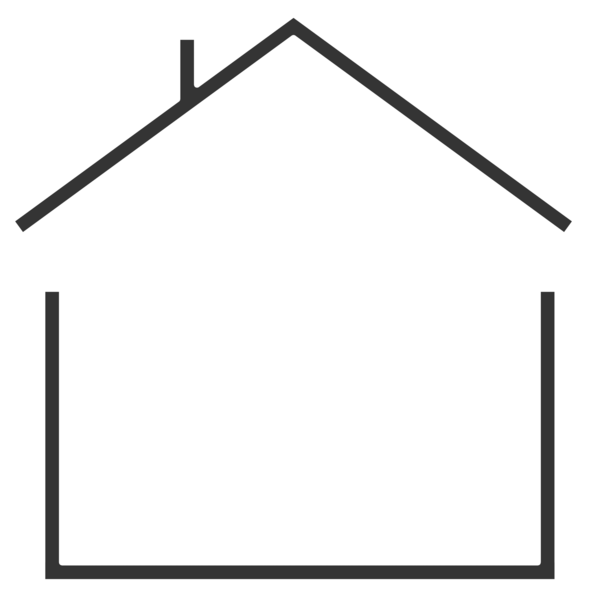


About the

My Home, My Choice

programme



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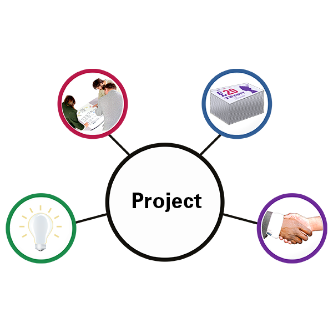
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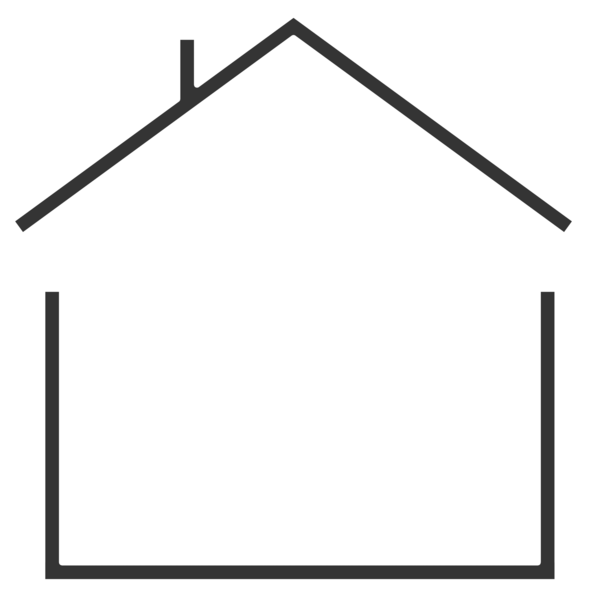
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Description automatically generatedWhaikaha is working on a **programme** called **My Home, My Choice**.

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A **programme** is work that looks to make something better.

The **My Home, My Choice** programme looks at what changes are needed so that people in **residential services** have more:



* choice in their lives
* control in their lives.

**Residential services** is when disabled people:

* + live in home / flat in the community



* + get support all through the day / night.

# Information about some of the website links in this document

You will see website links in this document that start with:

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**bit.ly** is a website that makes long website links:

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We use bit.ly so the links in our Easy Read documents are easy to use.

# What is My Home, My Choice?

A person in a wheelchair

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe My Home, My Choice programme looks at what changes are needed so that people in residential services have more:

* choice in their lives
* control in their lives.

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We are looking at changing how we:

* support people to live their lives the way they want to
* support people to use everyday places like:
* libraries
* parks
* cafes.

The My Home, My Choice programme will also look at making things better so that tāngata whaikaha / disabled people have the same choices as

non-disabled people to live a good life.

Diagram

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This includes:

* the places they go to learn like college / university
* having a choice about the kinds of work they do
* A group of people posing for a picture

  Description automatically generated with low confidencehaving a home / safe place to live
* being part of their local community.

