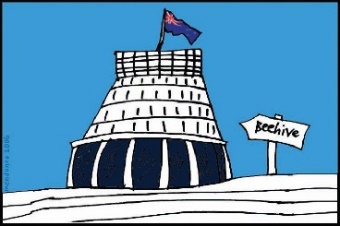
**A new disability support system: Mana Whaikaha**



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.



1. You can ask to **make changes** to the disability support you are getting.
2. You will be contacted by us at your **review** time.

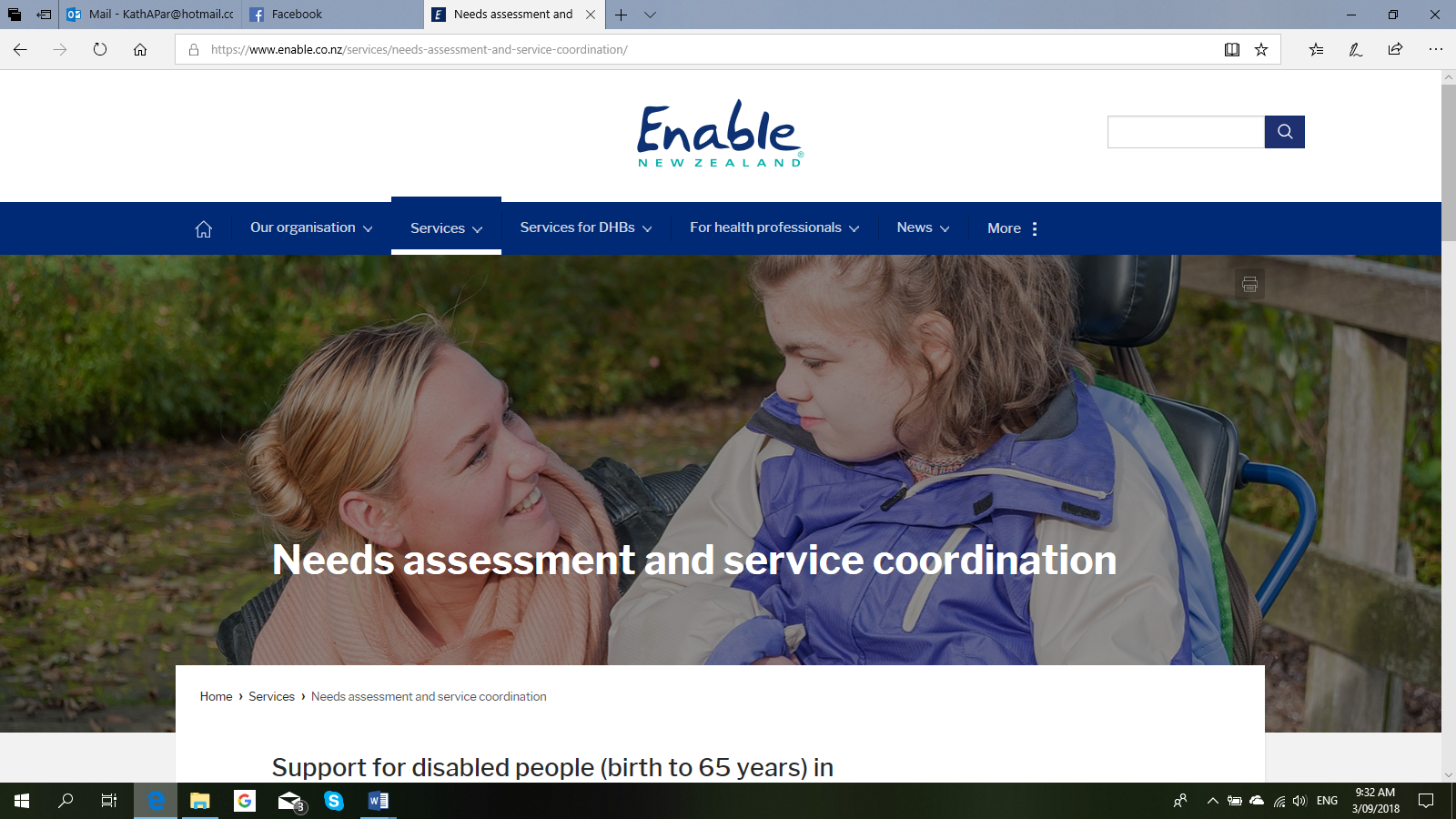
The **review** is when we meet with you to talk about:

* 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:



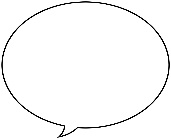
* disabled people
* family / whānau.



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.



No thanks

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**

1. **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.

1. **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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