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PARALYMPICS

The parallel to the Olympics for people who have a disability.

7 - 18 September 2016

2016 Paralympic Games. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. <http://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016>

Sports Events <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016/sports>

Where to watch Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) sub-licensee: Seven Network

Ticket Information <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016-tickets>

Lastest Paralympics NEWS at <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016/news>

Athletes to Watch <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016/ones-to-watch>

Athlete Biographies at <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016/biographies>

Results, Rankings & Records News at <https://www.paralympic.org/results>

Paralympics Hall Of Fame at <https://www.paralympic.org/athletes/hall-of-fame>

Australian Paralympic Team Links (329 Australian Athletes are competing)
<https://www.paralympic.org.au/athletes/>

Disability News

[Understanding the NDIS: a history of disability welfare from 'deserving poor' to consumers in control](#)

The National Disability Insurance Scheme aims to empower consumers with a disability to use funds given to them to purchase services that reflect their lifestyle and aspirations, writes Paul Ramcharan in The Conversation. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the only national scheme of its kind in the world. Its introduction has been likened to a generational shift with some saying the scheme's impact will be similar to that of Medicare. Choice and control are the fundamental principles of the NDIS, which represents a break from previous welfare approaches. The scheme aims to empower consumers with a disability to use funds given to

them to purchase services that reflect their lifestyle and aspirations. It's hoped these changes will see the service sector reflect the interests of people with disabilities. This is the culmination of society's evolution towards respecting, protecting and ensuring the rights of people with a disability. [The Conversation full article.](#)

Understanding the NDIS: how does the scheme work and am I eligible for funding?

On July 1 2016, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) moved from a trial phase to a full national roll-out. In this series on [Understanding the NDIS](#), we explore how the scheme works, [why Australia needs it](#) and the issues to be addressed before eligible Australians, such as many Indigenous people with disability, can receive the benefits they are entitled to. [This full article.](#)

Featured Conferences & Events

14 – 15 September 2016

NSW Council for Intellectual Disability Annual Conference.

Doltone House, Pymont Sydney. <http://www.nswcid.org.au/blog/save-the-date-cid-conference-2016.html>

16 – 17 September 2016

Nepean Disability Expo.

Exhibition Marquee, Penrith Panther, NSW. <http://www.disabilityexpo.org.au/>

26 - 27 October 2016

PANDDA Disability Nurses Conference.

Novotel Hotel Parramatta, NSW. <http://www.pandda.net/conference/>

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Australian Federal Election Ministries

[The Hon Jane Prentice MP](#) - Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services

[The Hon Sussan Ley MP](#) - Minister for Health and Aged Care

[The Hon Christian Porter MP](#) - Minister for Social Services

[The Hon Alan Tudge MP](#) - Minister for Human Services

[The Hon Ken Wyatt MP](#) - Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care

[The Hon Dr David Gillespie MP](#) - Assistant Minister for Rural Health

[Senator the Hon Zed Seselja](#) - Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs

The Opposition Shadow Ministry

[Senator Carol Brown](#) - Shadow Minister for Disability and Carers

[Hon Jenny Macklin MP](#) - Shadow Minister for Families and Social Services

[Hon Linda Burney MP](#) - Shadow Minister for Human Services

[Senator Hon Doug Cameron](#) - Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness

[Hon Catherine King MP](#) - Shadow Minister for Health and Medicare

[Tony Zappia MP](#) - Shadow Assistant Minister for Medicare

[Hon Julie Collins MP](#) - Shadow Minister for Ageing and Mental Health

[Senator Helen Polley](#) - Shadow Assistant Minister for Ageing

Disability News

New Australian Human Rights Commissioners

Alastair McEwin will take over the Disability Discrimination Commissioner portfolio. He is currently the Deaf Society President and Chairman of the Disability Council of NSW and former CEO of People With Disability Australia and former Manager Australian Centre for Disability Law.

Dr Kay Patterson will become the new Age Discrimination Commissioner

Edward Santow will become the Human Rights Commissioner.

Susan Ryan retires from the Australian Human Rights Commission After five years as the Age Discrimination Commissioner, it's time for the Australian Human Rights Commission to say goodbye to our esteemed colleague and friend, Susan Ryan. Susan has been a formidable warrior for the rights of older workers and more recently, for those with disability. Susan, your energy, passion and determination has changed us all. You are a true educator. And will be missed. Her most recent accomplishment was [Willing to Work : National Inquiry into Employment Discrimination Against Older Australians and Australians with Disability](#). Released in May, it was Australia's first national stocktake of these important issues and was welcomed by the Attorney-General as a milestone in public policy. [More can be found here](#)

Disability News

Growth in community services driver of new institute

A dedicated research and teaching institute will be set up in Victoria to support growth in the disability and aged care sectors, the Victorian Government announced on Wednesday. The Future Social Service Institute is a collaboration between the Victorian state government, state peak organisation Victorian Council of Social Service and RMIT University. The state government is providing \$500,000 in seed funding, which will be matched by RMIT. The Victorian Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing Martin Foley said the institute would focus on research, education, and training to attract more workers to both sectors as well as boosting the skills of the workforce. This is the first time a government, a tertiary institution and the social service sector has collaborated on such a project.

