

## **Disability Perspectives Checklist**

(NMDHB 2007)

<p><b>1 - Understanding the context of disability issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The language used is appropriate and recognises the social model of disability and the human rights approach.</li> </ul> <p>Contextual information is provided about disabled people including, for example, the history of service provision in the district and/or statistical information available.</p>
<p><b>2 - Maximising opportunities for disabled people</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant objectives of the New Zealand Disability Strategy are identified.</li> <li>• The overarching goals in the proposal are identified as consistent with the aspirations of the New Zealand Disability Strategy.</li> <li>• Disabled people are identified as benefiting from proposed service developments.</li> <li>• Analysis of the proposal/service developments considers whether they foster inclusion, integration and empowerment of disabled people.</li> <li>• This project is communicated in a way which will facilitate the New Zealand Disability Strategy.</li> <li>• Measures are proposed to collect utilisation and outcomes data for disabled people.</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for review or change to ensure good outcomes for disabled people are identified.</p>
<p><b>3 - Removing barriers to participation and independence</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers experienced by disabled people are identified.</li> <li>• Issues with the information available about disabled people are identified along with proposed solutions.</li> <li>• Some proposed actions target disabled people to ensure barriers are removed.</li> </ul> <p>Disabled people are included in any evaluative or piloting samples.</p>
<p><b>4 - Involving the disability community and wider disability sector</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The disability community and wider disability sector have been consulted in the process of developing this project/service.</li> <li>• Future project plans explain how the disability community will be involved in the process.</li> </ul> <p>Varied approaches are used to ensure the disability community is informed of the decisions and have access to service developments.</p>

<b>1 - Understand the context of disability issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you have knowledge of the aspirations of the NZ Disability Strategy? For example, do you know about the social model of disability, the human rights dimensions of the Strategy, or the history of disability issues in New Zealand in relation to your portfolio area?</li> <li>Have you considered whether programmes in your portfolio area have historically excluded or segregated disabled people from their community?</li> <li>What efforts have been made to find out how many disabled people there may be amongst your target population?</li> </ul> <p>What efforts have been made to find out the scope of unmet need in your portfolio area?</p>					
<b>Project analysis pathways</b>	<b>Define problem, gather information</b>	<b>Identify objectives, desired outcomes</b>	<b>Construct alternatives, develop options</b>	<b>Analyse options, to achieve outcomes</b>	<b>Decide, implement</b>	<b>Monitor, evaluate</b>
<b>2 - Maximise opportunities for disabled people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are disabled people affected by the service issue? Does dealing with this problem provide opportunities to deal with other issues for disabled people?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you stated or clarified desired outcomes for disabled people? Do the overarching goals in your portfolio area reflect the aspirations of the NZ Disability Strategy?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you checked the NZ Disability Strategy objectives and actions? Do the options offer meaningful and effective opportunities for disabled people?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it possible to progress the aspirations of the NZ Disability Strategy through this project/service? Do the options promote inclusion, integration and empowerment of disabled people?</li> </ul>	<p>How can you communicate the objectives of this policy in a way which will facilitate implementation of the NZ Disability Strategy?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there measures in place which will collect utilisation and outcomes data for disabled people? Are there opportunities for change to ensure good outcomes for disabled people?</li> </ul>
<b>3 - Remove barriers to participation and independence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you analysed barriers to participation for disabled people in your portfolio area? Is there enough information available to understand the problem in relation to disabled people?</li> </ul>	<p>Do the objectives need to target disabled people to ensure barriers are removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can you eliminate barriers identified in the problem definition phase? Would options with explicit measures aimed at addressing barriers for disabled people contribute to achieving the objectives?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you considered the peripheral impact of your options on disabled people? Have you organised mitigations for any of the risks that are identified around disabled people?</li> </ul>	<p>Are there a variety of approaches used to ensure disabled people are informed of the service decisions and have access to project initiatives and service developments been developed?</p>	<p>Are disabled people included in any evaluative or piloting samples?</p>
<b>4 - Involve disabled people and the wider disability sector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you checked with the disability community and wider disability sector to see what information sources are available?</li> <li>Does your project plan and/or implementation plan explain how the disability community are/were/will be involved in the process?</li> <li>What consultation techniques will you use, or have you used, to check assumptions and decisions with the disability community at all stages of the project and serve development process?</li> <li>Have you amended decisions and assumptions to reflect advice provided by the disability community and wider disability sector?</li> </ul> <p>Have you used accessible formats when providing information about your policy to the public?</p>					