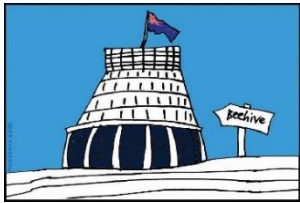


## A new disability support system: Mana Whaikaha



This is an **Easy Read** letter about the **new** disability support system.



The Government will have a new way of giving disability support in the area where you live.



The new disability support system is going to be called **Mana Whaikaha**.

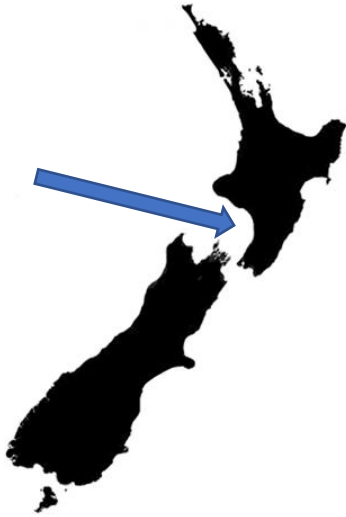


The new system will start on **1 October 2018**.



It will start in the **MidCentral District Health Board** region.

The MidCentral DHB region includes:



- Palmerston North
- Horowhenua
- Manawatu
- Ōtaki
- Tararua districts.

**You** will be in the new system because you:



- use disability support services funding
- live in MidCentral.



The new system will give you more:

- choices about your life
- control of your disability support.



## What will happen from 1 October 2018?



1. You will keep getting **disability** support.



2. You can ask to **make changes** to the disability support you are getting.



3. You will be contacted by us at your **review** time.

The **review** is when we meet with you to talk about:



- the support you are getting now
- how well these supports are working for you.



The review is also about:

- what changes you may need to your supports
- what you will be able to do in this new system.



Before the changes to the system you talked to people from **Enable NASC**.



From **1 October 2018** you will talk to people from **Mana Whaikaha**.



## A Connector can help



A Connector is someone who will work with:



- disabled people
- family / whānau.



Connectors can help you think about what supports you need to live the life you want.

You can choose if you want to have a **Connector**.



You can **choose who** you would like as your Connector.



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



## How to find out more information



From 1 October 2018 you can find out more by:



1. **looking** at the Mana Whaikaha website:

[www.manawhaikaha.co.nz](http://www.manawhaikaha.co.nz)



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2. **talking** to us on the phone:

0800 626 255



It is **free** to **call** this number.



This means it will **not cost you money** to talk to us on the phone.



3. **coming in** to see us at one of our **offices** in:

- Palmerston North
- Levin
- Ōtaki
- Woodville.



The **Mana Whaikaha website** will have information about:

- the street address of where to find these offices
- times / days when the offices are open.



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