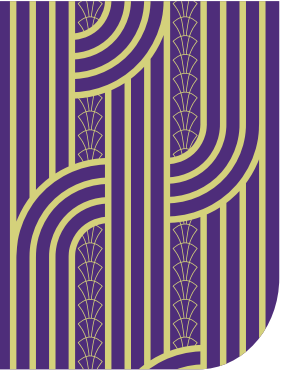


Fact sheet

for people receiving Disability Support Services



As at August 2024

The Minister for Disability Issues, Hon Louise Upston, commissioned an Independent Review of the Disability Support System.

This is because the Ministry of Disabled People - Whaikaha was facing cost pressures.

The Minister wanted a full picture of the situation before considering any changes to the system.

The Independent Review included 7 recommendations, which have been accepted by the Government.

You can find the details of each recommendation on our website.

Work is now underway to put in place the decisions from the Independent Review.

What does this mean now?

If you are a disabled person, family member, or carer of a disabled person, there is unlikely to be immediate change to the support you receive.

For now, you will continue to get the funding, equipment, care and the other disability support you are eligible for.

The changes made to Flexible Funding in March 2024 will not be reversed.

The prioritisation for Equipment and Modification Services (EMS) put in place in March 2024 will also not be reversed.



What could this mean in the future?

The decisions from the Independent Review are likely to affect the support people receive in the future.

We will update our website, and work with providers and disability organisations, as more details are confirmed.

More information on the decisions can be found on the Ministry of Disabled People – Whaikaha website.

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