

# Disability Support Services

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## Who is funded through DSS?

The Ministry's DSS client group consists of people who:

- are usually aged under 65

AND

- have a physical, intellectual, or sensory disability or a combination of these, which is likely to:
  - remain even after provision of equipment, treatment and rehabilitation
  - continue for at least six months, and
  - result in a need for on-going support.

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## Our clients

- Approx 32,000 receive regular, ongoing support
- Another 70,000 per year receive one off support (equipment)
- More males (56%) than females (44%)
- 16% Maori, 6% Pacific, 5% Asian, 69% Other
- 38% of clients are under the age of 19
- 8% are over the age of 65
- Principal disabilities include intellectual (46%), physical (27%), ASD (16%), sensory (4%)

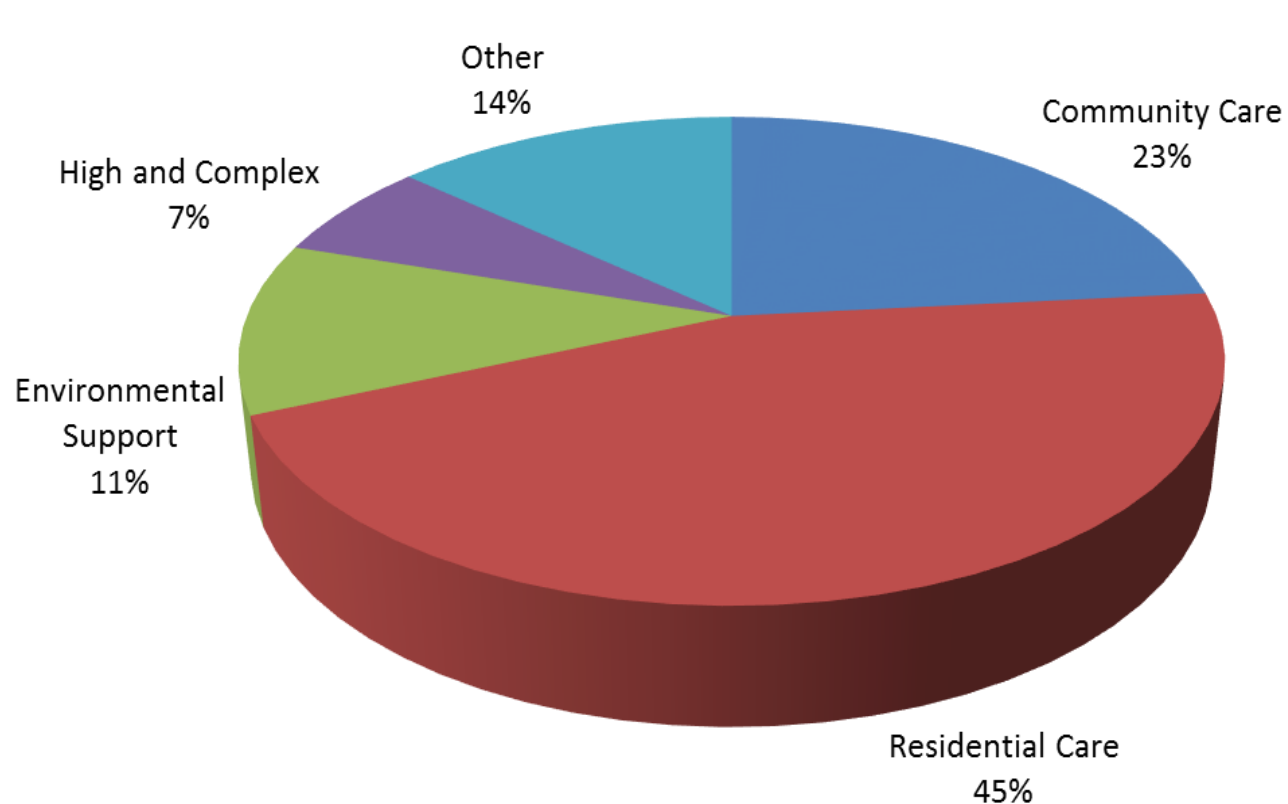
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**What sorts of services do we fund and how much do we spend each year?**