Read the full Community Care Review article at <http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/2016/06/16/growth-community-services-driver-new-institute/>

Supporting Students with Disability in NSW Public Schools - Audit Office of NSW Report

The Department of Education (the Department) is responsible for supporting students with disability in New South Wales public schools. It estimates over 91,000, or around 12 per cent, need help with their learning due to disability. This may include physical or intellectual disability, or disorders affecting communication or mental health. Around 80 per cent of these students are enrolled in regular classes in public schools, with the remaining enrolled in specialist support classes.

Conclusion: *" Given the diverse needs of students with disability, the Department is doing a reasonable job in managing how well they transition to a new school and in supporting teachers to improve these students' educational outcomes. However, while some schools support students with disability well, others have more to do before they adequately meet students' needs. This is partly due to cultural resistance in schools, and the lack of expertise of some teachers, regarding disability.*

There are many processes in place to help teachers identify and meet the needs of students with disability when they transition to a new school. Teachers use a range of strategies to tailor support to each student, including adjusting how they teach the curriculum and the use of learning aids. However, schools should provide clearer information on the support available at their local school and consult more with families on what is being done to address the needs of their child.

In recent years, the Department has implemented a range of initiatives to help teachers support students with disability, including extra training and putting disability resources into schools. However, some teachers feel they are still not effectively supported, particularly teachers in regular classes who may be less experienced in teaching students with disability. Many want more help to manage student behavior and support students with autism and mental health issues. Teachers and parents also said the negative attitude of some teachers towards disability is a barrier to improving outcomes for these students."

Read the full Audit Office of NSW Report and Recommendations at <http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/publications/latest-reports/performance/supporting-students-with-disability-in-nsw-public-schools/executive-summary/1-executive-summary>

Disability Issues In The Media

[Funding cuts mean RNs to go, expansion plans on hold: CEO](#)

As the sector's calls to see the modelling behind the government's budget changes to aged care continue to go unanswered, providers are determining the impacts that a reduction of \$1.7 billion over four years will have on their operations. See the full Australian Aged Care Agenda article.

[New code of conduct covering aged care workers: what you need to know](#)

Since last year the states have been working towards adopting a national code covering the conduct of health workers, including aged care's personal care workers. AAA reports on the progress of the code, and what it means for providers, staff and consumers. See the full Australian Aged Care Agenda article.

(Note this article highlights that this code may expand to include Disability Support Workers - it is a comprehensive AAA article that is a must read for all the aged care, community care and disability sectors. Ed.)

[Study probes effectiveness of in-home technologies](#)

There is a role for governments to increase consumer awareness and access to quality information on technology tools available for people with dementia and their carers, according to a major international review. See the full Community Care Review article.

[Help on hand for those who encounter hoarding](#)

A new national resource has been launched for community service staff and individuals and families affected by hoarding and squalor. See the full Community Care Review article.

[Providers work with consumers to design enabling aged care](#)

While “co-production” has become a key term in aged care policy in recent times, many aged care providers still aren’t clear on what it means in practice. Now the lessons from a major trial will help to demonstrate. See the full Australian Aged Care Agenda article.

[Aged Care Roadmap: what will aged care look like in a decade?](#)

Providers should start preparing for a future where the traditional boundaries between home and residential care collapse and new models of care and accommodation emerge, sector leaders say. See the full Australian Aged Care Agenda article.

Free subscriptions to the **Australian Aged Care Agenda** and **Community Care Review** at <http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/subscribe/>

Featured Organisation

Special Olympics Australia

<http://www.specialolympics.com.au/>

Special Olympics Australia provides opportunities for people with an intellectual disability to achieve their personal best through weekly sports training and regular competition in communities across Australia.

While some Special Olympics athletes strive to win medals, others enjoy the chance to get active, have fun, make friends and be part of a community. Whatever their motivation, our network of volunteers deliver great sports programs in an environment where people with an intellectual disability are accepted and can feel proud.

People with an intellectual disability are often ridiculed, misunderstood, isolated or simply ignored. Yet with understanding and support they often achieve beyond expectation.

