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New NDIS team to solve payment delays after providers left out of pocket

There have been reports of practices closing because of delays in NDIS payments.

Most NGOs who have previously had state funded clients transfer to the NDIS and state funding ceasing, have been **owed substantial amounts of money by the NDIS for prolonged periods of time.**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is dedicating a team of more than 20 staff to resolve payment delays experienced by providers, after a number of concerns raised in the past six months.

From January 29 to February 4, the NDIS indicated 21,810 payments had been unsuccessful, and 14,086 of those were because the "claim amount was greater than the available service booking". National Disability Services chief executive Ken Baker, who represents the non-government sector, said delays were likely to be because a person's plan had expired and there was not a new plan in place, so there was not a booking against which a claim could be made.

Read the ABC Riverland News item [here](#).

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NDIS Fund It & Fix It - Every Australian Counts

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

Media outlets reporting that the Federal government will shortly announce that **proposed plans to increase the Medicare Levy to fund the NDIS will be scrapped.** We know this **has created a created deal of anxiety and uncertainty amongst people with disability and their families.** And while things may change around us our position has not and will never change – we need the NDIS fully funded and we need it fixed.

You can take Action Now - sign the Fund It and Fix It petition [here](#).

Fearnley hits out at reversal on disability funding

Government's decision to scrap \$8 billion increase to Medicare levy designed to fund NDIS will face vocal community opposition, the Paralympian says. Read the full Sydney Morning Herald article [here](#).

\$8 billion Medicare levy increase to be scrapped

The Turnbull government will scrap the \$8 billion Medicare levy increase it announced in last year's budget to pay for the NDIS. Read the Canberra Times article [here](#).

We Call on this Parliament to Deliver Secure, Sustainable and Sufficient Funding for the National Disability Insurance Scheme - Media Release

A Joint Statement by [Disabled People's Organisations Australia](#), [Australian Federation of Disability Organisations](#), and the [Australian Council of Social Service](#)

To cement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as a universal system for all Australians, sufficient and sustainable funding must be secured now, while there is strong bipartisan commitment.

The NDIS must not become a 'political football'.

Read the full media release [here](#)

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Independent Pricing Review Promises Some Relief But Not Enough

The NDIA's Independent Pricing Review has been released. The report by McKinsey & Company details 25 recommendations – all of which the NDIA has endorsed in principle. When implemented the report's recommendations will certainly provide some relief for providers and reduce the risk of market failure. However, disappointingly, **the report does not accept that the standard one-to-one support price is based on flawed assumptions.** It recommends adjusting a range of prices and introducing a modest broad-based temporary supplement; **but it does not recommend a permanent increase to the base price.** Read the full NDS article [here](#).

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NSW Government Commits to Disability Advocacy Funding

New South Wales disability advocates have breathed a "collective sigh of relief", after the state government back flipped on plans to cut funding for disability advocacy groups. NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Disability Services Ray Williams announced that up to \$26 million would be available for advocacy services until 2020. The current funding for disability advocacy services in NSW was set to expire on 30 June 2018, and the state government had earlier indicated that they would [no longer fund specific disability advocacy services](#) under the full scheme National Disability Insurance Scheme. Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#).

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NDIS needs market help to deliver shortfall in specialist disability housing

Funding for Specialist Disability Accommodation ([SDA](#)) under the National Disability Insurance Scheme ([NDIS](#)) is expected to support 28,000 people, 6 per cent of all NDIS participants. However, the NDIS has provided limited information about the demand for this specialist housing. Now a newly published [study](#) has found the existing supply of SDA needs to grow by 60 per cent to house the 28,000 people the NDIS expects to fund.

The report identified another 33,200 people with very high support needs who "may require SDA on top of the 17,500 already in this form of housing. Of these 33,200 people, 6,200 people are under 64 residing in aged care."

Read the full Freedom2Live article by George Taleporos [here](#).

People with disability left in hot cars take a back seat

NSW Ombudsman Michael Barnes issued a strong warning last week after receiving two horrifying reports of people with disability being left alone in hot cars. The risks to these people were serious – “dehydration, heatstroke and even death,” Mr Barnes said. Read the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability article [here](#).

- **REMEMEBER** don't leave your clients in vehicles on hot days. Always use the air-conditioning.

- Many of the medications people with disability are on for epilepsy, muscle relaxants, analgesics and sedatives leave people more vulnerable to heat fatigue.

