## Wairarapa disability respite market

Wairarapa at a glance (Focus NASC region)

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| Number of people receiving DSS support in region  | **349** |
| Number of people allocated respite in region (includes Carer Support) | **162** |
| % people allocated respite who are Māori | **25%** |
| % people with respite allocation aged 21 years or under | **68%** |

## Current respite allocations

* 48 people are allocated facility-based respite (45% are aged 21 years or less). The total annual value of the facility-based respite allocation in the Wairarapa region is currently $169,000.
* Three people are currently allocated contracted in-home respite, at a total value of approx. $26,000 per year.
* 143 people are allocated Carer Support, at a total value of around $410,000 per year.
* Six people in the Wairarapa region use IF Respite at a value of $48,000.
* Eight people have been using other respite funding at a value of $36,000.

## Current respite options available

### Overnight respite options

* There is one dedicated facility-based respite service for children aged and young adults aged 5 to 21 in Masterton. This service is also used by children and young people with disabilities on referral from the Ministry for Children, Oranga Tamariki. This service is currently rebuilding its client base after a change in provider.
* There are no dedicated respite houses for adults in the Wairarapa, but there is a dedicated respite bed available in a community residential house for people with physical disabilities. This bed has around 30% occupancy.
* There are three aged care facilities who support adults with disabilities for respite.

### Daytime respite options

* There are around three services that offer weekday activity options for adults. These include community participation programmes and day services.
* There are currently no disability-specific out-of-school care programmes. Mainstream out-of-school care programmes operate, including one that we are aware of that has experience in supporting children with disabilities.
* There is one holiday camp that has experience in supporting children with disabilities.
* Sporting options include Riding for the Disabled, Boccia, Halberg Allsports, and Special Olympics.
* We have been unable to identify any other social or recreational options available in the region for children or adults.

## Gaps in the Wairarapa respite market

* There is unlikely to be the population-base to support additional facility-based respite in the region. Consideration could be given to age appropriate respite options for adults.
* Scope exists to develop disability-accessible out-of-school care options, and social, recreational or sporting options for children and adults across the region. This includes ensuring that there are inclusive and accessible mainstream options available for people with disabilities.