You can help us give more people with an intellectual disability a chance to achieve their personal best. Learn more about Special Olympics, be inspired by our athletes or best of all, get involved!

LIKE Special Olympics Australia on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsAustralia>

Sign up for Special Olympics Australia newsletter at https://app.etapestry.com/bbphosted/SpecialOlympicsAustralia/Be_a_Fan.html

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Designing the new integrated carer support service – Discussion paper

https://engage.dss.gov.au/designing-the-new-integrated-carer-support-service/designing-the-new-integrated-carer-support-service-discussion-paper/?_cldee=Z2xvYmFsY2FyZXN0YWZmQGdtYWIsLmNvbQ%3d%3d

The draft Service Concept represents the first component of the design of the new integrated carer support service system. This paper is not final and presents a draft Service Concept for discussion.

Download the discussion paper

- [PDF \[167kb\]](#)
- [Listen to PDF \(opens in new window\)](#)
- [DOCX \[310kb\]](#)

[Draft-Service-Concept-3](#) [Draft-Service-Concept-3](#)

The Australian Government is developing an Integrated Plan for Carer Support Services to better support and sustain the work of unpaid carers.

The first stage of the Plan included design and implementation of Carer Gateway. Established in December 2015, Carer Gateway is a national website and contact centre that provides carers with practical information and support and helps them connect with local support services. An important second stage of the Plan involves developing a new integrated carer support service system through a co-design process. The purpose of the new service system is to deliver supports that reduce carer strain, increase carer well-being and support them to continue in their caring role. A draft Service Concept was developed through research, co-design workshops with carers, and input from subject matter experts and the Carer Gateway Advisory Group. The draft Service Concept sets out the types of services that could be delivered under a future service delivery model.

Disability News

The role of private rental brokerage in housing outcomes for vulnerable Australians

This research explores Australian private rental brokerage programs which provide assistance in securing and sustaining private rental tenancies for disadvantaged tenants. The research identifies a diverse range of activities tailored to individuals and local circumstances, but lacking common terminology, measures and reporting making it difficult to assess the overall success of these programs beyond specific program outcomes.

Private rental brokerage programs (PRBPs) are a key pillar of support for disadvantaged people accessing and sustaining private rental. This is in addition to more formal private rental assistance programs delivered by state and territory governments; and Commonwealth financial assistance in the form of Commonwealth Rent Assistance and tax incentives to increase supply (e.g. NRAS).

Due to the diversity of private rental brokerage activities delivered primarily by non-government organisations in response to local needs, these various programs and activities have lacked a single visible identity. There is no one size fits all as these are tailored to individual needs however common activities include: information and referral; flexible individual support; promotion of self-reliance and resilience; working with landlords and real estate agents to broker tenancies; practical and material assistance, and post-housing support.

Key to the success of some of these programs are that tenants are 'rent ready' and that strong relationships with real estate agents are brokered, established over time and maintained by trust and confidence.

Published by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

Authors: Selina Tually; Michele Slatter; Debbie Faulkner; Susan Oakley

[The role of private rental brokerage in housing outcomes for vulnerable Australians \(PDF 1.8 MB\)](#)

Other reading

[The role of private rental support programs in housing outcomes for vulnerable Australians \(Positioning Paper\)](#)

Access Technology News

[Access and barriers to online education for people with disabilities](#)

Read Australian Policy Online summary at <http://apo.org.au/resource/access-and-barriers-online-education-people-disabilities>

This paper, Mike Kent of the **National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education**, reports on a study conducted in 2014 and 2015 that explored the accessibility of eLearning for students with disabilities studying fully online in Australia. The study looked at students studying through Open Universities Australia (OUA). OUA brings together 15 different independent higher education institutions to teach students fully online across a number of different fields. This diversity of institutions allowed a number of different eLearning environments, technologies and learning and teaching strategies to be canvassed.

The findings of this research indicated that student with disabilities found that online study through OUA was a preferred way to access higher education. There was an unexpectedly high incidence of students with a mental illness (44.9% of survey respondents) and medical impairments (39.2% of survey respondents), with mobility impairments rounding out the top three categories (25.3% of survey respondents). The finding of this prevalence was one of the major findings of this study, along with the impact of different impairments on learning technologies, learning and teaching strategies and attitudes towards disclosure. The report presents a number of recommendations related to policy and compliance, staff training, unit design, and assessment design and implementation. It also calls for further directions for research including the development of universal design in eLearning, and the need for further research to provide a voice for staff at universities in relation to access for students with disabilities.

