Community consultation

10 February to 24 March 2025



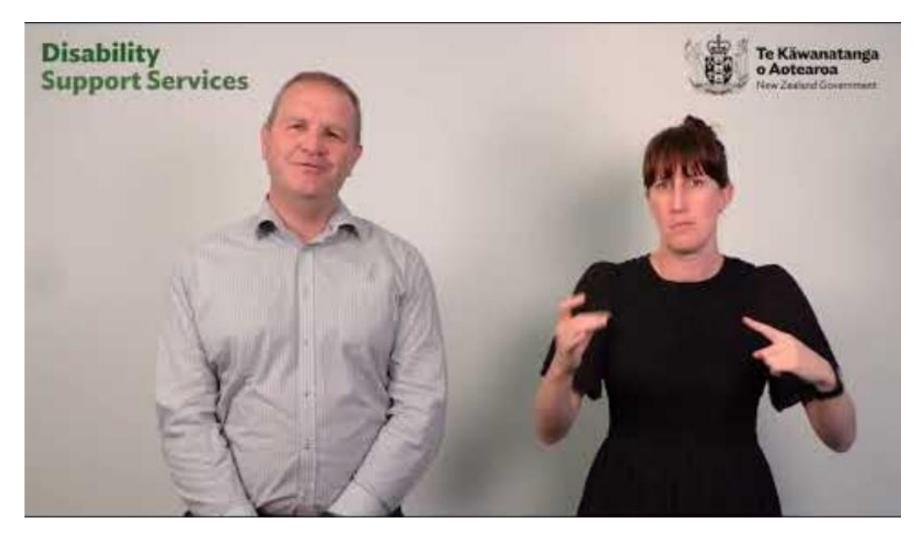


Welcome and introductions

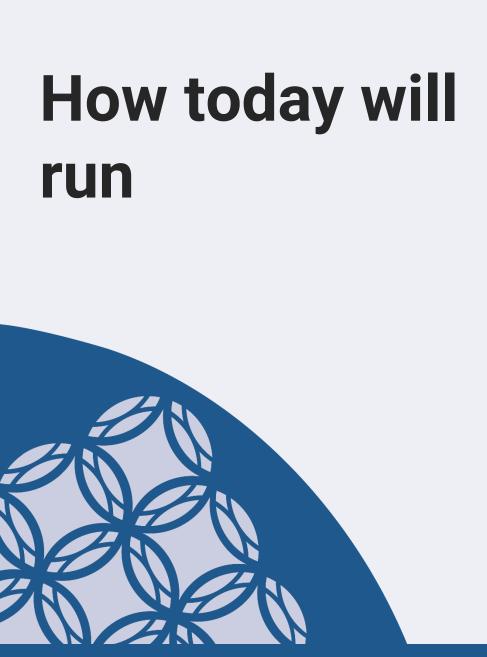




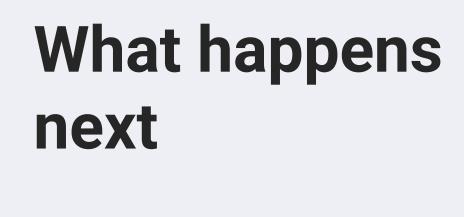
Welcome from Chris Bunny















Use and release of information





Background

- About Disability Support Services (DSS)
- The Independent Review in 2024
- Consulting with the disability community



Decision-making process

29 Oct-22 Nov 2024

A survey on issues with DSS

December 2024

Government decision on scope of proposals

Feb-March 2025 Seeking feedback on proposals

Mid 2025 Government decisions



Topic 1

Improving the way the needs of disabled people are assessed and how support is allocated





 Make sure disabled people's needs are assessed in the same way, and that decisions are consistent and fair

 Proposing changes to improve the tools that help assess peoples' needs and make decisions about what support they receive





Proposal: Improving how the assessment tool reflects the diversity of disability

Make sure assessors understand disabled people's specific situations and ensure that the funding and support each disabled person receives is fair and consistent.

Question

What information does an assessor need to gather about a disabled person's circumstances to help identify the support they need?





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Proposal: Understanding the needs of family, whānau and carers of disabled people

Should the needs of the family, whanau and carers of disabled people be specifically considered?

Question

How do you feel about the needs of carers being specifically assessed alongside those of the disabled person?





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Break: 15 minutes





Topic 2

- Criteria to access flexible funding
- Changes to how flexible funding can be used





- Make sure disabled people and their carers can continue to use flexible funding to make their own decisions about the support they need.
- The flexible funding system needs to be fair, easy to understand, and used to support intended outcomes





Proposal: Introducing criteria to access flexible funding

Clearer rules are needed to access flexible funding.

Question

How do you feel about the introduction of criteria for receiving flexible funding?





Proposal: Changing how flexible funding can be used

It should be clearer how flexible funding should be used. We think there are two ways of doing this.

1. Link flexible funding to the person's plan with oversight of how it is used

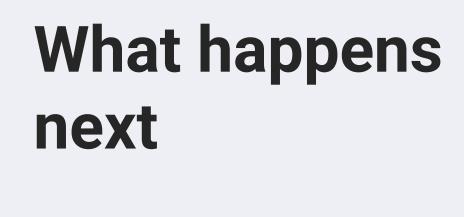
2. Adjust current lists of what can and can't be funded using flexible funding

Question:

Which approach do you prefer? Why?











Thank you



