

PIR AND THE NDIS

Information for Participants and Carers

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Update on Partners in Recovery and the NDIS

Hume Partners in Recovery (PIR) continues to assist participants in the program to get the most out of services and supports available to them.

In 2017, we started to assist participants to access the NDIS. As a result, we are now providing in-kind support coordination to PIR participants with NDIS plans. Whilst we work to assist all PIR participants to test their eligibility for the Scheme, we continue to provide a service to people not eligible or not ready to access the NDIS.

We are also actively working with consumers, carers and the sector to strengthen the transition process and ensure the best possible outcomes for those affected by these changes.

What happens if I transition to the NDIS?

PIR participants who transition to the NDIS will continue to work with their Support Facilitator to put their NDIS plan into action. This is a funded support in the plan called **Support Coordination**.

The Support Facilitator/Coordinator will work with participants to understand the plan, help choose and connect with service providers, explore and link with community and mainstream services and help coordinate these as required. Support Facilitators/Coordinators also monitor the achievement of the participants goals, provide progress reports to the NDIA and participate in plan reviews.

Support Facilitators/Coordinators will also strengthen and enhance a participant's capacity to coordinate supports, self-direct and manage supports and participate in the community, including providing participants with assistance to:

- resolve problems or issues that arise
- understand their rights and responsibilities under service agreements
- change or end a service agreement

Support Coordination is a capacity building support and expected to reduce over time as the person becomes more involved in, and skilled at, coordinating their supports.

What if I don't transition to the NDIS?

Partners in Recovery participants, who are not eligible for the NDIS by the 30 June 2019, will be provided with continuity of support services commissioned through the Primary Health Networks. Further information about development of these services will be made available in the near future.

Is PIR still accepting referrals?

Referrals will continue to be accepted by the Hume PIR Program, however, due to limited vacancies a waitlist is now in place. Referrals that meet eligibility will be waitlisted pending a vacancy becoming available in the relevant area. **It should be noted being on the waitlist does not guarantee a place in the program.**

What can I access if I'm not a PIR or NDIS participant?

Talk to your GP, Clinical Case Manager or Support Worker about:

- supporting you to access the NDIS;
- accessing primary mental health services through a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan. Some of these services are commissioned by local Primary Health Network (PHN) and vary according to region (see below for local PHN website information).

Talk to your nearest NDIS Local Area Coordination Service by calling 1800 522 679 (NSW) or 1800 242 696 (VIC). Local Area Coordinators (LACs) have three key roles:

- they may link you to the NDIS;
- link you to information and support in the community, and/or
- work with their local community support it to be more welcoming and inclusive for people with disability.

For more information

Contact your **PIR Support Facilitator** on _____

Contact Hume PIR on 02 6041 0000 or email humepir@murrayphn.org.au

Useful links

Hume Partners in Recovery website www.humepir.org.au

Murray PHN website www.murrayphn.org.au

Murrumbidgee PHN website www.mphn.org.au/programs/mental-health

National Disability Insurance Scheme website at www.ndis.gov.au

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