



**Claiming Full Citizenship  
Individualised Funding in  
New Zealand:  
A Purist Approach**

# INDIVIDUALISED FUNDING .... putting YOU IN CHARGE



# Manawanui

- Manawanui – what does it mean??
  - Big Mana, big heart, steadfast
  - Perseverance and tenacity
- New Zealand's only independent Individualised Funding Host Provider
- New Zealand's IF Experts
- New Zealand's IF Pioneers



# NZ Definitions

- Most common defining characteristics:
  - Funding amounts are determined based on individual need
  - A package of funding is allocated to an individual (not to agencies or groups) and
  - The individual decides how the funds are to be used

**But the premise is the same:**

*Personal control over government funding for supports*

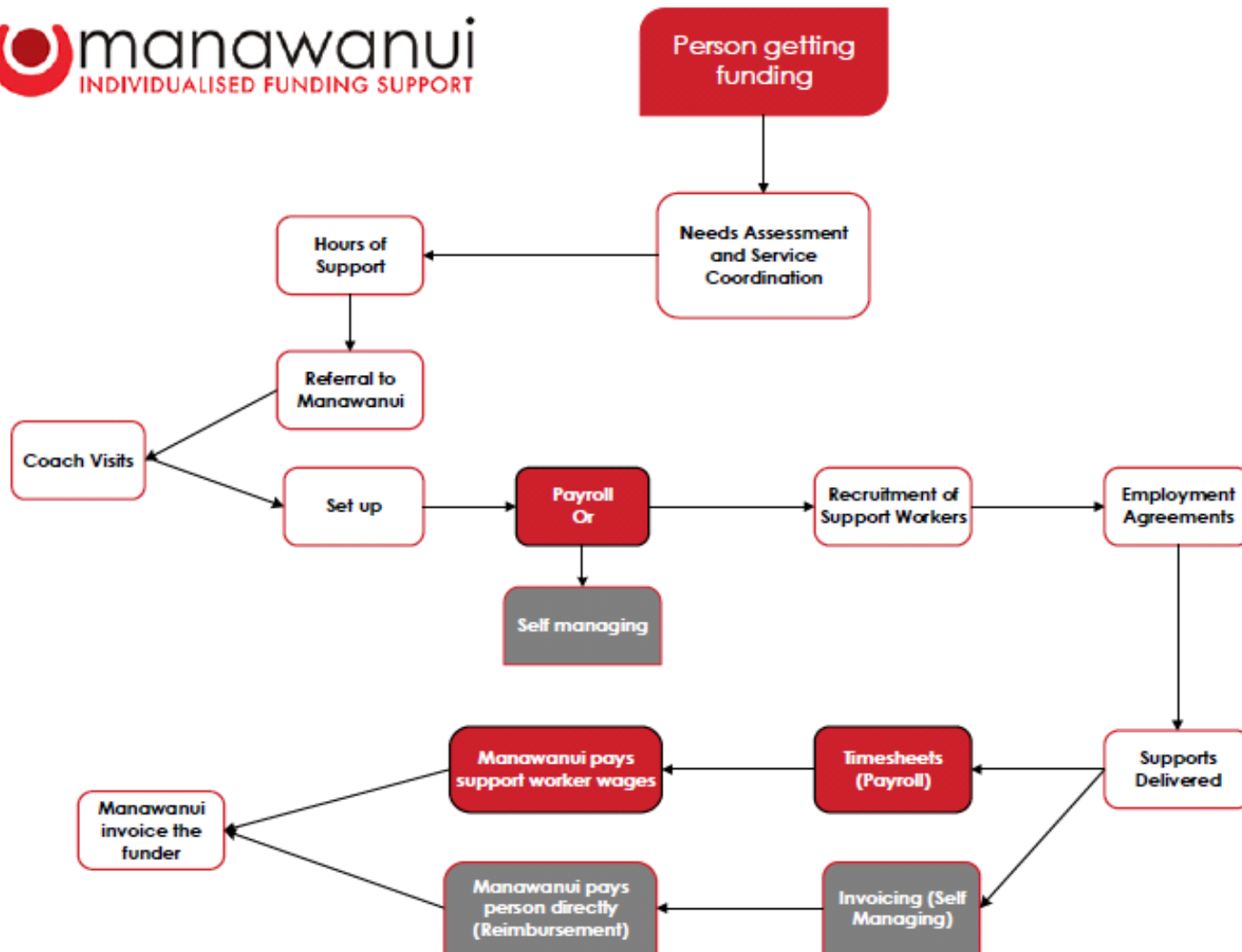
## The Purist view

- We take a hands off approach as much as possible
- We do not employ support workers or provide hands on support or services
- The person is in control of all purchasing decisions within the guidelines
- The person is in control of all recruitment and employment decisions.