<https://www.ncsehe.edu.au/publications/access-and-barriers-to-online-education-for-people-with-disabilities/>

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GoGet launches first accessible carshare vehicle

GoGet carshare is revolutionising transport for people with a disability with the launch of the world's first fully accessible carsharing vehicle. The vehicle, an eight-seater, Kia Carnival, is equipped with a single wheelchair rear entry with hydraulic floor and can accommodate a wide range of wheelchairs. The new accessible vehicle is a pilot for GoGet, if it proves successful more accessible vehicles will be rolled out across NSW and Australia. Spinal Cord Injury Association (SCIA) newsletter item [Read more](#).

Rejoin SCIA as a member

There are a raft of benefits when you are an SCIA member, including access to a personal financial grant, peer support, advice from our policy and advocacy team and the right to vote at our Annual General Meeting. SCIA is for and by people with spinal cord injury, and your membership will give us the power to make positive change in people's lives. [Rejoin here](#).

Books & Publications

Disability support services: services provided under the National Disability Agreement 2014-15

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Report: [Disability support services: services provided under the National Disability Agreement 2014-15](#)

Housing assistance in Australia 2016

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released a new web report presenting information on trends and issues in housing policy, housing affordability and housing assistance provided to populations with special needs. As housing and rental affordability declines, the need for housing assistance continues to increase, with 1.34 million recipients of Commonwealth Rental Assistance and around 395,000 households living in social housing. Of those households who were recently provided assistance through social housing, the majority were identified as either homeless or at risk of homelessness. Media release: [Social housing wait lists shorten](#) View web report: [Housing assistance in Australia 2016](#)

Business Confidence of the Disability Services Sector Report 2015

NDS has released the Business Confidence of the Disability Services Sector Report 2015 ([PDF](#) | [WORD](#)) which includes analysis and commentary about business sentiment, and builds on the highlights captured in the [NDS State of the Disability Sector Report 2015](#).

Australian Jobs 2016

Health Care and Social Assistance is a large and strongly growing industry. More than **1.5 million workers** are employed, accounting for **13% of Australia's workforce, making it Australia's largest employing industry**. Over the five years to November 2015, **employment grew by 20.3%** (or 256,600). New jobs ... Social Assistance Services also adding a significant number (75,800). Around **250,200 more jobs are expected over the five years to November 2020** (up by 16.4%). Nearly four in five workers in Health Care and Social Assistance have completed post-school study. A large proportion holds a bachelor degree or higher qualification (44%). Women have a particularly large share of jobs (nearly four in every five), the largest proportion of any industry. Part-time employment is also common, with 45% of workers employed on this basis (compared with 31% across all industries). **A high proportion is aged 45 years and over (46%)**. [Download report.](#)

Beyond Stroke: Living Independently with One Arm.

by Kate Ryan. *Beyond Stroke: Living independently with one arm* is an essential guide for anyone overcoming a stroke, people with shoulder, arm or hand injury and pain, carers, health professionals and community groups. This handbook provides step-by-step instructions for practical everyday life tasks and recreational activities. The easy tools provided are simple to implement with the primary aim to live once again with confidence and independence in the real world. http://www.ryanpub.com.au/general_books.htm

Transitioning Australian respite

by Myra Hamilton, Gianfranco Giuntoli, Kelley Johnson, Karen R. Fisher | **Social Policy Research Centre (UNSW)**. This report, commissioned by National Respite, examined the costs, benefits and impacts for participants, carers, communities and government of the transition to consumer directed care (CDC) markets for respite outputs and outcomes. Drawing on a policy and literature review, stakeholder consultations, and cost/benefit and impact modelling, the project mapped the service infrastructure as it transitions to consumer-directed care and possible implications for respite outputs and outcomes. The research aimed to increase understanding of the impact of the structural adjustment and contribute an evidence base to guide governments and their agencies, participants and carers, and respite services on action they may take during the transition that could maximise stakeholder benefit and minimise negative impact. Download the report from https://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/media/SPRCFile/Transitioning_Australian_Respite.pdf

Policies & Guidelines

Living Well: A Strategic Plan for Mental Health in NSW 2014-2024

The Strategic Plan sets out actions and future directions for reform of the mental health system in NSW. It maps a demanding agenda for change that puts people – not processes – at the heart of its thinking. It asks that the NSW Government recommit to completing the process of reform begun with the Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled (Richmond Report) in the 1980s in particular by taking two important steps - closing the remaining stand-alone psychiatric institutions and shifting the focus of mental health care from hospitals to the community.

The Plan does not directly govern the operation of services but instead lays out directions and principles for reform which agencies and service providers must find ways to embed in the supports they offer to people in our community.

The Report and the Plan are companion documents and should be read together.

Download PDF versions of the [Strategic Plan](#) or read a summary, list of actions or an Easy English version.

