

NDIS – an overview

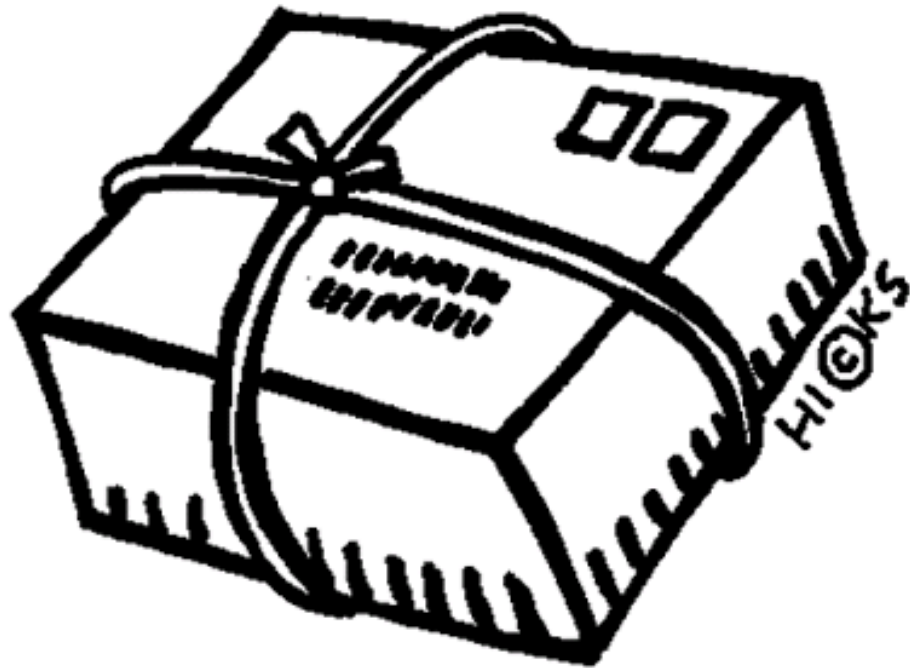
National Disability Insurance Act 2013

Three key pillars:

- Insurance approach
- Choice and control
- Harnessing the power of community and mainstream

Three components

Component 1: Funded support package



410,000 people (2.2%)

Average ~\$30,000 per annum

- Core support
- Capacity building support
- Capital support

Must:

- Address a functional limitation
- Be reasonable and necessary
- Not be provided in the mainstream environment

Component 2: Information, Linkages and Capacity Building

4M people with a disability; and their carers

Information, Linkages and Referrals

Capacity building for mainstream services

Community awareness

Individual capacity building

Local Area Coordination

Component 3: Mainstream supports

Anything that is not a disability support (eg: health, housing, homelessness services, transport)

Eligibility – Funded support

Age and residency requirements:

Less than 65 years of age

Be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa and be living in Australia

Disability requirements:

Have an **impairment or condition** that is likely to be **permanent** (i.e. it is likely to be life long)

Your impairment **substantially** reduces your ability to participate effectively in **activities**, or perform tasks or actions unless you have:

- assistance from other people or
- you have assistive technology or equipment (other than common items such as glasses) or
- you can't participate effectively even with assistance or aides and equipment

Your impairment **affects your capacity** for social and economic participation

You are likely to require support under the NDIS for your lifetime.

- Early intervention

SHS client with a disability & requiring assistance (2015/16)

2015/16 - 3262 people (3% of SHS clients)

	0 – 14 years	15 – 64 years	total
Diagnosed mental illness	106	1205	1311
No diagnosed mental illness	1048	903	1951
total	1154	2108	3262

Making an access request

- AKA – testing eligibility
- Phone NDIA - paper based form
- Need specialist or treating doctor to complete details about **diagnosis** and **disability**
- Need specialist or allied health professional to complete details about **functional impact**
- Can be supplemented with other existing assessments (Centrelink, Mental Health etc).
- Know what the frequency and duration of **support** is required

Symptoms – function - support

Activity area of limitation	Factors of ill health which cause difficulty (symptoms)	Functional implications	Type of support needed
Communication	Delusional thinking/ hallucinations/ cognitive difficulties	Difficulty interpreting communications, following instructions, seeking help/ direction	Person to assist with interactions, especially with appointments
Self management	Amotivation/ Cognitive Difficulties	Difficulty in attending to responsibilities due to lack of motivation/ interest/ concentration/ organisation/ different priorities	Person to supervise, prompt, support with care of house, managing money, getting services.

Housing

- Housing is a mainstream service
- Specialist disability accommodation – special built form, not provided by the market, responds to needs for which it would be unreasonable to meet in another way

“new stock will not be provided for housing which is designed around shared support or to meet particular privacy or location needs”

- But support to assist and maintain housing that might otherwise been difficult – support to manage tenancy, house maintenance, support with personal care, hoarding

Impact - changes to the service system

Loss of community based mental health support

New providers

Market based system:

- people might access supports from many providers
- Market needs to be able to respond to needs
- Participant needs capacity to exert demand

Focussed on the individual (not the system)

Support connection/ support coordination

Key messages

Highly likely that SHS clients will be eligible for the NDIS

Access request process is time consuming (but doable if client willing)

Opportunity for life long support

Big change – for clients, for service system – will take time to adapt