# Talking points for Disability Forum

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* I am Sacha O’Dea and I am the Programme Lead for System Transformation in the Ministry of Health.
* On Tuesday, we will be starting the co-design process with a sector group to develop the high level design for the new system for disability support.
* We have selected a group of people from the sector to work with us on the design. The group includes the perspective of:
  + Disabled people with a range of impairments, families and providers
  + Maori and Pacific Peoples
  + People in Palmerston North and across New Zealand
  + People who have been involved in the national EGL Leadership Group and the demonstrations in Waikato and Christchurch
* While we have tried to cover as many perspectives as possible in this group, we know that we are still missing some perspectives and we are looking at ways to include these.
  + For example, we are planning to have a hui with rangitane in Palmerston North
  + We have included a person with autism on our internal testing group and we are looking at other options to ensure this perspective is included
* The co-design process will continue to be based on the Enabling Good Lives vision and principles.
* The next phase of the system design process is different to the previous demonstrations.
  + The objective is to create a design that can be rolled out across the country. So the design group includes people from Palmerston North and other places in New Zealand
  + We want to change the existing system rather than add another layer to it
  + It will include an explicit social investment approach. Social investment is about spending/investing money up front/early where this will produce better life outcomes for people in the long term and may also reduce long term costs to government.
* The co-design process will involve nine workshops between next Tuesday and 13th June. We are working with co-design experts to help us with the process.
* No decisions have been made about the final design – everything is on the table for the co-design process and this is the opportunity to work through any issues and concerns.
* Some of the questions we will need to answer through the process are:
  + Do we all have the same understanding of the Enabling Good Lives principles?
  + How do we make sure the system meets the needs of disabled people and families now and in the future?
  + How do we make it easy for disabled people and families to find out information about the support that is available and how to access it?
  + What is the appropriate balance between making it easy to use funding and ensuring accountability for government funding?
  + What do we need to put in place for people who require support to make decisions but have no one in their lives except paid support workers?
  + We have tried a range of options for independent facilitation – what is the best model?
  + How do we make sure disabled people and families can continue to receive their current services and support following system transformation if they meet their needs?
  + What support needs to be put in place for different groups to support system transformation – capacity and capability building for disabled people and families, support for providers to change the way they work?
  + And there are lots more questions…
* I am excited about the co-design process but I also know we have a lot of things to work through.
* We want to make sure the sector knows what’s happening in the co-design process. After each meeting, we will putting information onto the Enabling Good Lives website about what happened during the co-design workshop and what we will be working on next.
* We are working with some partners to translate this information so it is accessible for the community. We are aiming to make the information available in:
  + EasyRead
  + NZSL
  + Blind formats
  + Te reo
* There will also be an email address for people to ask questions or contribute their ideas.
* My colleagues on the panel and I are happy to answer your questions about the co-design process for system transformation.