- Manawanui is the conduit and bureaucratic buffer, an administration and consultative support
- Money sits with funder – not Manawanui

## Whats in and Whats out?

- Hours of Support and associated overheads
- Personal Care and Household management
- Its out if a nondisabled person has to buy it
- Its out if it is funded elsewhere, even if its done badly
- The purchase cannot breach government policy

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## Our services

- 18 Coaches nationwide – Assist people to get set up, planning and budgeting assistance, monitoring and support through home visits, teleconferences, and a Freephone Coach line
- Payroll team (5) process 1500 pays fortnightly
- Invoicing team (2)
- Finance and Admin teams (9) – 50 M managed annually
- Monthly financial statements and newsletters



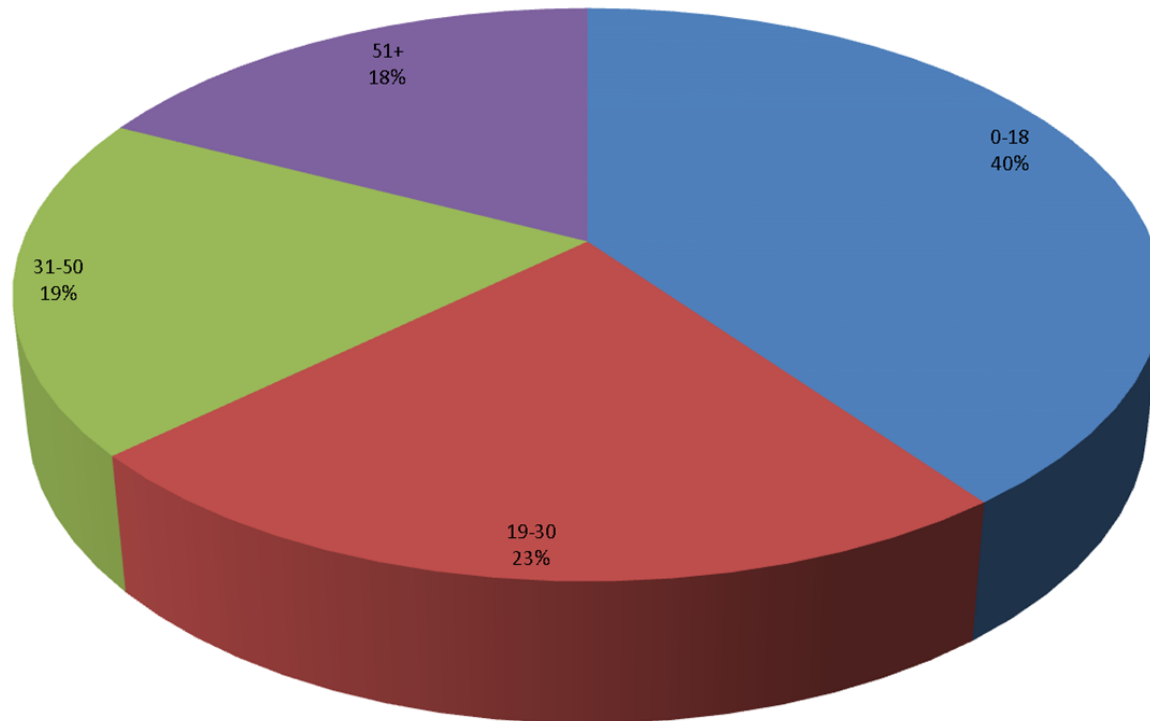
# Enhancements

- Employers and Manufacturers Association membership (free to clients)
- Discounted Employer Liability insurance
- National networking meetings
- Facebook, Twitter and other Social media
- Support worker training programmes
- Workshops series

