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**How the Government   
is getting on with the Disability Action Plan**

**6-monthly report:**

**January 2021 to June 2021**



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**Before you start**



This is a long document.



While it is written in Easy Read it can be hard for some people to read a document this long.



Some things you can do to make it easier are:

* read it a few pages at a time
* have someone help you to understand it.

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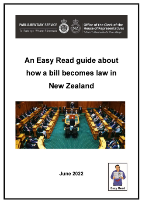
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* new
* being changed.

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To find out more about how laws are made there is Easy Read information called:

**An Easy Read guide about how a bill becomes law in New Zealand**

You can find the document online on the Parliamentary Services **website**:

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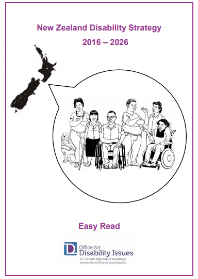
**What is this report about?**



This Easy Read document is a report about how well the **Disability Action Plan** is working.



The **Disability Action Plan** is how the Government will make the **New Zealand Disability Strategy** happen**.**

The **New Zealand Disability Strategy** works to make sure disabled people:

* are treated fairly
* get what they need to have a good life
* are part of the community
* can make their own decisions.

There are Easy Read translations about the:

* New Zealand Disability Strategy
* Disability Action Plan.

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Description automatically generatedYou can find these Easy Read translations on the Office for Disability Issues **website**:

**https://www.odi.govt.nz**

**What is the Disability Action Plan?**



The Disability Action Plan started in November 2019.

The Disability Action Plan works to improve the **wellbeing** of disabled people by working on 8 main **outcomes**.



**Wellbeing** means how people feel about their lives.

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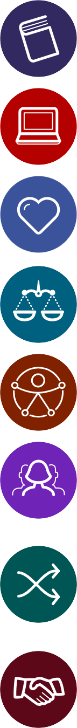
* health



* money
* housing.

**Outcomes** are the things we want to happen from the Disability Action Plan.

These outcomes are:



1. Education
2. Jobs and money
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Protecting the rights of disabled people
5. Accessibility
6. Attitudes towards disability
7. Disabled people having choices   
    and control over their own lives
8. Disabled people as leaders

You can find more information about the things being worked on in each of these outcomes in the Disability Action Plan.

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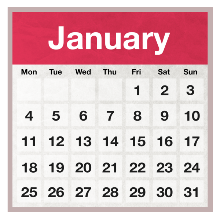
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Description automatically generatedEvery 6 months the Office for Disability Issues puts out a report about what the different parts of Government are doing from the Disability Action Plan.



This report looks at what the different parts of Government did from:

**January 2021**

to

**June 2021**.



These reports are 1 of the ways to see how well the Disability Action Plan is working.



**3**

This report is the third report they have done.

**What has happened so far?**



**29**

The Disability Action Plan has **29** work programmes.

A close-up of a human foot

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The people working on **2** of these programmes said their work is finished.

**2**



**4**

The people working on **4** of these programmes said their work is going well.



The people working on these **4** programmes said they are meeting the **goals** set out in the Plan.

**Goals** are the things the people planned to do by a certain time.

Some of those **4** people said they are further ahead than planned.

The people working on 18 of the programmes said they will finish on time.

**18**

The people working on **4** of the programmes said they have not done as much as the plan said.



**4**

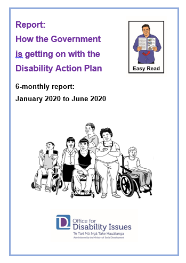


The people working on these **4** programmes said they think they will still finish their work on time.

**1** of the work programmes has had problems with doing its work on time because of COVID-19.



**1**

Some important things have been done by different government departments.

In this Easy Read report we look at what the government departments have been doing for each outcome:

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* the Ministry of Health



* the Ministry of Justice



* Waka Kotahi – the New Zealand Transport Agency



* Kāinga Ora which looks after social housing.

**What the Ministry of Social Development**

**has done**



The **Ministry of Social Development** is a part of the New Zealand Government.

C:\Users\Dan.LAPTOP-7634NFR4\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\Msd Logo Crest Below 30mm   Black_91792.jpgThe **Ministry of Social Development** is also known   
as **MSD**.



MSD supports people with things like:

* finding a job



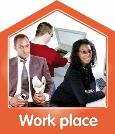
* getting money if you do not work
* getting money if you are studying



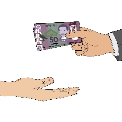
* finding a place to live.

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Description automatically generatedMSD is working on Outcome 2 of the Disability Action Plan.

Outcome 2 is about:

* jobs



* making sure people have enough money to live a healthy life.

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The report says MSD is working with the **Access Alliance** to look at laws for accessibility.

A person pushing a person in a wheelchair

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The **Access Alliance** is a group made up of organisations who speak up about disability.

A picture containing person, loudspeaker, indoor, megaphone

Description automatically generatedSome of the groups in the Access Alliance are:

* advocacy organisations who speak up about the rights of people with disability.
* service providers supporting disabled people
* A group of people sitting in chairs

  Description automatically generated with low confidenceDisabled People’s Organisations who:
* represent people with disability
* are run by disabled people.

