**A new disability support system for New Zealand**

**May 2018 update**

The Government of New Zealand is making big changes to the disability support system.

The Government has been planning the changes to the disability support system together with:



* disabled people
* family / whānau



* disability support services.

Working together like this is called **co-design**.

This is an update to let you know what:



* has been happening



* is going to happen next.

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This update is from Sacha O’Dea from the Ministry of Health.



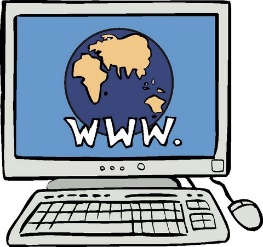
Sacha is working with the disability community on this work.

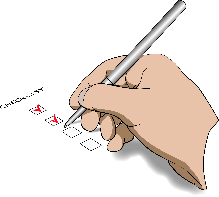
**What have we been working on?**

It has been a very busy month.



We had 3 **livestream sessions** online in May.

**Live streaming** means:

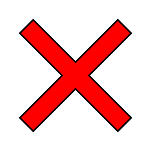
* playing a video on the internet at a set time **– for example 6 o’clock at night**
* people sending in the questions they have
* ****the person in the video gives answers to all the questions people are sending in

**Live streaming** is a bit like getting to talk with someone on the internet.

The 3 livestream sessions were for:

* A picture containing book, text

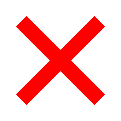
  Description generated with very high confidencedisabled people
* whānau
* providers.



2 of the livestreams went really well.

A picture containing sitting, electronics

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We had a small problem with the whānau livestream.

A group of people around each other

Description generated with very high confidenceWe have been busy working to **recruit** people for the 2 new teams in MidCentral region.

A group of people posing for the camera

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**Recruiting** means to looks for people to take up jobs.

A picture containing person, man, indoor

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We have sent out information about the **Director** roles on each team.

**A drawing of a person

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A **Director** is the person in charge.

A group of people holding a sign posing for the camera

Description generated with very high confidenceThe 2 Directors will be in charge of the new:

* Disabled People and Whānau Supporting Team
* System Enabling Team.

A close up of a logo

Description generated with very high confidenceWe want to find people for the Director roles first.

A close up of a sign

Description generated with high confidenceWe want to find the best people for all the roles on the 2 new teams.

A close up of a logo

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We want people from all areas of the disability sector who have the right skills.

A screenshot of a social media post

Description generated with very high confidenceWe would most like to get job applications from:

* disabled people
* whānau of a disabled person.

A close up of a womans face

Description generated with high confidenceA drawing of a cartoon character

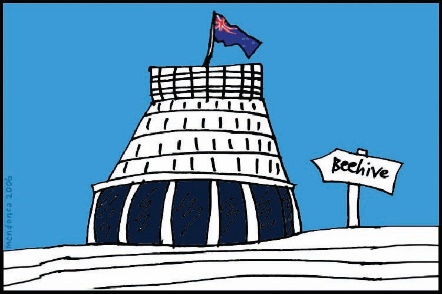
Description generated with high confidenceWe have also thought a lot about the MidCentral:

* governance group
* how to pick people to be a part of the governance group.

A close up of a computer

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We will get feedback on this from the MidCentral Regional Leadership Group.

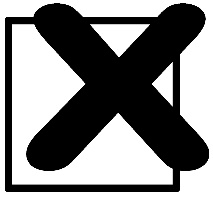
Ministers will tell us that they support how we will choose people for the governance group in the next few weeks.

**A picture containing person, indoor

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We have been **reviewing** all our provider contracts this month.

A picture containing clipart

Description generated with high confidence**Reviewing** means to look through a document to see what changes need to be made

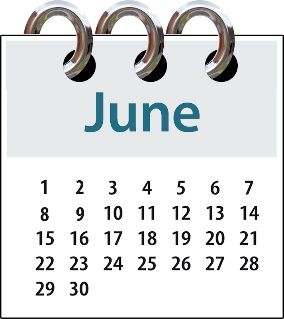
**A drawing of a person

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We have looked at them to see:

* how we can make changes
* A close up of a clock

  Description generated with high confidencehow long it will take to make changes
* when we can make new contracts.

In June we will start talking to providers about our contracts.

A person holding a speaker

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Another thing we have been thinking about this month is our communication.

A picture containing metalware

Description generated with high confidenceWe have looked at how we:

* have communicated with people so far
* will communicate with people until October 1.

A person posing for the camera

Description generated with very high confidenceWe know that we need to do better at communicating with disabled people in MidCentral so they know:

* what the new changes will mean for them
* A drawing of a person

  Description generated with high confidencewho they should contact if they need to
* what the new changes will look like.

A close up of a logo

Description generated with very high confidenceWe have been looking at what we need for people with learning disabilities so they can understand what we are working on.

We have also been looking at how we can communicate better with different groups.

A picture containing text, book

Description generated with very high confidenceSome of these groups are:

* Te Ao Māori
* Pacific people.



We have also thought about how can we change things so that Deaf people are better included.

**What next?**

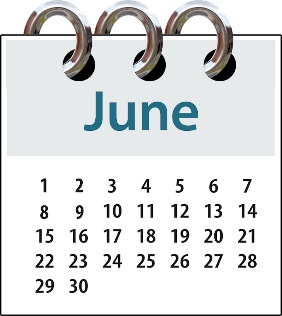


We will start communicating more with you.

We will keep trying to:

* A picture containing book, text

  Description generated with very high confidencegive feedback
* communicate in a way that works for different groups of people across the community.



In June we will start sending out information for all the roles on the new:

* A group of people holding a sign posing for the camera

  Description generated with very high confidenceDisabled People and Whānau Supporting Team
* System Enabling Team.

A picture containing person, man, indoor

Description generated with very high confidenceLook out for the information for these jobs.

A screenshot of a cell phone

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We will also start choosing people to be a part of the governance group in July.

A group of people standing in a room

Description generated with very high confidenceThere will chances for you to meet with us in person to talk about what we are doing.



We will also have more **livestreaming** in June.

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We will tell you 2 weeks before the next livestream starts.

A group of people sitting posing for the camera

Description generated with very high confidenceThe next livestream sessions will start with whānau because of the problem with the last whānau livestream session.

A picture containing person, woman

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We look forward to getting your questions in the **livestream** sessions in June.

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Thank you to everybody who has been working with us over the last month.



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