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  - Daring to dream – creating a vision
  - Building Intentional Networks
  - Wills, Trusts & Welfare Guardianship
  - Leaving Home
  - Sexuality Education for families of young disabled and intimate supports
  - Intensive service design, PATHS, MAPS
  - Recruitment
  - Budgeting

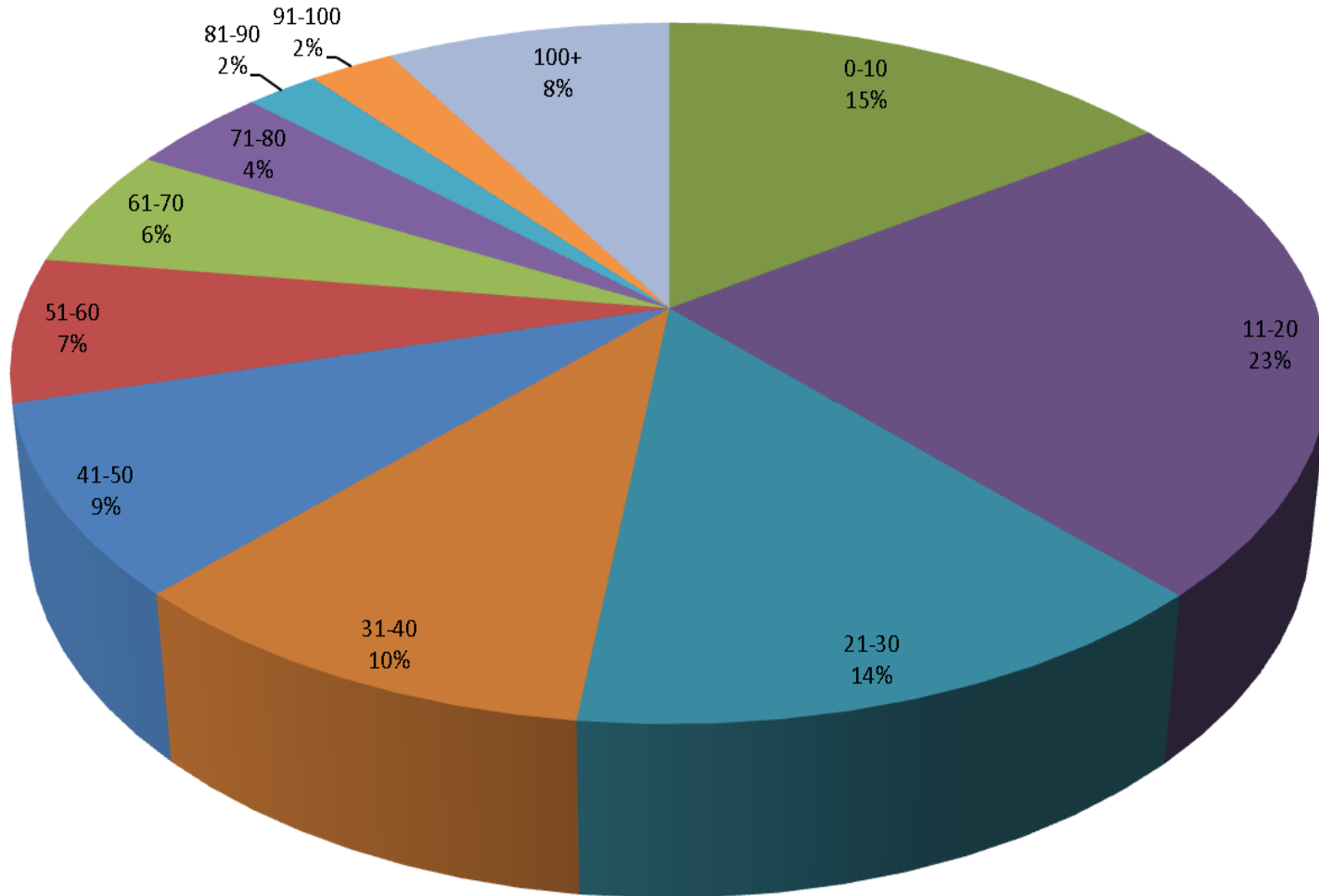
# Fun Facts about IF in New Zealand

Clients - By Age Demographic

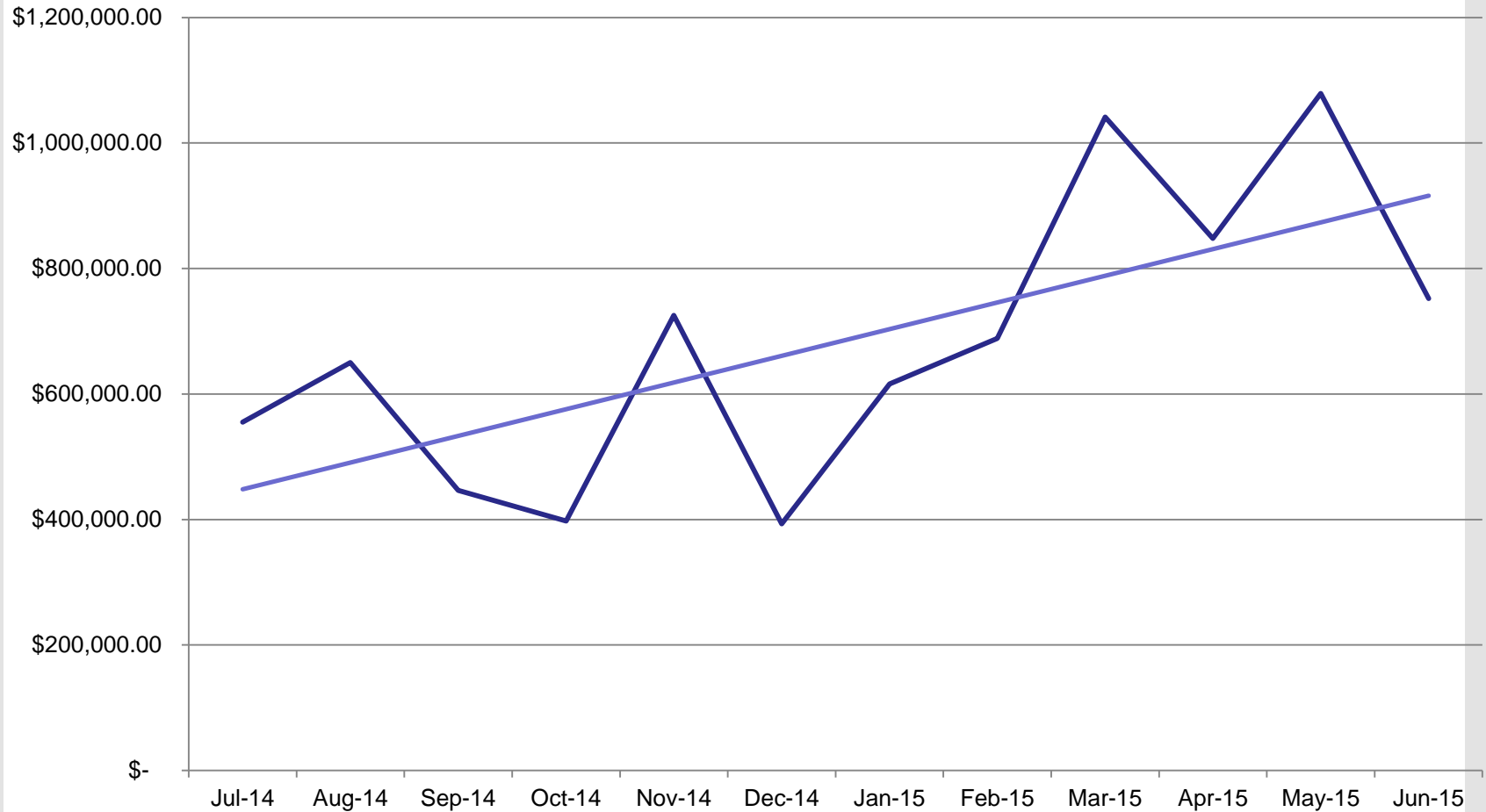


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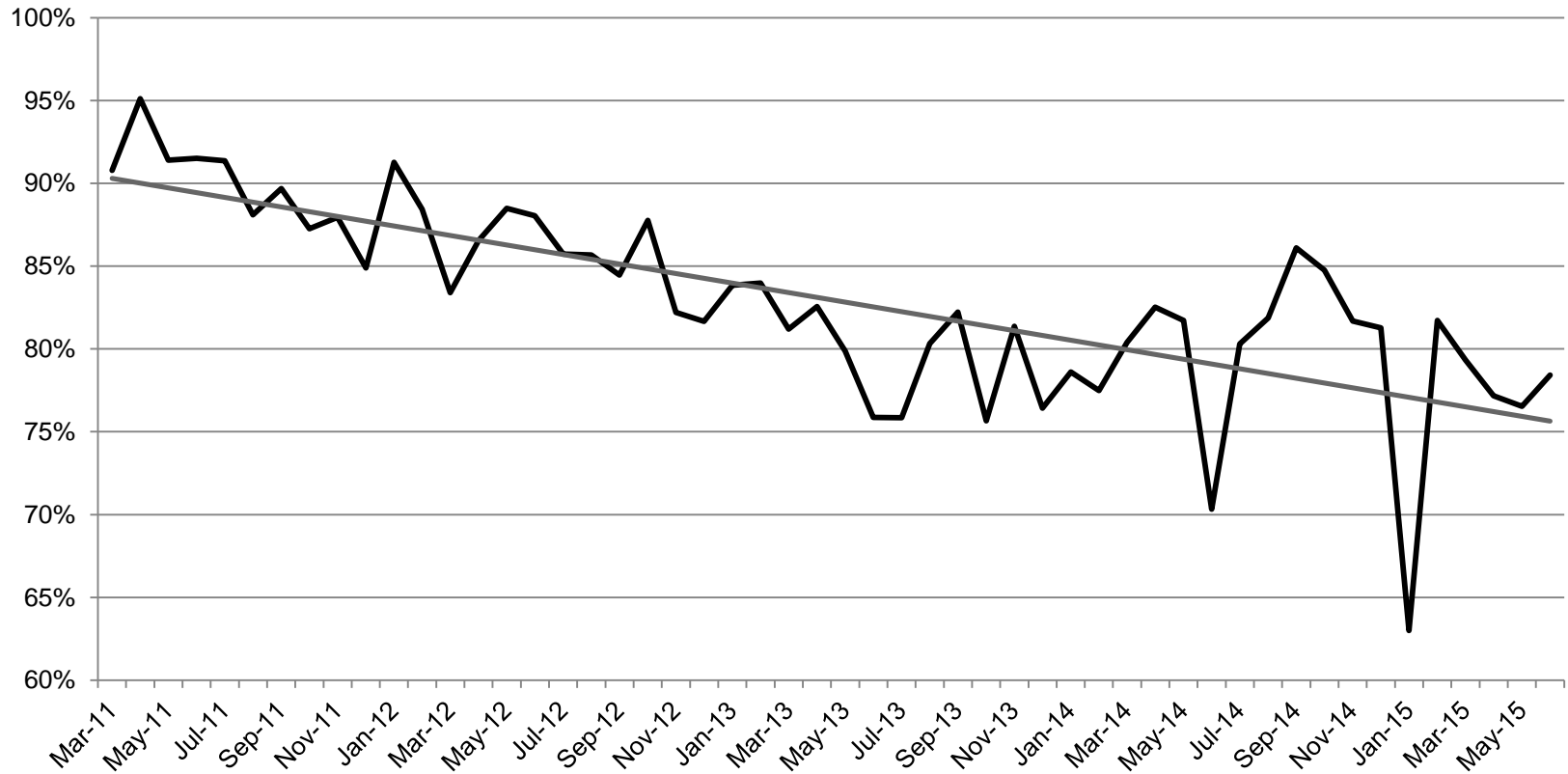
## Package Sizes (hours per fortnight)



## Underspent amount per month



# Percent of allocated funds spent



# Our Research

- Dr. Adrian Field
- A Cost Analysis comparing IF to Non IF situations
- IF contains cost and often reduces them especially in the high and complex cost brackets
- IF users tend to transition to residential care less than Non IF users

