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Intellectual Disability

The NDIS – Opportunities and challenges for better lives and better health

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NDIS – the basics

- \$8bn -> \$15 bn
- Funded support for ‘participants’: 200k -> 440k people
- Linkage to community supports +? for others
- At least most PWID will be eligible to be participants
- Preparation of participant plan based on goals and aspirations and ‘reasonable and necessary supports’ -> choice of service providers

NSW CID conference August 2014

- Getting the best from the NDIS – making it work for PWID
- 330 attended
- PWID central role
- Plus families, advocates, professionals
- NDIA buy in
- Conference report

www.nswcid.org.au/standard-english/se-pages/past-events.html

Key messages

PWID are 60-70% of participants -> what is needed:

- Their voice be heard in NDIA governance and continuous improvement
- More accessible processes
- Support to maximise control
- Acknowledge substitute decision making
- Equity of access for people 'on the fringe'
- Advocacy – individual and systemic

Key messages

➤ Meeting complex needs

- ✓ Person centred active support
- ✓ Robust systems to access/coordinate skilled professionals
- ✓ Don't lose the key functions of State systems eg
Statewide BIS, RBITs, complex case reviews, practice
leaders

➤ Ensuring good health care

- ✓ Strong collaboration with health services
- ✓ Health is responsible for clinical services
- ✓ NDIS is responsible for therapy
- ✓ NDIS should be responsible for healthy lifestyles and support to access and navigate health services
- ✓ Health services funded by ADHC must be maintained – how?
- ✓ People with very complex health needs
- ✓ The health system must lift its game:
 - Reasonable adjustment
 - Specialist ID health services
 - And its not just me saying so:

Who says the health system needs to lift?

- ✓ Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- ✓ UN CRPD 2006
- ✓ National Disability Strategy 2011
www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/program-services/government-international/national-disability-strategy
- ✓ Principles to Determine the Responsibilities of the NDIS and Other Service Systems 2013
- ✓ Framework to Improve the Healthcare of People with ID NSW 2012
www0.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2012/service_framework_2012.html
- ✓ Communiqué from the National Roundtable on the Mental Health of People with ID 2013
www.nswcid.org.au/standard-english/se-pages/health.html
- ✓ Living Well: Putting people at the centre of mental health reform 2014 nswmentalhealthcommission.com.au/
- ✓ Blueprint for improved health services for people with ID in NSW (pending)



Key messages

- **People in contact with the law**
 - The Hunter so far
 - NDIS caution re high level support and programs to address offending BUT
 - Offending behaviour is related to the disability
 - Corrective agencies don't provide many programs

Key messages

- Tier 2 and ad hoc or crisis support
- Action on the National Disability Strategy
- Where will the housing come from?
- Workforce development
- Should ADHC close?

Advocacy on the key messages

- Canberra
- Geelong and Newcastle
- Sydney

Keys to successful advocacy:

- ✓ Grounded
- ✓ Constructive
- ✓ Strategic
- ✓ Collaborative
- ✓ Relentless



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So, where are we going...

- ✓ The NDIS will change lives for the better
- ⚠ Implementation will be a bumpy ride
- ? Lots of issues to sort out
- ✓ We all have roles to play



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