

Opportunities and Gaps: The interface between health and disability under the NDIS



Queenslanders with Disability Network

- Of, by and for people with disability
- State-wide network of over 1500
- Systemic advocacy, leadership & projects
- 15 year anniversary in 2017



“nothing about us without us”

About the NDIS

- new way of providing support for people with disabilities, their families and carers.
- biggest policy reform in Australia since Medicare
- 460000 Australian's under the age of 65 will be supported by the scheme when fully rolled out in 2019.
- administered by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)



Principles of the NDIS

- human rights of people with disabilities
- reasonable and necessary support to live an ordinary life
- economic and social participation of people with disability.
- choice and control

Key issues NDIS – Queensland context

- 45000 new Queenslanders to get funded support under the NDIS – unique to Qld
- Across the state, low numbers of new participants coming into the scheme
- Many of the new participants access mainstream and community services (Mainstream – Health, Housing, Child Safety, Youth Justice, Corrections)
- Health is a key connection point via hospitals, community health, outreach and interface with primary health

Critical issues NDIS/Health for participants

ACCESS:

Critical for people accessing the NDIS to know:

- Why they would want to access and what is in it for them
- How to access the scheme and what's required
- Get the support they need to make access

Preparation for planning:

- Making sure have all health and well being information included and discussed at planning meeting
- Know what costs and services currently get like MASS, transport, therapies,

Once get plan – knowing how to activate it

Critical issues NDIS – health systems interface

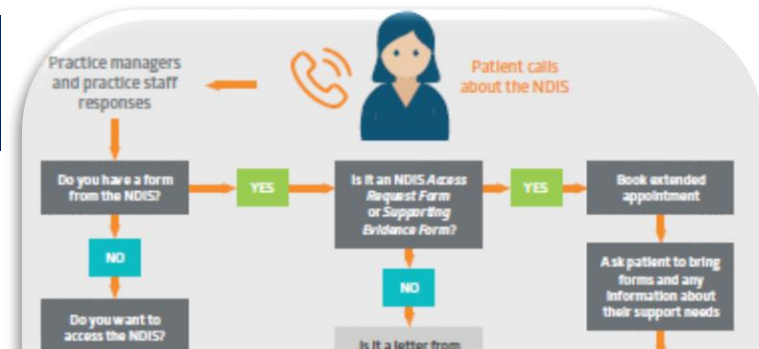
- Interface of responsibilities between NDIS and Health
- Access requirements with reports, assessments – costs to participants and access to right professionals (children and adults)
- People's transition in and out of hospital and NDIS access process
- Completed NDIS access documentation by health professionals completed adequately to the level required by NDIA for access requirements and approve entry to NDIS

The GP Toolkit



GENERAL PRACTICE TOOLKIT

Understanding your role in the NDIS



Examples of support

Mobility and motor skills	Communication	Social Interaction	Learning	Self Care	Self-management
Using public transport	Letting other people know needs and wants	Initiating conversations	Learning new things	Looking after self	Doing household jobs
Leaving the house	Help to talk with others	Social interaction	Organising information	Personal hygiene	Budgeting money
Moving around house	Assistive technology	Making and keeping friends	Memory and planning	Shower, dressing	Problem solving things that arise
Going to shops	Following instructions or directions	Understanding feelings and interactions	Studying and attending courses	Dental/oral hygiene	Making decisions
Modifications to house				Medication	

“GPs play a key role in completing Access Request Forms to assist people with disabilities to transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme”

The GP Toolkit

Helping general practice in understanding their role in supporting people to access the NDIS.

The toolkit provides practical information including:

- What the forms are and how to complete them
- Provides examples of functional impact on disability
- Conditions that do not require evidence under the current NDIS guidelines
- And where they can refer people so they can find out more information about the NDIS or where to get help.



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