# Thematic Impact Analysis

- Dr. Annick Jensen
- Collection of 45 stories
- Four Key Themes:
  - Natural Supports and Networks
  - Mobility and Technology
  - A home of ones own
  - Productivity



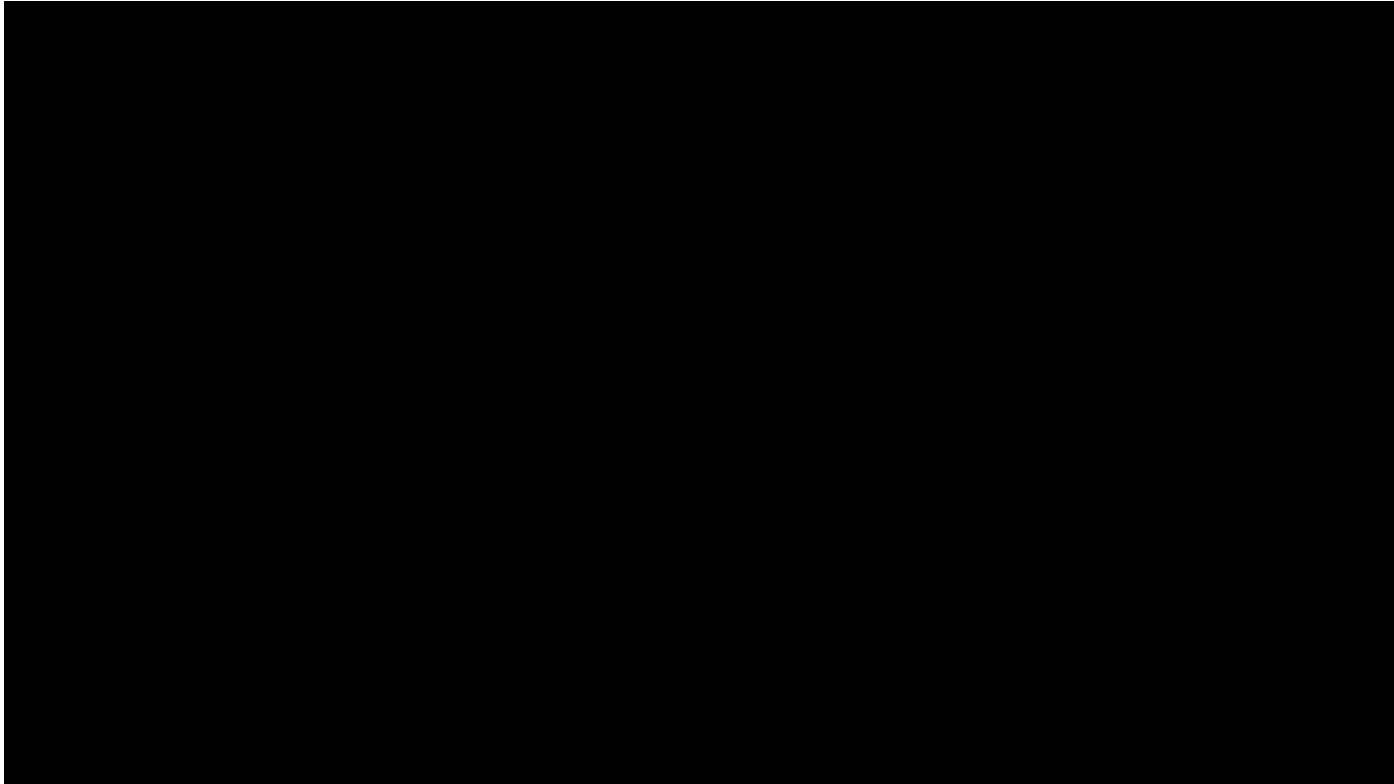
# Challenges

- Social isolation
- Not a panacea – nothing is!
- Acceptance of Risk - choices with negative impact
- Administrative burden
- Lack of Imagination
- Fear

# The Purist Approach – More of the same with a different name?



# Transformation of Lives



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXjg96Q8ZjY>

# What size fits?

