribution list.

Updates on the programme, including in accessible formats, will also be made available on our website: [https://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/policy-strategies-and-action-plans/my-home-my-choice](https://kor01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whaikaha.govt.nz%2Fabout-us%2Fpolicy-strategies-and-action-plans%2Fmy-home-my-choice&data=05%7C01%7C%7Ce5342e1df411437c5a8a08db12d9c934%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638124498848098141%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Np3ZoXUjAPymSy9FXjYpBK9prEvFChUS6z3lpvpZkNE%3D&reserved=0).

You can also reach out to the programme team directly. Gordon Boxall and Kelly Woolston are the programme leads:

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**Text:** 4206 and we will get back to you within 24 hours.