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# **Individualised Funding November 2011**

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# Who we are

## Ministry of Health National Health Business Unit National Services Purchasing Disability Support Services Group

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# Government agencies who provide support for people with disabilities



# Overview of Disability Support Services

- Disability Support Services in the Ministry of Health is one of a number of government agencies which funds services for disabled people
- DSD primarily funds support services
- DSS also develops policy and provides advice to the Minister of Health around disability support services issues

# Overview of Disability Support Services

- funds services for around 34,000 people
- funds a number of services including:
  - Needs Assessment Service Co-ordination (NASC)
  - Disability Information Advisory Services (DIAS)
  - Home Based Support Services (HBSS)
  - Environmental Support Services (ESS)
  - Residential/respite/carer support services
  - Child development services

# Accessing Disability Support Services

- Through a Needs Assessment Service Co-ordination (NASC) organisation

Taikura Trust (for Auckland region)

**telephone**

Freephone 0800 TAIKURA (0800 824 5872)

(or you can dial 278 6314 if calling from within Auckland)

**email**

General [info@taikura.org.nz](mailto:info@taikura.org.nz)

# What is Individualised Funding?

A way of paying for disability support services where disabled people directly manage the hours they are allocated for Home & Community Support Services.

A mechanism that allows people greater flexibility, choice and control over supports that enables them to 'live everyday lives'

IF is administered through a contracted IF Host.

# Who is using Individualised Funding?

- Enrolments have doubled since November 2010
- 1,081 as at 1 November 2011
- 13% of the total eligible HCSS population,
- Auckland region has the majority of IF population with 46%
- Canterbury/West Coast regions 14%,
- Waikato, 8%.
- Otago/Southland and Bay of Plenty/Lakes regions both have 6%.

Regional uptake of the scheme is above the national average for:

- Whanganui (22 %),
- Taranaki (19 %), Auckland (18 %),
- Waikato (15 %)
- Nelson/Marlborough (13 %).

# Who is using Individualised Funding?

## Gender

Male 56%

Female 44%

## Age Groups

0-10yrs	20%
11-20yrs	28%
21-30yrs	16%
31-40yrs	8%
41-50yrs	9%
51-60yrs	10%
61-70yrs	7%
71-80yrs	1%

## Ethnicity

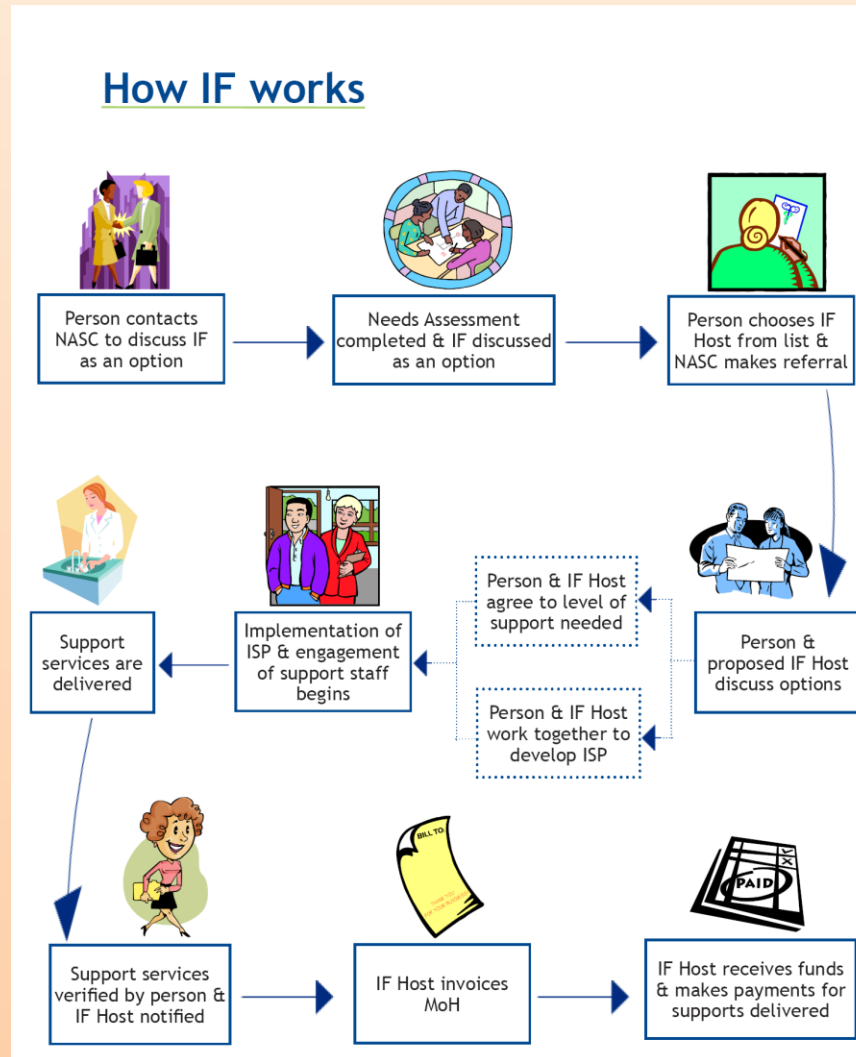
NZ European 69%, Maori 12%, Pacific Island 5%, Asian 2%, Other 12%