A group of people posing for the camera

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The Access Alliance group wants to make sure disabled people are fully included in New Zealand society.

A picture containing person, person, indoor

Description automatically generatedThe report says MSD now has an **internship coordinator**.

A picture containing computer, person, computer, sitting

Description automatically generatedAn **internship** is when someone gets work experience doing a job about their studies.

They can be:

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* paid
* unpaid.



A **coordinator** is someone who brings together all the people and things to get a job done.

Two people in a wheelchair

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe report also says the coordinator will work with **tertiary organisations** to support disabled students to get **internships** with government.

A group of men looking at a computer screen

Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Tertiary organisations** are places that people go to after high school / college to do more learning.

Diagram

Description automatically generatedSome tertiary organisations are:

* universities
* polytechnics.

**What the Ministry of Health has done**

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The **Ministry of Health** is a part of the New Zealand Government.



The **Ministry of Health** is in charge of health care in New Zealand.

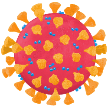
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Outcome 3 is about:

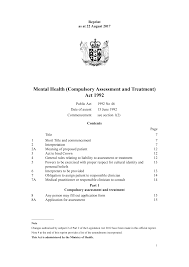
* health
* wellbeing.

****The Ministry of Health is leading a number of work programmes in the Disability Action Plan.

The report says most of the work the Ministry of Health is doing for the Disability Action Plan is delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Description automatically generated**The report says the government is going to replace a law called the **Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act** **1992**.

The **Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act** **1992** is about things like if people with mental illness can:

* A picture containing text

  Description automatically generatedbe given treatment they do not want
* be made to stay in hospital if they do not want to.

A building with a flag on top

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Parliament needs to agree to the law.

Many disabled people think the law needs to be changed so people get better care.

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Description automatically generatedSee page 3** for a link to Easy Read information about how a law is made.

**What the Ministry of Justice has done**

**C:\Users\Dan.LAPTOP-7634NFR4\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\ministry of justice.jpgThe Ministry of Justice** is a part of the New Zealand Government.

It is in charge of things like:

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* courts
* prisons



* police
* less people breaking the law
* supporting **victims.**

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A **victim** is a person who is harmed or injured during a crime.

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Description automatically generatedThe Ministry of Justice is looking at Outcome 4 of the Disability Action Plan.



Outcome 4 is about protecting the rights of disabled people.



The report says there is a new form for prisoners so that the Ministry of Justice can collect **data** about disabled people.



**Data** means information about things.

This data means more can be done to support prisoners with disabilities.

The report says the Sexual Violence **Bill** has had its **first reading**.

**A picture containing text

Description automatically generated**A **bill** is something that will become a law if parliament agrees to it.

The **first reading** is when Members of Parliament talk about the bill.

The Members of Parliament vote on what to do with the bill.



If more than half vote yes the bill will go to the next stage.

**See page 3** for a link to Easy Read information about how a law is made.

Map

Description automatically generatedThe Sexual Violence Bill was made to change some things in the law to protect victims of sexual violence.

****The bill wants to make it not so bad for victims when they have to give evidence in court about their experience.

It can be scary or painful to remember what happened.



The report says the Ministry of Justice set up a communication assistance programme.

The programme finds out what assistance disabled people need when going through the court process.

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Description automatically generated**The report also says the Ministry of Justice is asking people what they think about the adoption law reform.

A black and white drawing of two people

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe adoption law reform is being changed so it is:

* a better fit for what things are like now
* about what is best for children.

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The report says a new law called Family Court (Supporting Children in Court) Act is at **select committee**.

A person holding a magnifying glass

Description automatically generatedA **select committee** is when a smaller group of Members of Parliament take a closer look at the bill.

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**See page 3** for a link to Easy Read information about how a law is made.

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The Family Court (Supporting Children in Court) Act is a law that will make sure children can have their views heard in family court cases.

**What Waka Kotahi has done**

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**Waka Kotahi** is the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Waka Kotahi looks after things like:

* transport safety
* road signs
* driving licences.

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Waka Kotahi is looking at Outcome 5 of the Disability Action Plan.



Outcome 5 is about making things accessible.

****The report says Waka Kotahi wants to:

* better understand the transport experience of disabled people

****

* look at the barriers that are there for people who want to use the **Total Mobility** scheme**.**

**Total Mobility** is a scheme for people with:

* disabilities
* long term impairments.

Total Mobility provides:

* electronic cards or vouchers that make transport cheaper



* funding so providers can get accessible vehicles for wheelchair users.

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The report says Waka Kotahi is also finding out some things about noises made by electric buses because people with low vision cannot hear them coming.



Waka Kotahi will let the Government know what they need to do to make transport better for disabled people.

Diagram

Description automatically generatedWaka Kotahi also wants its tools to be accessible for disabled people.

An example of a tool is Journey Planner which helps plan trips from start to end.

**What Kāinga Ora has done**

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Kāinga Ora is an agency for:

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* homes
* community.