Disability Issues In The Media

NDIS providers facing pressure meeting demand

Uncertainty and low prices are driving the fact that supply is not keeping up with demand. **Less than half of disability service providers surveyed for the State of the Disability Sector Report 2017 could meet all demand** and the outlook for 2018 suggests the supply gap will continue to widen with only 43 per cent, compared to 53 per cent in 2016, expected to meet demand. More alarmingly, **one in 10 is considering pulling out of providing services to the disability sector entirely**. “The reality is that many suppliers are providing a broad range of services, not just disability, such as mental health and childhood services, support, so the barriers to entering and exiting the disability sector are quite low.” Read the full [Freedom2Live](#) article [here](#).

[Call to link falls prevention with home support services](#)

Amid ongoing efforts to lower stubborn falls rates, new research shows fewer seniors are now being referred to prevention programs after a fall than a decade earlier. Read the full [Community Care Review](#) article [here](#).

Outsourcing NDIS contact centres to Serco

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) that Serco, would help run its contact centres under a two-year contract. The decision would put the company at the frontline of the NDIS, interacting frequently with people with disability and service providers, many of whom are still grappling with a vast, complex and sometimes confusing scheme. Read the [Guardian](#) article [here](#).

[Waiting times in the emergency department for people with acute mental and behavioural conditions](#)

The peak body for emergency medicine in New Zealand and Australia has proposed solutions to improve models of care for patients with acute mental and behavioural conditions. The call for action comes as a snapshot survey found mental health presentations are disproportionately experiencing access block compared with presentations for other conditions. Read the full [Analysis & Policy Observatory](#) article [here](#).

Blind girl with epilepsy wrongly denied thousands of dollars in NDIS support

An 11-year-old girl in foster care in Tennant Creek, who is blind, has epilepsy and cognitive impairment, was wrongly denied [national disability insurance scheme](#) support worth tens of thousands of dollars, a tribunal has found. Read [The Guardian](#) article [here](#).

NDIS SDA and SIL: Becoming Strange Bedfellows

SDA without a comparable Supported Independent Living (SIL) policy is useless, it cannot serve the needs of people with disabilities. But, as Brent explains, they are currently not sufficiently linked in policy or practice, potentially having serious consequences for participant's rights. Read the full [Disability Services Consulting](#) article [here](#).

[Government launches ACFA investigation into respite care](#)

The Aged Care Financing Authority has commenced a review into the use and funding of respite care services in Australia. The study, which is currently seeking public submissions, will examine respite services across both residential and community aged care. . Read the full [Community Care Review](#) article [here](#).

[Disability Advocates Slam Plans to Outsource NDIA Services](#)

Disability advocates have slammed the National Disability Insurance Agency's plans to outsource contact centre services to a private provider, with fears the company will be ill-equipped to deal with sensitive inquiries. Read the full [ProBono Australia](#) article [here](#).

'Straight into homelessness': housing plight of mentally ill Australians revealed

One in five chronically homeless people find themselves on the street after leaving psychiatric facilities and more than half have a psychotic illness, a study has found. The study, published in the Medical Journal of Australia on Monday, also found one in five became homeless after leaving public housing – a finding that shocked researchers and support services. Read the full Guardian article [here](#).

[New report confirms long delays for high-level home care](#)

Around 3 in 10 older people have been waiting more than 12 months for their required level of care, new government data shows. Read the full Community Care Review article [here](#).

[Government Called on to Employ More People With Disability in Public Service](#)

The federal government has been urged to show leadership and get more people with disability working in the Australian Public Service, after three state governments recently announced public service disability employment targets. Read the full Pro Bono Australia article [here](#).

[New data shows more facilities in the red](#)

The proportion of aged care facilities reporting a loss has grown from 34 to 41 per cent in six months, according to StewartBrown's latest benchmarking report, which found an increasing number of financially vulnerable facilities. Read the full Australian Ageing Agenda article [here](#).

Featured Organisation

Spinal Cord Injury Association

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) is a not-for-profit organisation working for people with spinal cord injury (SCI). Individuals with SCI and similar disabilities use our community-based services to overcome barriers, achieve their goals and live fulfilling personal, social and professional lives. We have been run by and for people with SCI for 50 years. We were founded by people with SCI, people with disability make up 33% of our staff, and the majority of people on our Board have a spinal cord injury. We are a member based organisation, with more than 1,200 members that include people with disability, their family, carers and professionals in the sector.

