



Support for Personal Carers, Respite and Aged Residential Care

Each region has a Needs Assessment and Service Coordination Agency (NASC). Arohanui Hospice works closely with the NASC agencies, accessing assessments and care packages to support people remaining at home.

If required, the NASC agencies will arrange assessments for respite and permanent care in aged residential care facilities. To access a list of vacancies in aged residential care facilities go to: www.eldernet.co.nz.



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Other Support Do you Qualify?



If you are unsure whether you qualify, our Arohanui Hospice social workers can help you and your whānau/family understand what support may be available.

Additional Help During Times of Disability and Illness

Financial Assistance

Accessing a Benefit as a Carer

If you are caring for someone who has an illness or disability that would result in them qualifying for residential care, you may be able to access financial support through the Ministry of Social Development (MSD, previously WINZ).

Disability Allowance

The disability allowance is a small weekly payment for people who have ongoing costs because of an illness or disability. Depending on your situation, you may qualify for this. It is accessed through MSD and is not asset tested, but does depend on how much you and your partner earn.

Community Services Card

The Community Services Card can help you and your whānau/family reduce the costs of healthcare. It is income tested and people need to be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and normally residing in New Zealand to qualify for this.

Funeral Grant

A funeral grant can help with some of the costs when someone has died. This is income and asset tested and the threshold is low. You can apply for the grant if you are either the partner, spouse, child, parent or guardian of the person who died, or the person arranging the funeral for someone with no partner, spouse or direct relation. The funeral grant can be discussed with your funeral director or with MSD. This usually occurs after someone has died.

Travel

Mobility Parking Permit

Mobility parking permit holders can use mobility parking spaces. Applications can be obtained through CSC Disability action or Sommerville Disability Support Services. A doctor needs to sign the form to verify the permit is required. There is a small cost to this.

Total Mobility Taxi Card

The Total Mobility Scheme (TMS) is jointly funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and Horizons Regional Council. The scheme provides people with disabilities or mobility issues with subsidised taxi travel.

Please talk to one of the Arohanui Hospice social workers for an assessment to be completed and sent to Horizons.

