

# Strengthening Housing First

As part of the Wellbeing Budget we are strengthening the Housing First programme to tackle the long-term challenge of chronic homelessness in New Zealand.

## What Housing First has achieved so far

### Housing First

Housing First is a collective response to homelessness in a community. It offers people immediate access to housing and then wraps around tailored support for as long as needed, to help people remain housed, and address the issues that led to their homelessness.

The Government funds Housing First programmes across New Zealand in Auckland, Christchurch, Tauranga, Hamilton and Rotorua, and is working to establish the programme in several other regions.

**720** total households have already been housed

**1,064** households have already been accepted into Housing First

There is a genuine partnership approach to delivering Housing First with a focus on collective impact.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development brings together local providers with their different strengths and expertise to resolve homelessness, with a long-term, people-centred and community based approach.