Membership page [here](#)

<https://scia.org.au>

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Spinal Cord Injury Australia Reports

Spinal cord injury from traumatic causes imposes a heavy physical, psychological and economic burden on the injured people, their families and society, because it often results in a high level of long-term disability and morbidity and in increased mortality risk. This Australian Institute of Health and Welfare collection of reports provides data from 2008-09 to 2013-14 on the incidence of traumatic spinal cord injury, the people injured, the care provided to them, and the causes of the injuries. The latest report shows that in 2013-14, 236 new incident cases of spinal cord injury due to external causes were reported to the Australian Spinal Cord Injury Register. Males accounted for 81% of traumatic spinal cord injury cases. Land transport crashes (46%) were the leading mechanism of injury followed by falls (32%). Nearly half (45%) occurred while the person was engaged in a sport or leisure activity.

[Spinal cord injury, Australia: summary 2008-09 to 2012-13](#) AIHW catalogue number **INJCAT 176**

[Spinal cord injury, Australia, 2013-14](#) AIHW catalogue number **INJCAT 183**

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Spinal Cure Australia: Funding Research to Cure Spinal Cord Injuries

<https://www.spinalcure.org.au/>

SpinalCure Australia was founded in 1994 with the sole aim of finding a cure for spinal cord injury through the promotion and funding of medical research.

Twenty years ago many still believed that cure to be an impossible dream. However, advances resulting from two decades of research have brought us to a time when a solution to this devastating condition is accepted as inevitable. Check out their web site and for up to date news subscribe to their enewsletter.

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New NDIA stance on swallowing support leaves people in danger

Council for Intellectual Disability is alarmed that the National Disability Insurance Agency will not fund speech pathologists to prepare mealtime management plans for people with swallowing problems. By Jim Simpson, Senior Advocate, Council for Intellectual Disability. Read the full article [here](#).

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National Disability Service Providers Benchmarking Survey

AbleInsight has been appointed by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to independently manage the National Disability Service Providers Benchmarking Survey (the 'Survey'). The Survey is supported by the NDIA, National Disability Services (NDS) and Mental Health Australia (MHA). Representatives of all three organisations are members of an Expert Advisory Group that has been formed to oversee the operation of the Survey. For more details, see the [Joint Statement of the NDIA, NDS, and MHA](#).

Link to AbleInsight Survey [here](#).

Books & Publications

Evidence-Based Assessment in ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)

Kenneth J. Aitken. Advocating for an increased emphasis on evidence-based practice, this book describes and analyses a wide range of available Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessment measures. The author offers guidance on how to evaluate services and programmes and how to recognise which will be most effective in different scenarios for people with differing needs. A wide range of measures are reviewed in detail, including assessments used in situations often ignored in overviews relevant to ASD, such as assessments of internet addiction, response to traumatic stress, and criminal offending risk and witness credibility. 2017. ISBN: 978-1-84905-529-1. [UK Publisher link](#).

[Helping Children Develop a Positive Relationship with Food](#)

Jo Cormack. This practical guide enables those working with young children to better understand, manage and support children's relationship with food. Revealing the different ways in which children can relate to food, it gives accessible guidance and advice about how to help children to develop psychologically healthy eating habits and behaviours, and how to tackle feeding issues such as picky eating, obesity and food anxiety. Included is an easy-to-use reference section for trouble-shooting, which contains advice on how special needs such as autism can affect children's feelings about food. 2017. ISBN: 9781785922084. [UK Publisher link](#)

Issue paper - Defendant Incapacity and AVOs (IDRS)

- This paper examines issues, legal and social, arising for defendants in apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO) and apprehended personal violence order (APVO) matters
- You can access the complete issues paper here- [Issue paper - Defendant Incapacity and AVOs](#)

A Multidisciplinary Handbook of Child and Adolescent Mental Health for Front-line Professionals, Third Edition

Nisha Dogra, Andrew Parkin, Fiona Warner-Gale and Clay Frake. This handbook provides a succinct introduction to child mental health, covering the nature, prevalence, treatment and management of mental health problems in children and young people. The authors explore a range of issues surrounding the emotional needs of young people, showing how specific problems such as ADHD and learning difficulties can be targeted, while also recognising diversity issues and paying particular attention to at-risk groups. ISBN: 9781785920523 [UK Publisherlink](#).

