WA Health NDIS Community of Practice
NDIS Overview, Evidence and Language

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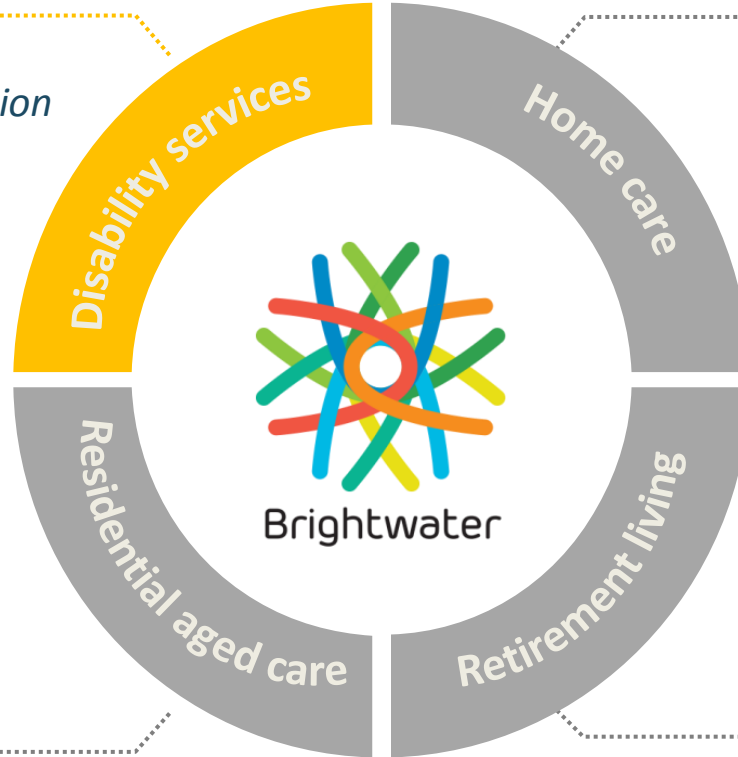NDIS Project Transition Coordinator

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Disability services

- Transitional accommodation and rehabilitation
- Huntington's Disease
- Supported independent living
- Capacity Building (NDIS)

Residential aged care

- 11 aged care sites located from Joondalup to Mandurah
- 758 mainstream beds and dementia specific beds

Home care

- Services through Perth Metro
- Home care packages
- CHSP
- Regional assessment

Retirement living

- Kingsway Court (168 ILUs)
- Beaumaris Beach (58 ILUs - under construction)

NDIS Overview

- NDIS will be available across the State – 1 July 2019

- Administered by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

- The NDIS is the new way to providing disability support for people with disability to get the care and support they need

- Funding can be used to support participation in education, employment, community, independent living, health and wellbeing

NDIS Eligibility

To become an NDIS participant a person must:

- Have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities

- Be aged less than 65 years old

- Be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa

- Live in Australia where the NDIS is available

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NDIS – reasonable and necessary funded supports

- Must support participant's goals and be related to the disability

- Must not include day-to-day living costs **not** related to the disability support needs

- Should represent value for money

- Must be likely to be effective and work for the participant

- Should take into account support given by other government services, family, carers, networks and the community

https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/supports-funded-ndis

NDIS Health Interface

The health and disability sector are working together to:

- Develop an understanding of the NDIS

- Support NDIS access requests, plans and reviews

- Provide supporting evidence i.e. functional assessment reports

- Adapt discharge planning and referral pathways, including links with community services

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NDIS Evidence and Language

- The NDIA needs to be able to quickly identify key information, evidence and recommendations to assist their decisions.

- All reports/letters should be written in plain language

- Detail the functional impact, not just the diagnosis

- Categorical statements about 'permanent disability' can be difficult

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Evidence and language

- Evidence the impact on quality of life, safety and preventing further decline.
- Highlight absence of informal supports where appropriate e.g. family and carers.
- Use the 'right' language:
  - permanent, long term functional impact
  - limited ability to achieve functional goals
  - barriers to economic/social participation

Note: NDIA will not fund recurring health or medical conditions

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Resources

NDIS https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding

NDIA – disability types and evidence
https://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/how-apply/information-support-your-request/types-disability-evidence

Summer Foundation – Getting the Language Right
https://www.summerfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/getting-the-language-right-web.pdf

Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability (VALiD)
https://www.valid.org.au/10-steps-excellent-ndis-therapy-reports

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