

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)

Overview of Individual and Funding Transition

NDIS context and impact

In December 2012, the NSW and Commonwealth Governments reached agreement to transition to the NDIS in NSW commencing in the Hunter in July 2013, with statewide implementation to commence in July 2016 and be completed by July 2018. The Hunter launch of the NDIS will be implemented progressively over three years.

The NDIS is a generational reform which will deliver a new system of disability supports focused on the needs and choices of people with disability. ADHC is already working closely with service providers who have clients residing in the NDIS Hunter launch site encompassing the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland local government areas.

Service providers outside of the NDIS Hunter launch site have not yet had the same level of engagement with ADHC and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA; formerly DisabilityCare Australia) as those providers in the launch site. This fact sheet is designed for people outside the Hunter launch site to give a general overview of how the transition of clients and funding to the NDIS will occur.

Transition principles and arrangements

ADHC has agreed a phasing plan with the Commonwealth Government which schedules the transition of individuals to the NDIS. This scheduled was developed taking the following principles into consideration:

- ensuring the appropriate balance of participants' needs and supports
- an appropriate mix of existing and new participants
- the operational capacity of the NDIA
- the readiness of existing clients and service providers to transition
- ensuring continuity of support for participants outside the Hunter launch area including those that receive supports from within the launch area.

As an individual transitions, all the supports they are receiving are identified and transitioned with them. This means that providers not scheduled to transition, including some outside the launch site, may be affected. ADHC will work with these providers to ensure that changes to funding arrangements are managed in a timely and transparent manner and facilitate an orderly and seamless transition of participants to the NDIS.

As part of the transition process, an individual will meet with NDIA and an individual support plan will be developed. This plan will identify supports required and funding

associated with these. Once a plan is approved, ADHC no longer has a funding or service responsibility for that person and will cease paying the service provider. The NDIA becomes the agency responsible for the individual plan and related supports, and funding.

Following this process, individuals will be able to choose how and who they want to manage their support arrangements. Funding for supports will be on a 'fee for service' arrangement. NDIA will be the agency responsible for administering this into the future.

The lessons learned from the first year of the NDIS launch in the Hunter will help ADHC, NDIA and service providers improve and streamline the transition process for the remainder of the launch. It will also help prepare for the full roll out of the NDIS which is due to commence across NSW in July 2016.

Further Information

General information about the NDIS and the Hunter launch is available from:

- www.adhc.nsw.gov.au > About us > Major plans and strategies > [NDIS](#)
- www.disabilitycareaustralia.gov.au
- NDIS Helpline 1800 800 110 and email NDISenquiries@fhcsia.gov.au

FACS [Policy Statements](#) are also available on the ADHC website. They have been written specifically to support the NDIS transition in the Hunter launch site.

Service providers may find the [Sector Development Policy Statement](#) useful. It outlines ADHC's [sector reform initiatives](#) and the work [National Disability Services](#) has initiated with the Industry Development Fund.

Service providers should contact NDIA to find out about the client transition process and about general information about the NDIS. Local ADHC contract managers can be contacted about the funding transition process.