National Code of Conduct for health care workers

- [National Code of Conduct FAQ 2015](#)(.pdf, 448.65 KB) - 1253 download(s)
- [A National Code of Conduct for health care workers-National Code consultation paper](#)(.pdf, 684.5 KB) - 512 download(s)
- [COAG Health Council Communique National Code of Conduct for health care workers](#)(.pdf, 137.53 KB) - 615 download(s)
- [Final Report - A National Code of Conduct for health care workers](#)(.pdf, 1.08 MB) - 1320 download(s)

The costs and benefits of interventions in the area of mental health: a rapid review

To inform the development of the draft strategic plan, a rapid review was commissioned to examine the evidence on the costs and benefits of interventions in the area of mental health. A rapid review was conducted with the assistance of an accredited librarian. A total of 50 studies were identified and included in this review.

- [The costs and benefits of interventions in the area of mental health: a rapid review](#)
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Directories Online

Launch of CID Connect

<http://cidconnect.nswcid.org.au/>

CID Connect is our new online forum where you can ask and answer questions about how the NDIS might affect you.

CID Connect is supported by members of our community engagement and information services team and allows anyone to log on for free and ask a question of the community as well as being able to browse around and see what other people have been discussing.

Every month we will have a new focus topic to help you be more prepared for the NDIS whether you are already on a funding package, are waiting for rollout or have no idea where to start.

Currently, our topics include planning, supports and getting to know each other.

We encourage you to jump online and try out this amazing new tool. Be the first to contribute to what will become an amazing source of knowledge. Click [here](#) to check it out and participate!

Alive 90.5 fm Australian Spectrum Show with Ross (Your Editor of the Global Gazette)

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Over 350 Australian artistes have been featured studio guests on the Alive 90.5 fm Australian Spectrum Show.

The studio guests coming up include: = Isaiah B Brunt, Glenn Cardier, Sydney Blues & Roots Festival organisers, Dave Tice Buffalo Revisited, Lindsay Bjrre Tamam Shud, Joel Leffler, Martin Cilia, Lazy Eye, Rod Crundle, Men With Day Jobs, Sam Newton, Christina Crofts, BUGS Uke Group, Lachy Doley, Ann & Ben Palumbo, Dan Granero, and many more in 2016-17. **Join our 7,800+ Facebook LIKES** or follow our studio guest announcements at <https://www.facebook.com/Australian.Spectrum.Show.Alive90.5fm>

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Health Facts Sheets in Easy To Read

Published by **NSW Council for Intellectual Disability** at <http://www.nswcid.org.au/health-fact-sheets.html>
Easy to read formats include:-

- [Me and my Doctor](#)
- [Me and my Doctor checklist](#)
- [Me and my medication](#)
- [Me and my medication checklist](#)
- [Mental health](#)
- [Mental health checklist](#)
- [Finding a new Doctor](#)
- [Finding a new Doctor checklist](#)
- [After visiting the Doctor](#)
- [After visiting the Doctor checklist](#)
- [Some signs of sickness](#)
- [Some signs of sickness checklist](#)
- [Going to the hospital for surgery](#)
- [Going to the hospital for surgery checklist](#)

Grants, Scholarships & Fellowships News

NSW Council of Social Service - Grants Page

<https://www.ncoss.org.au/capacity-building/sector-support/grants>

A very useful starting point for researching grant opportunities.

Why not become a member of NCOSS and receive their informative newsletter and notices.

<https://www.ncoss.org.au/members>

Research & Demographic Reports

Study on Autism - Volunteers needed

The Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry School of Psychiatry at the University of New South Wales, are calling out for volunteers to take out in a nation-wide questionnaire-based research study which aims to improve understanding of life in adulthood for people with autism. People with and without autism are asked to participate. Please express interest [here](#) or call Dr Kitty-Rose Foley for more information (02) 9385 0620.

Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: First Results, 2015

2015 Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) presents key information about disability prevalence in Australia as well as data about older Australians (those aged 65 years and over). Data is also included about people with disability who reported that they had experienced discrimination.

- There were 4.3 million Australians with disability, that's nearly one in five people (18.3% of the total population).
- After removing the effects of different age structures, the age standardised disability rate for all people was 17.0%. This compares to 17.4% in 2012 and 17.7% in 2009.
- Of the 15.4 million Australians living in households who were of working age (15 to 64 years), there were over two million people with disability, that's one in seven people.
- Just over half (50.7%) of Australians aged 65 and over reported living with disability.
- Some 5.8% of all Australians had a profound or severe disability. After removing the effects of different age structures, the age standardised rate was 5.5%.

