

Accessible Family and Sexual Violence Services for Disabled People

Supporting mainstream family violence and sexual violence providers to improve their accessibility to disabled people

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This initiative responds to physical and digital barriers that disabled people experience when accessing family violence and sexual violence support services.

The Government is investing \$3.419 million over two years to support some family violence and sexual violence providers funded by MSD to be more accessible for disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori.

- Disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori experience significantly higher rates of interpersonal violence across their lifetimes than other New Zealanders.
- This initiative will provide some financial assistance for change-ready, MSD-funded family violence and sexual violence providers to:
 - receive a specialist accessibility assessment of their physical and/or digital sites with recommended changes
 - help to implement those changes where possible.
- Funding will also be used to understand the full extent of access barriers across the family violence and sexual violence system.
- This initiative aligns with the 'Safeguarding Adults at Risk and Disabled People from Violence and Abuse' initiative led by Whaikaha, the Ministry of Disabled People.
- This initiative is part of a whole-of-government Te Puna Aonui package of \$73.480 million over four years to fill key gaps and improve outcomes for family violence and sexual violence services.
- This initiative supports the delivery of the following Te Aorerekura actions:
 - Action 29: Develop a plan to fill the service gaps for family violence
 - Action 30: Develop a plan to fill the service gaps for sexual violence.
- The long-term outcomes of this initiative include:
 - improved access of disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori to mainstream family violence and sexual violence services
 - a greater understanding of the mainstream service gaps that currently exist for all disabled people across the family violence and sexual violence sector.

Costs (\$m, operating)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	TOTAL
	-	1.716	1.703	-	-	3.419