



Media release

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Survey helps plan for a changing population

Selwyn residents living with a disabilities or caring for someone with a disability are being invited to participate in a survey which will help the Council and other organisations to plan for their needs.

One in four Cantabrians lives with a disability. As New Zealand's population ages in the future, disabilities will become more common.

"Selwyn District Council is surveying people living with a disability or caring for someone with a disability to gain a better understanding of their needs," says Community Development Team Leader Nicola Ogden.

"The survey results will help identify how the Council and other organisations such as government departments can include people with disabilities in their planning and service delivery."

A disability could include a hearing or visual impairment, difficulty getting around, a mental health issue, a learning disability, ADHD, Autism, chronic health needs and other issues.

The survey is being carried out by social researcher Sarah Wylie on behalf of the Council. Sarah also plans to interview a number of people living with disabilities to gain further information on their situation and needs.

"We would really appreciate people living with disabilities and people caring for them completing the survey which is open until 23 February," says Mrs Ogden.

The survey can be completed online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Local librarians or caregivers can also complete the survey on behalf of those with a disability or people can phone Sarah on 03 322 4218 to complete the survey over the telephone rather than online.

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Nicola Ogden on 347 2753.

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