Ageing in Place Position Statement

IHC, IDEA Services and Timata Hou believe that people with intellectual disability should be able to age in place. This means that we will support people to stay living safely in their home, or within our services, for their lifetime.

Therefore we will:

- Support people to remain active, healthy and engaged in their community networks
- Support older people, their peers, and families and whanau to understand and cope with any changes that happen as they age
- Advocate for the rights of older people with intellectual disability to age in place and receive appropriate care and support from other agencies
- Include older people and their family and whanau in all aspects of planning and decision-making for the future
- Honour the spiritual, cultural and personal values and beliefs of each person and their family and whanau at all stages of their life
- Ensure that our staff are knowledgeable and skilled in supporting older people with intellectual disability
- Support people in their last months, days and hours with dignity and respect and in-line with their wishes
- Actively consider the views and needs of others who live in the house when decisions about a person's end of life care or increased medical support are required
- Work collaboratively with community, health, aged care, and end of life service providers to meet people's holistic needs and ensure continuity of care
- Recognise when people need more specialist support than we can provide, and work individually with each person and their family to plan a successful transition to another provider