Using Solution Focused Practice with Adults in Health and Social Care

Judith Milner and Steve Myers. Solution focused practice offers proven ways of helping adults overcome a range of life difficulties, from physical and mental illness to learning disability and the challenges of old age. This book outlines the basic principles and techniques which can be used to identify people's strengths and abilities to overcome challenges, make their own decisions and achieve their goals. Using case examples of life challenges at every stage of adulthood, including problematic behaviours, trauma, loss and end of life care, it provides stimulating activities and questions that will help professionals develop constructive conversations with service users and help them find the solutions they need. ISBN: 9781785920677 [UK Publisher link](#)

NDIS Pathway Review Report

The Review was initially announced by the Board in April 2017 to address feedback from participants, families, carers and providers that, for many, their experience had fallen short of their expectations. Access the report [here](#).

Policies & Guidelines

Crimes Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme – Worker Screening) Bill 2018

Amends the Crimes Act 1914 to enable the convictions of persons who work, or seek to work, with people with disability in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to be disclosed to, and taken into account by, Commonwealth, state and territory agencies in determining whether a person is suitable to work with people with disability in the NDIS. Text of bill [here](#). Explanatory [memorandum](#). The Bill will now be considered by the Senate (second reading moved 19 March 2018).

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=r6054

The organisation of risk: how do dementia care providers adapt to regulation?

The relationship between regulation, care provision and risk has been an area of continuing policy debate. How dementia care providers handle regulation contributes to the quality of dementia care and the monitoring and enforcement of care standards. Read the full Analysis & Policy Observatory article [here](#).

New measures to boost home care package take up

Older people on the home care queue will receive a letter three months before they are to be assigned a package to encourage them to plan for services, the department has said. Read the full Community Care Review article [here](#).

BuyAbility - Support Disability Enterprises

<https://buyability.org.au/>

BuyAbility is a network of forward thinking Disability Enterprises and social procurement specialists. Our expertise is in linking government and private businesses with more than **600 locations of Disability Enterprises across Australia**.

BuyAbility is an initiative of **National Disability Services (NDS)** aimed at growing [supported employment](#) to give people with disability the opportunity to participate in the workforce. We celebrate the successes of the sector as significant social and economic contributors to their local communities.

BuyAbility Procurement is committed to increasing employment opportunities of people with disability through the management of socially responsible procurement opportunities for Disability Enterprises. We offer government and private business buyers channels to do business with Disability Enterprises nationally.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Australian.Spectrum.Show.Alive90.5fm>

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Review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument Report

Applied Aged Care Solutions have provided a report on a review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI). The review focused on adapting the ACFI to be suitable for an external assessment model, improvements to reduce subjectivity and bringing the tool in line with contemporary care practices. Access report below or [here](#).

[Review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument Report Part 1: Summary Report June 2017](#)

[Review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument Report Part 2: Main Report June 2017](#)

[Review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument Report Part 3: References & Appendices June 2017](#)

[ACNC Public trust and confidence in Australian charities 2017: market research report](#)

Previously conducted in 2013 and 2015, this research and subsequent report aims to understand the changes in the general public's attitudes and beliefs regarding trust and confidence over time. The majority of Australians have engaged with the charity sector in the past year. Charitable support was based on the knowledge there would be a clear and measurable outcome and an understanding that a high proportion of funds donated would contribute towards the cause. This is particularly important, as Australians recognise the positive contribution and influence charities have on society.

Australians donate to charities primarily for the perceived importance of the cause, the 'feel good' factor and a sense of duty to provide for those less fortunate. Nine in ten Australians claim to have had some involvement with a charity in the past year (91%), including donating time, money or goods. The primary driver of support is the importance of the cause –two thirds (65%) donate for this reason. Over four in five Australians (83%) will engage in some form of action or research when donating money. This might involve claiming a tax refund (56%) or researching if they are donating to a valid charity(34%). Australians think it is highly important for a charity to disclose information regarding donation use (76%), proportions spent on the cause (72%) and outcomes achieved (69%). Older Australians (those aged 55+ years old) are more likely than their younger counterparts to have high levels of trust. Download the full report from APO Analysis & Policy Observatory at <http://apo.org.au/node/120621>

[Calls to Abolish Basic Religious Charity Category from ACNC Legislation](#)

Justice Connect has called to abolish the concept of Basic Religious Charity from the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission's legislation, in their submission to the ACNC review. Charities with BRC status do not need to answer financial information questions in its Annual Information Statement, submit annual financial reports to the ACNC (regardless of its size), or comply with the ACNC governance standards. Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#).