**C:\Users\Dan.LAPTOP-7634NFR4\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\KIWIBUILD NZ.PNG**It brings together the people from:

**Logo, company name

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* KiwiBuild
* Housing New Zealand
* Homes. Land. Community.

Icon

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Kāinga Ora is also looking at Outcome 5 of the Disability Action Plan.

Kāinga Ora works on building projects with:

* **developers**
* the Māori community.

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**Developers** are people who build lots of homes.

**A building with a flag on top

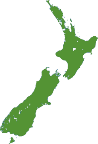
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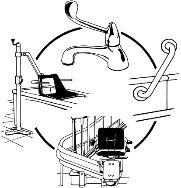
* **local government**
* **central government**.



**Local government** is in charge of:

* regions
* towns
* cities.

**Central government** is in charge of the whole country.



The report say Kainga Ora has adapted **four thousand five hundred** homes for people so they can be more independent.

They worked with the people using these buildings to:

* find out the individual needs of the people using the buildings

Diagram, engineering drawing

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* put the right support systems in place.

**Other work that has been done**

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**Outcome 2: Jobs and money**

A person holding a certificate

Description automatically generatedThe report says a New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing will be launched soon.

A diploma is a certificate that shows a person has done some study.

A picture containing person, person, furniture, seat

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The diploma will train experienced support workers to support people with complex needs.

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Description automatically generated**Outcome 3: Health and wellbeing**

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The report says the **Office for Seniors** has money from the government to do the things in the **Better Later Life Action Plan**.

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The Office for Seniors advises the Government on things that affect older people.

A picture containing text, outdoor

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The Better Later Life Action Plan tells us what Government will do to make things better for older people over the next 3 years.

The report says **Sport New Zealand** has a **Disability Plan** that is going well.

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**Sport New Zealand** works to make sure people have a good time playing sport.

Text

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The Sport NZ Disability Plan is about making sure disabled people can have equal access to **recreation** and sport.

A person playing ping pong

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**Recreation** is when people do something for fun when they are not working.

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Description automatically generatedOutcome 7: Choice and control**

Text

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe report says disabled people in some regions continue to get support for:

* Mana Whaikaha which is a disability support system offering more choice for:
* disabled people
* A group of people posing for a photo

  Description automatically generatedtāngata whaikaha Māori / Māori disabled people
* their whānau / aiga / families.
* Logo

  Description automatically generatedEnabling Good Lives which gives disabled people and their whānau / families more choice and control over their support.

A picture containing silhouette

Description automatically generatedThe report says a **cabinet paper** is being written about a national roll out of Enabling Good Lives.

A picture containing book, text, linedrawing, vector graphics

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A **cabinet paper** is written by a Minister and shared with other Ministers to see what they think.

Two people sitting at a table

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The report also says the Supported Decision Making document is being worked on.

A picture containing person, indoor, standing

Description automatically generatedThe report says there is more work being done to get more disabled people in leadership positions.

A picture containing diagram

Description automatically generatedA lot of the work has been done   
on keeping the list with all the positions up to date.

**About the work on Disability Data**

A picture containing diagram

Description automatically generatedThe report says the work on **disability data**:

* does not fit in one outcome
* belongs to all government agencies.

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**Disability data** is the information collected about disabled people.

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To make **Government** **policy** we need to know about disabled people in New Zealand.



**Government policy** is what Government chooses to do to make things better for people.

A person holding a light bulb

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceTo find out about disabled people the Government looks at the information it collects.

A picture containing clothing, person, person, hairpiece

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Every 6 months the working group on disability data reports to the Minister of Disability Issues.

**What has not been done**



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Description automatically generatedThe report says information about the work on Outcome 1: Education is not in this report.

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Description automatically generatedA picture containing text, businesscard

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A picture containing text, clipart

Description automatically generatedThe reports for education were not in on time.

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Description automatically generatedThe late reports could not be **approved** in the way that was agreed with the **Disabled People’s Organisations Coalition**.

**A drawing of a person

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceApproved** means that the reports are checked to make sure they are okay.

A picture containing text

Description automatically generatedThe **Disabled People’s Organisations Coalition** is a group of Disabled People’s Organisations working towards the same goals.

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Outcome 6 in the Disability Action Plan is about **attitudes** towards disability.

**Attitudes** towards disability means changing the ways people think about disability.

This means we want disabled people to be:



* understood
* accepted.

This outcome will change attitudes by ending the negative ideas that some people have about disability.

This will be done by:

* making sure we know more about the needs of disabled people
* making sure disabled people are involved in more projects about changing attitudes towards disability
* listening to disabled people.

A child standing in front of a flag

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThere are no programmes for Outcome 6 which is about the way people think and act towards disabled people.

The report says that the way people think and act will improve by doing all the work talked about in this report well.

**Where to find more information**

You can find more information about what other government agencies have done in the full report called:

**Office for Disability Issues:**

**Bi-annual Progress Report –**

**January 2021 to June 2021**

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You can find this report on the Office for Disability Issues website:

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