Further results at

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS%5Cabs@.nsf/0/56C41FE7A67110C8CA257FA3001D080B?Opendocument>

Medicare-subsidised mental health-related services

- Almost 10 million Medicare-subsidised mental health-related services were provided by psychiatrists, GPs, psychologists and other allied health professionals to over 2 million patients in 2014–15. This represented an average of 5 services per patient over the year.
- GPs provided more services to more patients than the other provider types.
- There has been an average annual increase of 6.0% in the total number of Medicare-subsidised mental health-related services recorded for the 5-year period from 2010–11 to 2014–15. Clinical psychologist services had the highest average annual increase (10%) over the period.
- Females were more likely than males to access Medicare-subsidised mental health-related services from psychiatrists (54%) were females, general practitioners (62%), clinical psychologists (62%), other psychologists (61%), and other allied health providers (62%).

Download pdf <http://mhsa.aihw.gov.au/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=38654706744>

Data Tables (Excel) <http://mhsa.aihw.gov.au/uploadedImages/icon-spreadsheet-36px.gif>

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Web pages: [Disability support services](#)

Key Performance Indicators for Australian Public Mental Health Services

The KPIs for Australian mental health services have been developed to improve accountability and transparency at the Mental Health Service Organisation (MHSO) level. The 15 indicators aim to address the Health System Performance tier of the National Health Performance Framework by monitoring performance within public MHSO.

41.4% of admissions have a preceding community contact

41.7% of clients are new clients (within the last 12 months)

14.1 days is the average length of stay in acute inpatient units

6.8 days is the average number of community treatment days per 3 month period of ambulatory care

\$1,061 is the average cost per day in general acute inpatient units

\$305 is the average cost per community treatment day

72.4% of people who receive inpatient care get significantly better

13.7% of people are readmitted within 28 days

66.4% of patients leaving acute inpatient care are followed up within 7 days

37.7% of mental health inpatient episodes are completed.

Download tables (Excel) <http://mhsa.aihw.gov.au/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=38654706749>

Featured Course

Every Moment Has Potential Online Learning Resource for support workers

The resource provides an introduction to Person Centred Active Support - a way of working that enables everyone, no matter what their level of intellectual or physical disability, to make choices and participate in meaningful activities and social relationships.

When support workers use Person Centred Active Support, it leads to a better quality of life for the people they support. Increasingly, disability support services are adopting Person Centred Active Support as a way of working and are expecting support workers to be skilled in this approach. This online learning resource is based on research undertaken by many researchers in the UK and Australia including the late Professor Jim Mansell and Dr Julie Beadle-Brown, Professor Christine Bigby and Dr Emma Bould.

This online learning resource introduces you to:

- the key elements of Person Centred Active Support
- the skills you need to practice Person Centred Active Support in your workplace
- some of the many positive outcomes for people with a disability that occur when support workers use Person Centred Active Support.

In order to demonstrate competency in Person Centred Active Support practice, the learning in this resource must be complemented by hands on practice in a workplace.

This online learning resource was funded by the Australian Government Department of Industry. It is a collaboration between Greystanes Disability Services and the Living with Disability Research Centre at La Trobe University. It was developed with input from a wide range of stakeholders, including Western Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW and an Industry Reference Group and Steering Committee. Click here to see [full credits](#).

You can view this resource on your mobile phone, tablet, iPad or computer.

Start here online <http://www.activesupportresource.net.au/>

ONLINE EDUCATION DIRECTORY

Online professional development is an easy way to access further education – especially valuable for shift workers – so we have researched some options and put them on our web site at

http://www.globalcaresstaff.com/page/online_education.html

Education Resources

Qhome Home Care Common Standards Learning Resource. (Free)

Qhome is a free work-based learning resource designed to support home care service providers and staff to better understand the quality review process, the Home Care Common Standards (the Standards) and quality care and service delivery.

Qhome has a topic based design linked directly to the quality review process and some of the different expected outcomes within the Standards. It is a fully customisable, flexible learning resource that supports a range of workplace learning options and different target audience needs, including self directed learning. The topics are designed to be chosen and used in a variety of ways that are responsive to the service provider's, staff and care recipients' needs.

There are currently nine topics. Topics 1-8 are designed for home care services and staff. Topic 9 is designed for care recipients and their representatives.

Each topic consists of a 1, 2 or 3 page learning resource. The front side provides a summary of key information, related to the topic. The other side(s) provides suggested learning activities and questions designed to support guided discussion and reflection on the topic.

