**OFFICIAL LETTER 2 - DRAFT**

Dear …,

Tēnā koe …, / Tēnā kōrua …, / Tēnā koutou …,

A new disability support system will start in the MidCentral District Health Board region, on 1 October, 2018.

Ka tīmata tētahi pūnaha tautoko whaikaha hou ki te rohe o MidCentral District Health Board ā te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2018.

The new system is called Mana Whaikaha and is a new way of the Government giving disability support in this part of the country.

Ko Mana Whaikaha te ingoa o te pūnaha hou, ā, he whakaritenga hou tēnei ka whakaratoa e te Kāwanatanga hei tautoko whaikaha ki tēnei rohe.

You will be part of Mana Whaikaha because:

* you use Disability Support Services funding
* you live in MidCentral – which includes Palmerston North, Horowhenua, Manawatu, Ōtaki and Tararua districts.

Ka whai wāhi koe ki Mana Whaikaha nā te mea:

* ka whakamahi koe i te pūtea Ratonga Tautoko Whaikaha
* ka noho koe ki te rohe o MidCentral – tae atu ki Te Papaioea, ki Horowhenua, ki Manawatū, ki Ōtaki, ki Tararua hoki.

**More choice and control about support**

**He kōwhiringa nui atu, he mana whakahaere nui atu mō te tautoko**

There will be no immediate changes to your supports on 1 October, unless you contact the system and ask for changes.

You will be contacted as you near your usual review date.

E kore e panonihia ō tautoko ā te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku tonu kia tae ki te wā ka whakapā atu koe ki te pūnaha ki te tono panoni.

Kia tata ki te wā ka arotakengia koe ka whakapāngia koe.

In the past, you would have been contacted by Enable NASC but from 1 October, you will be contacted by somebody from Mana Whaikaha.

I mua rā ka whakapāngia koe e Enable NASC, engari i muri mai i te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku, ka whakapāngia koe e tētahi tangata nō Mana Whaikaha.

At the review, you can talk about your supports, how well things are working for you now, what changes you may need to your supports, and what might be possible for you in the new system.

Tū ai te arotake ka āhei koe te kōrero mō ō tautoko, mō te ahu pēhea o ngā ritenga o tēnei wā, mō ngā panoni ki ō tautoko e hiahia ana koe, he aha hoki pea ngā hua ka puta māu i te pūnaha hou.

**A Connector can help**

In the new system, you can choose if you want to have a Connector, and who that will be.

Connectors are people who work with disabled people and whānau.

They will work with you and your whānau to think about the supports you need to live the life you want.

You do not have to have a Connector if you do not want to.

**Ka taea e tētahi Kaitūhono te āwhina**

I roto i te pūnaha hou ka āhei koe te whakatau ki te whiwhi Kaitūhono, kāore rānei, ā, ko wai taua tangata.

He tāngata ngā Kaitūhono ka mahi ki te taha o te hunga whaikaha me ngā whānau.

Ka mahi rātou ki tō taha, ki te taha hoki o tō whānau ki te whaiwhakaaro mō ngā tautoko ka hiahia koe ki te whai i te oranga e hiahia ana koe.

You do not have to have a Connector if you do not want to.

Ehara i te mea me whai Kaitūhono koe mehemea kāore koe i te pīrangi.

**To find out more:**

From 1 October, 2018, you can find out more about the new system by:

* looking at our website: www.manawhaikaha.co.nz
* calling us on 0800 626 255. It is free to call us
* coming to see us in:
  + Palmerston North
  + Levin
  + Woodville

Days and times will be available on the Mana Whaikaha website.

**Hei rapu kōrero anō:**

Ā muri i te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku 2018, ka taea te rapu kōrero anō mō te pūnaha hou mā te:

* titiro ki tā mātou pae tukutuku: www.manawhaikaha.co.nz
* waea mai ki a mātou ki 0800 626 255. He utu kore te waea mai
* toro mai ki a mātou ki:
  + Te Papaioea
  + Taitoko
  + Te Ahu a Tūranga

Ka wātea ngā rā, ngā wā hoki ki te paetukutuku o Mana Whaikaha.

This letter can be found in the following formats on this website: [**www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/system-transformation**](http://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/system-transformation/)

● Easy Read

● New Zealand Sign Language

● Te Reo

● Brf and audio

Ka kitea tēnei reta ki ngā momotuhi e whai ake nei ki tēnei paetukutuku: [**www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/system-transformation**](http://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/system-transformation/)

● Pānui Māmā, arā, ko Easy Read

● Te Reo Rotarota o Aotearoa

● Te Reo

● Brf, oro hoki