[Australia's grant-making charities in 2016: an analysis of structured philanthropy and other grant-makers](#)

This report contributes to a growing body of information about the rich and diverse social, economic and cultural contributions that charities make in Australia and internationally. This report also recognises the value of Australia's charities and strengthens capacity for evidence-based regulation. Download the full report from APO Analysis & Policy Observatory at <http://apo.org.au/node/136241>

Research & Demographic Reports

[Treatment Outcomes in Patients With Newly Diagnosed Epilepsy Treated With Established and New Antiepileptic Drugs: A 30-Year Longitudinal Cohort Study](#)

Zhibin Chen, PhD; Martin J. Brodie, MD; Danny Liew, MD, PhD; et al. This longitudinal cohort study followed up a succession of newly diagnosed patients with epilepsy presenting at a single health care center over 30 years. The seizure-free rate observed was virtually unchanged over the study period, and the probability of achieving seizure freedom declined for each unsuccessful antiepileptic drug regimen prescribed. Despite availability of many new antiepileptic drugs with differing mechanisms of action, outcomes in newly diagnosed epilepsy have not improved; developing new disease-modifying compounds to current add to seizure-suppressing drug treatments may be necessary. JAMA Neurol. 2018;75(3):279-286. doi:10.1001/jamaneurol.2017.3949 Read abstract [here](#).

[Disability Support Pension: historical and projected trends](#)

The Disability Support Pension (DSP) represents a large component of social security spending for the Australian government. This report examines the factors underlying the recent decline in DSP expenditure, highlighting the impacts of changes in government policy. Download the full report from APO Analysis & Policy Observatory at [here](#).

[Association of Maternal Use of Folic Acid and Multivitamin Supplements in the Periods Before and During Pregnancy With the Risk of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Offspring](#)

Stephen Z. Levine, PhD; Arad Kodesh, MD; Alexander Viktorin, PhD; et al. In this case-control cohort study of 45 300 offspring, statistically significant associations between maternal vitamin supplement use before and/or during pregnancy and reduced risk of autism spectrum disorder in offspring were observed. Maternal exposure to folic acid and multivitamin supplements before and during pregnancy is associated with a reduced risk of ASD in the offspring compared with the offspring of mothers without such exposure. JAMA Psychiatry. Published online January 3, 2018. doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2017.4050 Read the abstract [here](#).

[Inclusive tourism: economic opportunities](#)

This report is part of a project being implemented by the UTS Institute for Public Policy and Governance and Local Government NSW to enable local governments and tourism operators in regional New South Wales to improve access to their infrastructure, services and products. Download the full report from APO Analysis & Policy Observatory at [here](#).

Cause of death patterns and peoples use of aged care: a Pathways in Aged Care analysis of 2012-14 death statistics

Almost 245,000 older people died in Australia in the 2 years to 30 June 2014. The majority of people (80%) had used an aged care program before their death, and the leading causes of death were coronary heart disease, dementia and cerebrovascular disease. [Download report](#).

Association of Folic Acid Supplementation During Pregnancy With the Risk of Autistic Traits in Children Exposed to Antiepileptic Drugs In Utero

Marte Bjørk, MD, PhD; Bettina Riedel, MD, PhD; Olav Spigset, MD, PhD; et al. Risk of autistic traits in children exposed to antiepileptic drugs in utero may be mitigated by periconceptional folic acid supplementation and folate status. This population-based cohort and Norwegian biobank study that included 104 946 children found that children exposed to antiepileptic drugs in utero had a significantly lower risk of autistic traits if the mother used periconceptional folic acid supplements. Maternal plasma folate concentration in gestational weeks 17 to 19 was inversely associated with the degree of autistic traits. JAMA Neurology. 2018;75(2):160-168. doi:10.1001/jamaneurol.2017.3897 Read abstract [here](#).

