



Fact sheet –

Funding freeze on residential care lifted on 1 July 2025

A group of people sitting on a couch

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# About this factsheet

This Easy Read factsheet has information for:

disabled people



whānau / family of disabled people

carers.



This Easy Read factsheet is from **Disability Support Services** which is part of Ministry of Social Development.

A person shaking hands with a person in a wheelchair

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In this Easy Read factsheet Disability Service Services is also called **DSS** for short.

When you see the words   
**our / we / us** in this factsheet it means DSS.

This Easy Read factsheet is about what lifting the **funding freeze** on residential care means for:

disabled people

**NASC / EGL** sites

NASC / EGL **budgets**.

****Here **funding freeze** means the amount of money DSS was using to fund residential care was **paused**.

**Paused** means to stop something for a short amount of time.

**NASC** means Needs Assessment Service Coordination agency.

**EGL** is Enabling Good Lives.



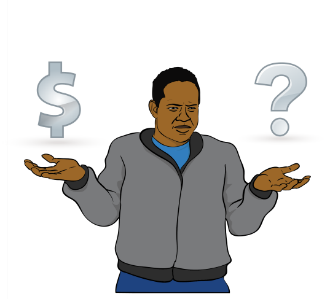
Enabling Good Lives is about having:

choice and control in your life



the support you need and want

a good life.



**Budget** is the amount of money used for something.

# Information about the funding freeze



The funding freeze happened after the 2024 review of Disability Support Services.

More information about the review is available on the Disability Support website here:

[**tinyurl.com/szfhvmm9**](https://tinyurl.com/szfhvmm9)



The funding freeze did not affect the number of people who could access residential care.

A couple of people standing in a house

Description automatically generatedDisabled people still:

had access to residential care services

left residential care services.

# What lifting the funding freeze means

# for disabled people



Disabled people will not see any changes straight away.

Two people sitting at a table

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NASCs services

EGL sites.

 NASC / EGL site will also still make the decision:

if someone can have DSS support

about what kind of DSS support someone can have like:

* going into residential care
* support at home.

NASC / EGL sites will work to get access to support with:

disabled people

whānau of disabled people.



Contact your NASC / EGL site if you have any questions about your support / services.

# What lifting the funding freeze means

# for NASC / EGL sites

NASC / EGL sites will still need to give:

support

services.



This will be for those who need them the most.

After the funding freeze is lifted NASCs will be able to work with more:

disabled people

whānau / family of disabled people.

They will assist in finding the best options for people such as:

community based support

residential care.

# Will there be changes to

# NASC / EGL budgets?



NASC / EGL site budgets will be confirmed after the Government puts out their Budget in May 2025.

# More information



There is an Easy Read factsheet called:

**Community Group Home Pricing Model** on the DSS

You can find this factsheet on our website:

[**www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/cgh**](https://www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/cgh)

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This factsheet has information on the new way DSS will fund residential providers.



The factsheet is also available on the DSS website in alternate formats.

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