

# PARTICIPANT AND CARER INFORMATION

## Partners in Recovery program update

*Updated April 2019*

As of 1 July 2019, there will be a significant change to the way psychosocial support services are delivered across Australia.

Psychosocial support is used to describe programs and activities designed to help people living with a severe mental illness increase their capacity to function in day-to-day life.

Psychosocial support can take many forms. It may mean supporting people with:

- developing social skills and friendships
- building family relationships
- managing money
- finding and looking after a home
- developing work goals
- improving educational skills
- staying physically well, including with exercise
- support with drug, alcohol and smoking issues
- building broader life skills including confidence and resilience.

### What supports are available to me?

All current Partners in Recovery participants will continue to receive psychosocial support after 30 June 2019.

People eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will start receiving their psychosocial support needs through the NDIS rather than Partners in Recovery, Personal Helpers and Mentors and Day to Day Living programs, which are currently scheduled to end on 30 June 2019.

Your support facilitator will be able to explain to you what the NDIS is and help you to apply for it.

There will be a new program in place for people who are not eligible for the NDIS. This program is called Continuity of Supports and is to make sure PIR participants have their support maintained after the end of PIR on 30 June 2019. If you have been found ineligible for the NDIS and you are unhappy with this decision, you will be able to reapply with the support of the Continuity of Support Program.

If you are waiting for a decision from the NDIS or have not yet applied by 30 June 2019, you will be supported through a program called National Psychosocial Support. This program will assist you to apply for the NDIS and transition to either NDIS services (if you are eligible) or the Continuity of Support program (if you are found ineligible).

It is important to note that all Partners in Recovery participants will be supported to transition to whichever program they are suited to by the 30 June 2019.

### **Is PIR still accepting referrals?**

Referrals will continue to be accepted by the PIR program.

Depending on demand there may be a waitlist, however if this happens the PIR intake coordinator will be able to provide information to you about alternative support options depending on your situation.

### **Who can I speak to for more information?**

Your support facilitator will continue to be your best point of contact for any questions you have about your support.

If you would like extra information, you can contact the PIR Intake team:

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