Logo

Description automatically generatedThe My Home, My Choice programme is following the **Enabling Good Lives** way of doing things.

**Diagram

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceEnabling Good Lives** is a different  
way of thinking about disability  
support.

Enabling Good Lives is about having:

* choice and control in your life
* the support you need and want
* a good life.

# Who is working on My Home, My Choice?



The My Home, My Choice programme team at Whaikaha will work together with:

* A group of people posing for a photo

  Description automatically generateddisabled people
* tāngata whaikaha Māori
* whānau / family of disabled people
* the Government.

The My Home, My Choice programme team includes:

people who have important jobs at Whaikaha called **senior members**

* Amanda Bleckmann who is the:
  + Deputy Chief Executive Operational Design and Delivery at Whaikaha
  + **sponsor** of My Home, My Choice programme
* the **patrons** of the My Home, My Choice programme:
* Sir Robert Martin KNZM
*  Gary Williams MNZM
* a **steering group**.

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Description automatically generatedA **sponsor / patron** is someone who supports a programme in ways like:

leading a programme

offering the support needed to make sure the programme goes well.



A **steering group** is a group of people who guide the work being done on the programme.



This steering group is made up of:

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tāngata whaikaha Māori

whānau / family of disabled people

A person in a wheelchair

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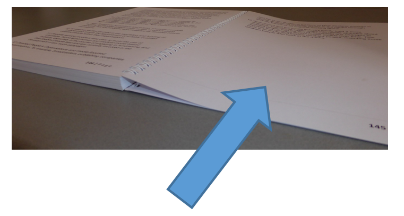
disability service providers.

# What documents

# My Home, My Choice uses



The Whaikaha programme team is using some important documents to guide how My Home, My Choice works

We talk about the documents we are using on **pages 12 to 19** of this document.

## The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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**The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with  
Disabilities** is a law lots of countries have agreed to.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is also called the **UNCRPD**.

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The UNCRPD says what governments must do to make sure disabled people get the same **rights** as everybody else.

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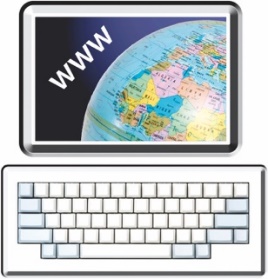
Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Rights** are the things everyone should have to live a good life like:

* a safe place to live
* food to eat
* good medical care.

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You can find out more about the UNCRPD in an Easy Read document called:

**International agreement on the rights of disabled people.**



You can find this document at:

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## Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi

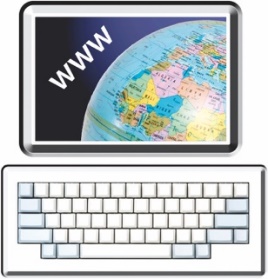
**Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi** is a legal document that was signed in 1840.

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Description automatically generatedTe Tiriti / The Treaty is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

making decisions together

protecting things that are  
important to Māori.

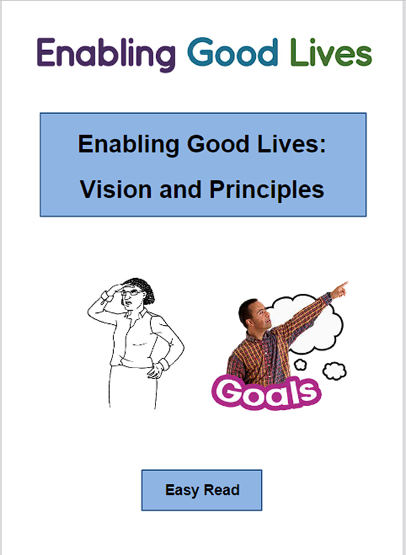
You can find more Easy Read information about Te Tiriti / The Treatyat this **website**:

**www.treatypeople.org/easyread**

## Logo Description automatically generatedThe Enabling Good Lives principles



**Principles** are rules that tell people how things should be done.



You can find out more about Enabling Good Lives in the Easy Read document called:   
  
**Enabling Good Lives: Vision and Principles.**



You can find this document at this **website**:

**https://bit.ly/41x8f9O**

## The Health Services and Outcomes Inquiry

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Description automatically generated**The Health Services and Outcomes Inquiry** is about hearing **complaints** from Māori about:

* health services like doctors
* disability support services.

