

# Coversheet

## Action to Improve the Sustainability of Disability Support Services

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These documents have been proactively released:

*4 December 2024, Cabinet Paper – Action to Improve the Sustainability of Disability Support Services, including Appendix One: Initial summary of consultation feedback*

*4 December 2024, Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee, Minute of Decision SOU-24-MIN-0157, Cabinet Office.*

This paper contains Cabinet decisions for next steps to improve the sustainability of Disability Support Services following the recommendations from the Independent Review of Disability Support Services. It includes decisions for the preferred approach to developing a residential care contract and pricing model (recommendation two) and approval to announce and consult on this preferred approach with the disability sector. It also includes approval to consult on options to update the assessment and allocation settings for disabled individuals and carers (recommendation five) and to establish criteria for access to flexible funding and accompanying purchasing guidelines (recommendation six).

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction codes used for this release:

- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - the confidentiality of advice under active consideration
- Section 18(d) – information is soon to be publicly released.

The following documents related Cabinet items are already public:

- Independent Review of Disability Support Services, Phase One Report [www.whaikaha.govt.nz/news/independent-review/independent-review-report](http://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/news/independent-review/independent-review-report)
- Cabinet paper, Improving the sustainability of Disability Support Services, 12 Aug 2024 [www.whaikaha.govt.nz/news/independent-review/cabinet-paper-12-august-2024](http://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/news/independent-review/cabinet-paper-12-august-2024).

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