

The Ministry is pleased to announce the following organisations have been contracted as Individualised Funding Host Providers (IF Hosts). Contract formalities are still underway with other providers and they will be announced once these are completed.

As at 9 November 2010, contracted IF Hosts (and their geographical regions) are:

<b>Geographical Region*</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Date service available on referral from NASC</b>
National	Access Homehealth Ltd.	Immediately
National	Manawanui In Charge	Immediately
Auckland	Presbyterian Support Northern	Immediately
Auckland	Lifewise Homecare Services	8 November 2010
Waitakere City	Vision West	Immediately
Thames/Waikato	Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki	TBC
Tauranga/Bay of Plenty	Whaioranga Trust	TBC
Mid Central/Wellington	Presbyterian Support Central	Immediately
Nelson Marlborough/Blenheim	Florence Nightingale Agency	Immediately
Dunedin/Otago	Dunedin Home Support	Immediately

\*With the exception of Manawanui In Charge, the service coverage area for IF Hosts is the same as where their HCSS services are delivered, meaning there is no change to existing referral practices.

These IF Hosts provide all levels of IF Hosting services as described in the [Guide to Individualised Funding](#)

IF provides the disabled person with increased choice and control over how and when they use their support allocations and who provides them with this support.

IF is a way of paying for disability support services, which allows disabled people (including nominated agents or family/whanau members who make decisions on their behalf) to directly manage the resources they are allocated for disability supports following an assessment by a Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) organisation.

Any person who wishes to manage their support allocations using Individualised Funding, must do this through an IF Host organisation that is contracted by the Ministry of Health.

IF is accessed in the same way as all support services are accessed, following a needs assessment by a local NASC organisation. If Home and Community Support Services, which includes Household Management and Personal Care, are part a support package allocation, after discussion with the NASC, a referral to an IF Host can be made.

IF Hosts help administer payment arrangements and support people on IF to manage their support allocations. They provide IF set-up and coaching, an invoicing mechanism and monitor and report to the Ministry of Health. IF Hosts also help establish networks for disabled people using IF to enable peer support, sharing of information, and sharing of resources.

For more information about Individualised Funding go to <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-news-factsheets#if> and <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-keyprojects-ifp>.