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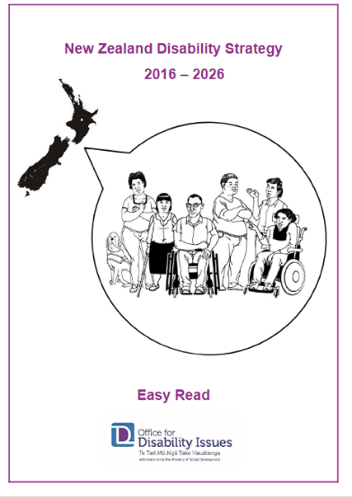
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A **complaint** is when you tell someone you are not happy about something.

You can find more information on this **website**:

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## New Zealand Disability Strategy

**The New Zealand Disability Strategy** makes sure that disabled people in New Zealand have the rights as set out by the UNCRPD.

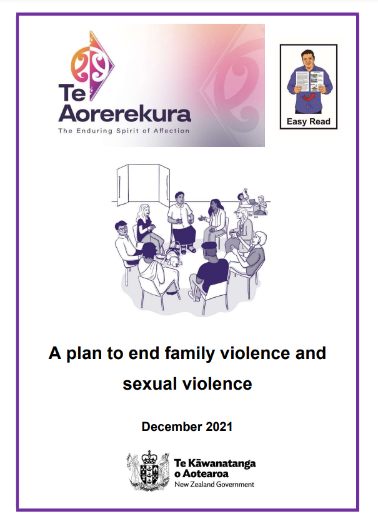
You can find more Easy Read information in a document called:

**New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026.**

You can find this Easy Read document at this **website**:

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## A picture containing linedrawing Description automatically generatedTe Aorerekura National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence

**Te Aorerekura** is a plan for how the Government will stop family violence and sexual violence in New Zealand.

You can find out more in the Easy Read document called:

**A plan to end family violence and sexual violence.**



You can find this Easy Read document on this **website**:

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## Logo Description automatically generated with low confidenceWhat was learned from the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

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The **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is looking into abuse that happened to people in care.

You can find Easy Read documents about the Inquiry at this **website**:

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# How to stay updated and get involved



As we work on the My Home, My Choice programme you will be able to share your ideas / experiences about residential services.

The My Home, My Choice programme team will put updates on:

the Whaikaha **website**:

[**www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/policy-strategies-and-action-plans/my-home-my-choice**](http://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/policy-strategies-and-action-plans/my-home-my-choice)

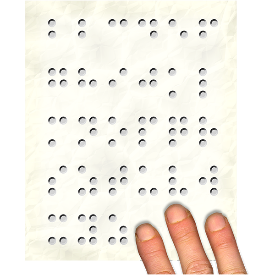
* social media like the Whaikaha **Facebook** page:

**www.facebook.com/whaikaha.govt**

The My Home, My Choice programme team will:

* hold webinars / online meetings
* put out newsletters.

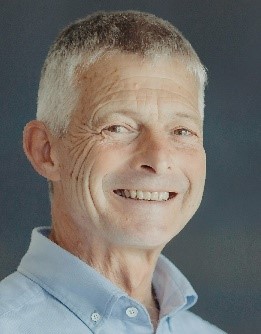
The updates on the website will be available in alternate formats like:

* Easy Read
* New Zealand Sign Language
* Braille
* large print
* audio.

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Description automatically generatedYou can sign up to get the newsletter by **emailing**:

[**My\_home\_my\_choice@whaikaha.govt.nz**](mailto:My_home_my_choice@whaikaha.govt.nz)

You can also contact the My Home, My Choice programme leads:

* Gordon Boxall
* Kelly Woolston.

You can contact Gordon or Kelly by:

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* **email**:

**My\_home\_my\_choice@whaikaha.govt.nz**

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* **phone**: **0800 566 601**
* **text**: **4206**



You can contact Gordon or Kelly:

on Monday to Friday



from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

You can send Gordon or Kelly a text at any time.

They will get back to you as soon as they can.

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