

Community Integration Service (CIS)

Ko te whakaora, he hīkoi whakāmarama Māna anō tōna ake ara whakaora e whakarau.

A journey of discovery where an individual leads their own unique process of moving forwards.

Comcare's Community Integration Service (CIS) finds positive, creative solutions for people who are perceived by others or themselves, to be 'stuck' in hospital or residential services, when that level of clinical care is not required. The service works with people who have complex issues, social or otherwise, that create barriers for successful community living. CIS supports them to problem-solve a pathway forward to independent living.

Support is offered to people when accessing benefits and suitable housing, developing life skills, improving socialisation and networks, dealing with agencies, and increasing motivation. CIS coordinates the multiple agencies that are often involved in a person's care, taking on the lead agent role, with the aim of getting all parties working together with one agreed plan.

The team is committed to making sure that the right supports are developed for the individual. They are tried, tested, and sustainable beyond the involvement of the team.

Who can refer?

Referrals can be made by Clinical Case Managers and residential providers. GP's can also refer through Community Access Pathway (CAP).

Who is eligible?

People with a primary diagnosis of a psychiatric illness/AOD, who are over the age of 18 and living in the Christchurch area. It is also available to those residing in a hospital or residential setting.

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