Topics:

1. Reviewing the Home Care Common Standards
2. Quality review overview
3. Regulatory compliance – the rules and your organisation

4. Continuous improvement – enhancing the quality of care and service provision
5. Risk management – at home and in the community – whose responsibility is it?
6. Assessment, care planning and re-assessment
7. Privacy and confidentiality = respect
8. Using care recipient feedback
9. Providing feedback in a quality review – Information for care recipients

Full details, resources and Download for Qhome at this web page <http://www.aacqa.gov.au/providers/education/free-education/qhome-1>

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Conference Calendar

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1 September 2016

Dementia Awareness Month. [web site](#)

1 September 2016

NDIS Provider Readiness Forum. Blacktown, NSW. [Registration](#)

1 - 2 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Bega, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

1 - 2 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Taree, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

2 September 2016

NDIS Community Information Session. North Richmond, NSW. [Registration](#)

2 September 2016

NDIS Community Information Session. Midland, WA. [Registration](#)

5 - 6 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Chatswood, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

6 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). Bowral, NSW. [More info](#)

6 September 2016

Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System. Dubbo, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

6 September 2016

NDIS Sunshine Communication Forum. Hornsby, NSW. [Registration](#)

6 - 7 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Moree, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

6 – 9 September 2016

Aged & Community Services Australia National Summit. Hobart. <http://www.acsanationalsummit.com.au/>

7 September 2016

Dysphagia and Cerebral Palsy. Ryde, NSW. Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

<https://register.trainingalliance.edu.au/training-courses/allied-health-therapies/dysphagia-and-cerebral-palsy.cfm>

7 - 18 September 2016

2016 Paralympic Games. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. <http://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016>

8 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). Lane Cove, NSW. [More info](#)

8 - 9 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Sydney, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

8 - 9 September 2016

NDIS Ready for Individuals & Carers. Deniliquin, NSW. Physical Disability Council of NSW. [Registration](#)

9 September 2016

NDIS Coordinators of Support Statewide Peer Mentoring Teleconference Session. Hobart Tas. [More info](#)

9 September 2016

Mental health and Drug & Alcohol Nurses Forum. NSWNMA, Waterloo, NSW. [Mental Health and D&A Nurses Forum Flyer](#) – [Register online](#)

9 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). Bankstown (Arabic), NSW. [More info](#)

10 September 2016

NDIS Provider Readiness Forum. Hornsby, NSW. [Registration](#)

12 September 2016

Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System. Broken Hill, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

12 September 2016

Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System. Sydney, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

12 - 13 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Orange, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

13 September 2016

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Introduction. Sydney, NSW, ACWA.
http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8640

13 September 2016

Restrictive Practice Authorisation for Panel Members. Prairewood, NSW. [Nomination Form](#)

13 – 16 September 2016

Australian Psychological Society Congress. Convention & Exhibition Centre, Melbourne.
<http://www.2016congress.com.au/>

14 September 2016

NDIS Sunshine Communication Forum. Blacktown, NSW. [Registration](#)

14 – 15 September 2016

NSW Council for Intellectual Disability Annual Conference. Doltone House, Pymont Sydney.
<http://www.nswcid.org.au/blog/save-the-date-cid-conference-2016.html>

14 - 15 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Queanbeyan, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

15 September 2016

NDIS Strategic Planning for Board Chairs & CEOs. Crawley, WA. [Registration](#)

15 September 2016

Supported Decision Making . MFB Auditorium, Camperdown, NSW. Centre for Disability Studies.
<http://cds.org.au/event/supported-decision-making/>

15 - 16 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Lithgow, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

15 – 16 September 2016

2nd International Conference on Autism. Phoenix, USA. <http://autism.conferenceseries.com/abstract-submission.php>

16 – 17 September 2016

Nepean Disability Expo. Exhibition Marquee, Penrith Panther, NSW. <http://www.disabilityexpo.org.au/>

18 – 22 September 2016

22nd International Association for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry & Allied Professions. Calgary, Alberta, Canada. <http://www.iacapap2016.org/>

19 September 2016

NDIS Community Information Session. St Marys, NSW. [Registration](#)

19 September 2016

Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System. Armidale, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

19 - 20 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Parramatta, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

19 – 25 September 2016

International Week of the Deaf. <http://wfdeaf.org/whoarewe/international-week-of-the-deaf>

20 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). Kurri Kurri, NSW. [More info](#)

20 September 2016

Managing Challenging Behaviours. Dubbo, NSW, ACWA.
http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8446

20 - 21 September 2016

Arts Activated Conference. Carriageworks, Sydney Australia. <http://aarts.net.au/artsactivated/>

20 - 22 September 2016

Australasia-Pacific Post-Polio Conference. Sydney, Four Seasons Hotel.
<http://www.poliohealth.org.au/conference-sydney-2016/>

21 September 2016

World Alzheimer's Day

21 September 2016

Supported Decision Making Workshop for Disability Services staff. Sydney, NSW. [Flyer](#)

