



Individualised Funding

Lifewise Health & Disability Service 2021

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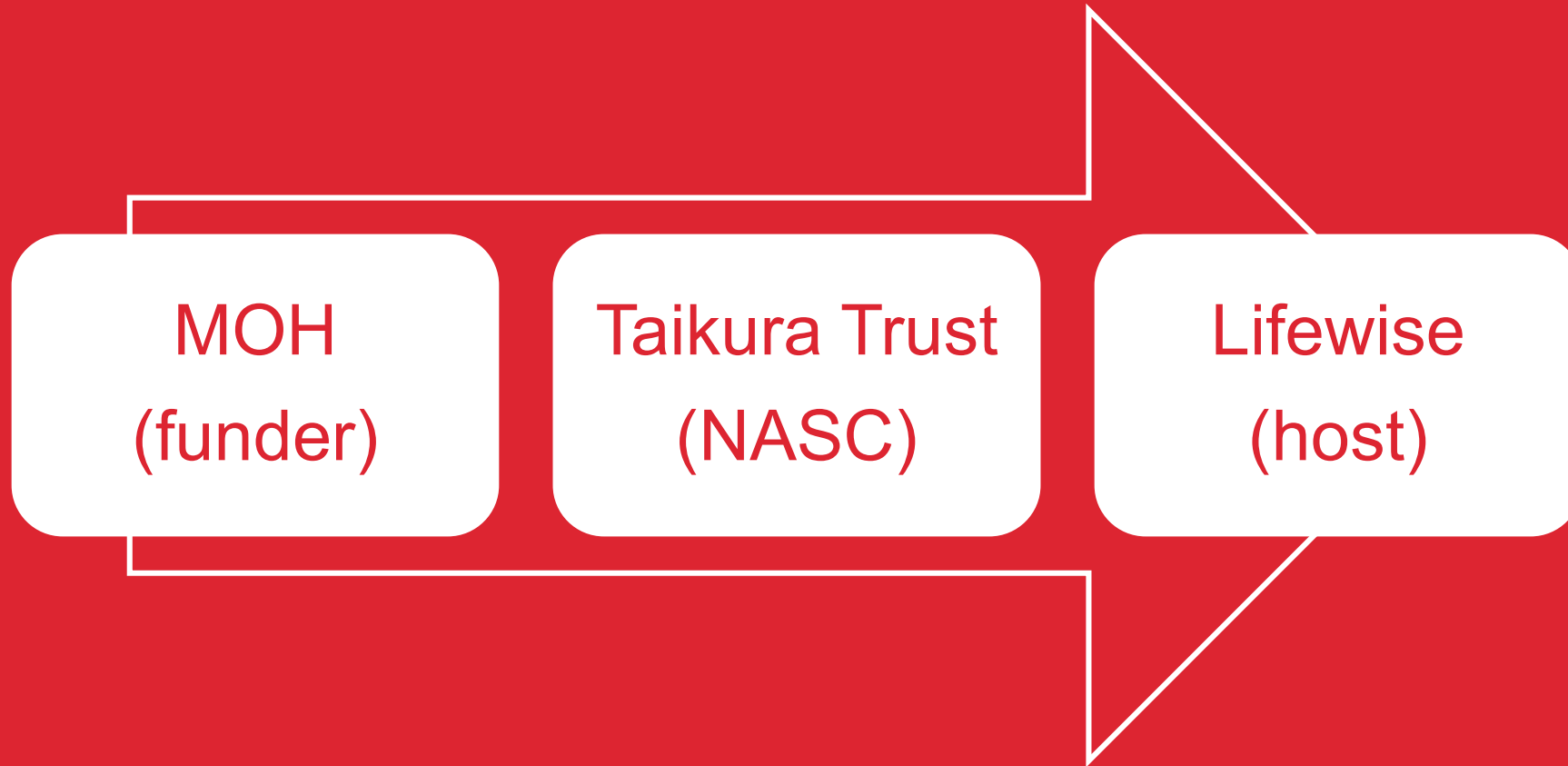


What is Individualised Funding (IF)?

- A personal budget
- Choice
- Control
- Flexibility

IF can be really **simple** and **easy** to use with the right host

Who is involved



Getting started with IF

- Self-refer to Taikura Trust (online or phone)
- Or, ask GP to do a referral for you
- Provide evidence of your child's disability
- Needs assessment by Taikura Trust
- Choose a host to help support you e.g. Lifewise
- Taikura Trust sends Lifewise the paperwork to get started
- Lifewise visits you to get you started



Types of IF support

Personal Care (PC)

Household Management (HM)

Respite Care (RC)

Personal Care (PC)

- Bathing/showering
- Dressing/undressing
- Shaving
- Washing/brushing hair
- Brushing teeth
- Toileting
- Feeding/eating
- Exercise
- Medication





Household Management (HM)

- Meal preparation
- Laundry
- Housework
- Shopping
- Medical/hospital appointments

NOT outside tasks

Respite Care (RC) – having a break

- Activities in the community e.g. movies, bowling, horse riding, swimming, holiday programme, MOTAT, gymnastics, therapy
- Support Worker can come to person's house and care for them while carer goes out or does other things
- Support Worker can take the person out without carer
- Person can stay at someone's house overnight or during day
- Person can go to a respite facility



Flexible spending

You may be able to purchase 'things' using your IF budget, if:

- a. It is a disability support
- b. It makes the person's life better or improves it in some way
- c. It is cost effective and reasonable
- d. It is not subject to an exclusion
- e. It fits within your budget

Always check with your IF host before making a purchase.



Make a plan

- Set **goals**
- Make a **plan** of how you will use the support
- Have a **back-up plan** if workers are away
- The plan is a guide for Support Workers
- It is the written proof of how you are using the funding





Workout a budget

Lifewise helps you to set a budget based on:

- Amount of money you have
- How much you pay someone per hour
- Your needs

You can use IF daily, weekly, only at weekends, monthly, or only in the school holidays, or when needed.

IF Employment

You choose:

- If you employ individual support workers, or
- If you contract an agency, or
- If you contract a self-employed person, or
- If you use activities in the community (RC)

You can do a combination of the above





Who can you employ?

CAN:

- Family member*
- Neighbour
- Friend
- Support Worker
- Agency
- Community activity

*N.B. family living in the same house as the disabled person can only be employed if the disabled person is assessed as having high or very high needs, and has PC and/or HM support

CAN'T:

- Someone who is not legally able to work in NZ
- The disabled person's agent*

* in most circumstances (discuss with us first)

IF Employment – with host support

If you employ or contract someone:

- Have a signed employment agreement
- Pay minimum legal hourly rates
- Keep records of the time worked
- Keep leave records
- Ensure tax, ACC levy and Kiwisaver are paid
- Manage health and safety issues
- Be fair and reasonable





IF Payments

You decide:

- If you manage payroll, or
- If Lifewise manages this for you (for a small fee from your IF budget - \$120 a year)

You submit:

- Timesheets, or
- Invoices, or
- Expense Claims

Useful links

- www.lifewise.org.nz – Host
- www.taikura.org.nz – NASC or 0800 824 5872
- www.disabilityconnect.org.nz – advice and information
- www.health.govt.nz/our-work/disability-services (Ministry of Health)

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