Incidence of insulin-treated diabetes in Australia

The Incidence of insulin-treated diabetes in Australia web report by The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare presents the latest available data on new cases of type 1 diabetes, insulin-treated type 2 diabetes and insulin-treated gestational diabetes, and is part of the ongoing national reporting using the 2016 National (insulin-treated) Diabetes Register. Data visualisations can be explored by age, sex, trends, population groups (Indigenous status, remoteness and socioeconomic groups), and geographic areas (state and territory, Primary Health Network and statistical area level 3) for type 1 diabetes and insulin-treated type 2 diabetes. Download web report: [Incidence of insulin-treated diabetes in Australia](#)

[Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder and youth justice: a prevalence study among young people sentenced to detention in Western Australia](#)

This study, in a representative sample of young people in detention in Western Australia, has documented a **high prevalence of FASD** and **severe neurodevelopmental impairment**, the majority of which had not been previously identified. Read the Analysis & Policy Observatory article [here](#).

Featured Course

Free Online Dementia Courses

The **Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre** at **The University of Tasmania** currently runs two MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) – the Understanding Dementia MOOC and the Preventing Dementia MOOC. **Access information and enrol** [here](#).

Preventing Dementia (May 2018)

Enrolment closes: May 25th, 2018 5:00 PM

Course opens: May 15th, 2018 9:00 AM

Course closes: June 22nd, 2018 5:00 PM

Understanding Dementia (July 2018)

Course opens: July 10th, 2018 9:00 AM

Course closes: September 14th, 2018 5:00 PM

Education Resources

[Committee set up to drive reform in aged care training](#)

A new aged care-specific body will be established to tackle longstanding vocational training issues in the sector, the Federal Government announced. The Australian Industry Skills Committee will create an Aged Care Industry Reference Committee to review and drive changes to aged care training standards and outcomes. Read the full Community Care article [here](#).

NSW Joint protocol to reduce the contact of people with disability in supported accommodation with the criminal justice system VIDEOS

People with cognitive and/or mental health impairments are over-represented in the criminal justice system. The Joint Protocol to reduce the contact of people with disability in supported accommodation with the criminal justice system aims to reduce unnecessary contact with the Police in relation to incidents that would be better managed within the disability accommodation service, and to improve relationships and communication between local police and disability services.

The Ombudsman's office has developed two short videos to help disability support workers and managers to quickly understand the Joint Protocol and what they need to do. The videos are available on our YouTube channel:

[Information for Disability Support Workers](#) (3.30min)

[Information for Managers of Supported Accommodation](#) (3min)

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Conference Calendar

1 - 31 May 2018

65 Roses Month. Cystic Fibrosis Australia. <http://www.65roses.org.au/>

1 - 31 May 2018

Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month. [website](#)

3 May 2018

Disability Justice Program: Supporting Aboriginal Peoples in Contact With the Justice System. Sydney. ACWA-CCWT. [Enrol.](#)

7 - 11 May 2018

Community Based Rehabilitation Disability Africa Network Conference. Lusaka, Zambia. [website](#)

8 - 9 May 2018

National Disability Summit. Sydney. [website](#)

10 - 16 May 2018

Schizophrenia Awareness Week.

15 - 16 May 2018

National Dementia Conference. Melbourne. [website](#)

16 - 17 May 2018

ATSA Independent Living Expo. Melbourne Showgrounds. [website](#)

17 May 2018

Global Accessibility Awareness Day. [website](#)

20 -26 May 2018

National Palliative Care Week. <http://palliativecare.org.au/>

20 -21 May 2018

Palliative Care Nurses Australia National Conference. Brisbane. [website](#)

21 - 27 May 2018

Macular Degeneration Awareness Week Day. [website](#)

22 - 23 May 2018

Special Education Needs Summit. Sydney. [website](#)

25 May 2018

World MS Day. [website](#)

25 -26 May 2018

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<https://www.sydneydisabilityexpo.com.au/>

27 -30 May 2018

National Speech Pathology Australia Conference. Adelaide Convention Centre. [website](#)

27 May - 3 June 2018

Care of the Older Person into the 21st Century Conference Cruise. Alaska. [website](#)

30 - 31 May 2018

ATSA Independent Living Expo. Claremont Showgrounds, Perth. [website](#)

30 May - 1 June 2018

Inclusion International's 17th World Congress. Beirmingham, U.K. www.worldcongress2018.com

6 - 8 June 2018

LASA NSW State Conference. Sydney. [Information.](#)

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