## Disability Type

ID 41%, PD 47%, Not specified 13%

# How IF Works

## How IF works



# How to access IF

- IF is discussed with all people allocated HM and /or PC with their NASC
- Ultimately it is a person's choice to be referred to an IF Host
- Comfort with the choice needs to be felt by both the person and the NASC before a referral can be made

# What's in IF for people?

They say –

who comes into their home to help  
when they come, such as at 11.30pm to help them to bed after being at the movies  
what they do  
how much employees get paid, provided it's at least the minimum wage

They can –

have more flexibility, such as having a two week holiday and using those hours later in the year  
decide what level of support they require from an IF Host to manage IF

# What can be purchased using IF?

IF can be used to purchase Home and Community Support Services that are allocated by a NASC organisation.  
(Household Management and Personal Care)

- IF can be used to purchase support services provided by support workers, (employees or contracted personnel or organisations), and costs relating to the employment of support workers.
- It will not cover other MoH funded supports such as:
  - Day or Vocational services
  - Supported Living
  - Respite (through a contracted provider) or Carer Support
  - Residential support
  - Rehabilitation services
  - Information and Advisory Services
  - Equipment and housing modifications
  - Any treatment services
  - Behavioural Support
  - These will continue to be funded separately

# Examples of IF in practice

- Being able to attend a sports/community event and have your support worker funded to support you
- Determining who comes in to provide your support, and when they come
- Determining and negotiating wages for support workers
- The choice to employ your own support workers, including some family members
  
- So far:
  - 84% of those surveyed on IF say they are making progress towards goals
  - 94% consider the way in which their care was delivered is flexible
  - 98% are satisfied with IF as a means to manage disability support services.
  
- The nature of positive feedback received includes:
  - better access to communities of choice
  - supports are more flexible
  - access to mainstream education
  - more age-appropriate community participation.

# Further information

- **NASC and IF Host Provider Self Paced Training tools**
- <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-keyprojects-ifp>
- ***Your Guide to Individualised Funding booklet (overview)***
- [http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9625/\\$File/if-full-guide-2010.pdf](http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagesmh/9625/$File/if-full-guide-2010.pdf)
- **Fact Sheets for Consumers, NASCs and IF Host Provider groups**
- <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-news-factsheets#hcss>
- **Currently contracted IF Host Providers**
- <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-keyprojects-ifp#updates>
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- ***Individualised Funding Guidance and Good Practice***
- <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/by+unid/279C02FE1B88DF0CCC256E6200107BD5?Open>
- **Individualised Funding Service Specification**
- <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-contracting-processes#if>
- Information and further updates will be included in this link:
- <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-keyprojects-ifp>

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# Conclusion

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