

Applications for Equipment and Housing Modifications for People who have Challenging Behaviours.

The Ministry of Health is developing a clear process for applications for funding of equipment and housing modifications for people with challenging behaviour. We hope to have this completed by the end of November 2009.

While this process is being developed, all applications submitted before the process has been formalised and circulated should be supported by evidence including:

- That there has been a recent (within the previous 6 months) multidisciplinary meeting, to include the NASC, family or caregiver, and other relevant agencies, to discuss the situation and consider all options for the person.
- A current Needs Assessment
- That the request for equipment or housing modification is incorporated into the overall plan of care/support for the person.
- The plan of care focuses on current and ongoing support needs.
- That consideration of transition to natural supports is incorporated into plans.