21 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). Singleton, NSW. [More info](#)

21 - 22 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Dubbo, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

22 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). Muswellbrook, NSW. [More info](#)

22 - 23 September 2016

NDIS Ready for Individuals & Carers. Lidcombe, NSW. Physical Disability Council of NSW. [Registration](#)

26 September 2016

Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System. Penrith, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

26 September 2016

Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System. Wollongong, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

26 - 27 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Gosford, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

27 September 2016

Restrictive Practice Authorisation for Panel Members. Beverley Park, NSW. [Nomination Form](#)

27 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). Blacktown, NSW. [More info](#)

27 - 28 September 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Newcastle, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

27 – 29 September 2016

2nd Community Based Rehabilitation World Congress: Community-based Inclusive Development. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. <http://www.2ndcbrworldcongress.com/>

29 September 2016

My Choice Matters: Get More Skills: A Good Life (NDIS). North Sydney, NSW. [More info](#)

30 September 2016

Healthy Ageing and Dementia Forum for CALD Communities (Hindi & Punjabi). Toongabbie Community Centre, Toongabbie, NSW. [registration](#)

5 October 2016

World Cerebral Palsy Day. <https://worldcpday.org/>

5 - 6 October 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Kempsey, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

6 October 2016

Introduction to Aquatic Therapy for Therapist working with People with a Disability. Hydratherapy Pool, Sydney NSW. [Course info](#)

6 - 7 October 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Wagga Wagga, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

8 October 2016

World Sight Day. <http://www.iapb.org/advocacy/world-sight-day>

9 - 12 October 2016

LASA National Congress. Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Qld.

http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/event/lasa-national-congress-2016/?instance_id=1827

10 October 2016

World Mental Health Day. http://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/

10 - 11 October 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Albury, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

11 October 2016

NDIS Sunshine Communication Forum. Penrith, NSW. [Registration](#)

12 October 2016

Blacktown Community Expo. Blacktown, NSW.

12 October 2016

Working Together To Build Better Social Connections . MFB Auditorium, Camperdown, NSW. Centre for Disability Studies. <http://cds.org.au/event/working-together-to-build-social-connections/>

12 October 2016

NDIS Coordinators of Support Statewide Peer Mentoring Teleconference Session. Hobart Tas. [More info](#)

12 - 13 October 2016

Navigating The Criminal Justice System. Bankstown, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

14 October 2016

Aged Care Nurses Forum. NSWNMA, Waterloo, NSW. [Aged Care Nurses' Forum Flyer](#) – [Register online](#)

17 October 2016

Preparing for the NDIS: Supporting Your Clients Using Life Coaching Techniques. Sydney, NSW, ACWA.

http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8460

17 - 18 October 2016

NDIS Ready for Individuals & Carers. Orange, NSW. Physical Disability Council of NSW. [Registration](#)

18 - 19 October 2016

I-Can v5 Facilitator Training. Instrument for the Classification and Assessment of Support Needs (I-CAN) v5. Centre for Disability Studies, University of Sydney, Auditorium, Medical Foundation Building, Camperdown, Sydney. [Register Online.](#)

20 - 21 October 2016

NDIS Ready for Individuals & Carers. Bathurst, NSW. Physical Disability Council of NSW. [Registration](#)

24 October 2016

Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System. Campbelltown, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

24 – 26 October 2016

12th Biennial Asia Pacific International Mental Health Conference. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. www.aspacmentalhealth16.com.au

24 – 26 October 2016

2nd International Conference on Epilepsy & Treatment. Rome, Italy.
<http://epilepsy-treatment.conferenceseries.com/abstract-submission.php>

24 – 27 October 2016

Evidence Based Disability Employment Leadership Retreat 2016. El Kanah, Marysville, Victoria.
<http://www.cderp.com.au/the-hills-retreat-2016.html>

25 – 27 October 2016

42nd International Mental Health Nursing Conference. Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia.
<http://www.acmhn2016.com/>

25 – 27 October 2016

2nd Annual Dementia Strategy Summit. Le Montage Sydney, Lilyfield, NSW.
https://akolade.com.au/events/annual_dementia_strategy_summit/

25 – 27 October 2016

23rd Rehabilitation International World Congress. Edinburgh, UK. <http://www.riglobal.org/save-the-date-ri-world-congress-2016>

26 - 27 October 2016

PANDDA Disability Nurses Conference. Novotel Hotel Parramatta, NSW. <http://www.pandda.net/conference/>

27 - 28 October 2016

NDIS Ready for Individuals & Carers. Kempsey, NSW. Physical Disability Council of NSW. [Registration](#)

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