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Current budget NZ\$1.2 billion



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## Community Care

- Personal Cares – eg showering, dressing
- Household Management – eg meal preparation, cleaning, laundry
- Funded Family Care – for resident family of adults with a disability
- Carer Support/Respite – for full time carers to take a break from their caring responsibilities
- Supported living – managing a budget, shopping, transport around the community



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## Residential Care

### Includes

- Community residential (group homes, usually of 4 clients, often ID)
- Rest homes (for physically disabled people needing clinical (nursing) supports)
- Hospitals (for high needs clients)



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## Environmental Support

Includes:

- All people with a long term disability who need equipment (including over 65's)
- Housing and vehicle modifications
- Hearing aids
- Spectacle subsidy
- Communication aids





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## Cochlear Implants

- Delivered by Northern and Southern Cochlear Implant Trusts
- Contract for 16 newborns, 30 children and 40 adults each year
- Each implant costs \$50k, bilaterals \$80k
- Processers replaced every 6-8 years costing \$10k
- No waiting list for children – some adults waiting over 2 years.
- Additional adult volumes purchased this year – 60



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## Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation

Contracts with hospitals include:

- Inpatient beds
- Outpatient appointments
- Home visits

Usually inter-disciplinary teams including a rehabilitation doctor, nurses and allied health.

Hospitals in NZ deliver 104 rehab beds every day, 687 outpatient appts per week and 351 home visits per week.



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## Child Development Teams

- Usually based in hospitals
- Multi-disciplinary allied health services – physiotherapist, occupational therapist, speech language therapist, psychologist
- Provide specialist assessment and intervention services
- Targeted at, but not limited to, pre-schoolers
- Focus on early intervention to help children reach their potential
- Currently under review to see if we can do it better/differently.



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## Behaviour Support Services

- Behaviour Support looks to address challenging behaviours for people with a disability
- One national provider
- Mainly psychologists
- Improves people's quality of life by supporting them to be part of their community
- Try to intervene early as behaviours are developing
- Measures outcomes for each person which gives us the ability to measure the impact of the service.



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## Needs Assessment Service Coordination (NASC) agencies

- Identify needs, eligibility to DSS funded services, and outline available supports
- 15 NASCs across the country by region
- Undertake needs assessments
- Coordinate services which includes providing information about options, co-ordinating services within a support plan, and allocating funding

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## Why do we fund disability services in NZ?



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## Why?

Social Policy Select Committee Inquiry 2008

Enabling Good Lives – we want to support people with a disability to have an ordinary, good life in the same way that other New Zealanders do.

UN Convention on the Rights of People with a Disability 2008

Disabled people are demanding a good life!

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## Enabling Good Lives (EGL)

The principles of EGL:

- » Self-determination
- » Beginning early
- » Person-centred
- » Mainstream first
- » Ordinary Life Outcomes
- » Mana enhancing
- » Easy to use
- » Relationship building



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## Self Determination

“Disabled people are in control of their lives”



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## Beginning Early

“Invest early in families to support them to be aspirational for their disabled child, to build community and natural supports and to support disabled children to become independent”



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## Person Centred

“Disabled people have supports that are tailored to their individual needs and goals, and that take a whole life approach”



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## Mainstream First

“Disabled people are supported to access mainstream services before specialist disability services if that’s what they choose”



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## Ordinary Life Outcomes

“Disabled people are supported to live an everyday life in everyday places; and are regarded as citizens with opportunities for learning, employment, having a home and family, and social participation - like others at similar stages of life.”



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## Mana Enhancing

“The abilities and contributions of disabled people and their families are recognised and respected”





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## Easy to Use

“Disabled people have supports that are simple to use and flexible”



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## Relationship Building

“Relationships between disabled people, their family and community are built and strengthened”





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## What next? – Disability System Transformation



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**Thank you**



**Any questions?**