Keeping Community-based Services Open for Disabled People

The Government recognises the need to ensure community-based services continue to be available for disabled people.

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Government is investing an additional $43.3 million over four years, to increase baseline funding to benefit 144 providers and 9,500 disabled people.

- Community-based services aim to enhance the mana and the quality of life of disabled people by supporting them to participate in and contribute to the wider community, based on the Enabling Good Lives principles.

- Providers have had no significant increase in baseline funding for many years. Cost pressures have impacted overall service quality and the financial viability of many providers who often rely on volunteers and philanthropic funding.

- The funding provides a general increase for all current providers in 2020/21 and 2021/22 and targeted increases in the following years. This $43.3 million will lift overall service quality and allow approximately 9,500 clients to better contribute to their communities.

- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) contracts with 144 providers to deliver Community Participation, Very High Needs, Transition from School, and Business Enterprises services.

- All Community Participation, Very High Needs, Transition, Resettlement, and Disability Allowance providers will receive standard increases of 6% in 2020/21 and 2021/22. These increases are cumulative.

- MSD will work with the sector over the next two years to get a better understanding of the cost of delivering services and agree a service cost model.

- This service cost model will be used to determine the value of cost pressure uplifts in 2022/23 and 2023/24 so funding can be targeted to address historical funding differences between contracts.

Costs (operating) $m				
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	TOTAL
5.166	10.332	11.167	16.635	**43.300**