

We would like to make a submission focusing on Q47 from your report: "Does the commissioning and purchasing system encourage bottom-up experimentation?"

On behalf of all New Zealand families with Very High Needs family members we are launching an initiative to recruit and train individuals to support these families members. Our initiative is a client-directed model....

We need seed support from such organisations to pilot our programmes, but plan to roll our programme out nationwide with views to build it up as a Social Enterprise. We are aware of the pressing challenge families are facing with recruiting the staff with the unique qualities we need.

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous support energy and enthusiasm of Manawanui InCharge around our new venture S.T.A.R.S. We would also like to acknowledge the willingness of Te Pou in exploring ways of supporting the S.T.A.R.S

Manawanui and Te Pou are supporting both our pilot workshops but also its real time evaluation - as we want to build a robust model to inform the disability sector. As this sector is evolving, so is the need to enrol and train our workforce as well as share amongst clients the stories in which the knowledge to get better outcomes is embedded.

Although we are not yet on the starting line with S.T.A.R.S, as this is your last day for submissions we wanted to acknowledge the outstanding support for our grass roots initiative.

Please see more detailed information about our initiative - unique to New Zealand - at: <http://www.tepou.co.nz/training/directory/view/294>

Kind Regards

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