

Information for volunteers on the future direction for disability services

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We value the important contribution that our volunteers make, supporting people with disability in our state.

Now that the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme is underway, some disability services will gradually move to non-government management over the next few years.

The State Government is making these changes so that a stronger and more diverse market for services can develop.

For volunteers

The efforts of volunteers are vital to providing access to experiences that enhance the quality of life for people living with disability.

We encourage you to continue volunteering and we value your contribution to supporting people with disability.

For the time being, it is business as usual as it will take some time for changes to the management of some State Government disability services to be implemented. Our focus remains on maintaining services for our clients and we thank you for your continued support.

Information about services moving to non-government management is available on this fact sheet, including more detail about the NDIS, services and people affected.

The latest information about future changes to service areas can be found online at www.dcsi.sa.gov.au/futuredirection.

If you would like to talk to someone about the changes in more detail, you can call the client and staff information line on 1800 952 962 between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIS is providing more support and more opportunities for people with disability, their families and their carers than they've ever received before.

The scheme gives people individual budgets to spend on their services, and more choice and control over the supports they receive.

Under the NDIS, about twice as many South Australians will begin to receive support and the amount of funding for services in the state will almost double.

This means we will need a larger disability workforce with more providers to deliver the variety of services that people choose to use.



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Services that are affected

Not all services will move to non-government management.

Supported community accommodation services for people with disability including group homes will stay within government.

The services will stay within government and will operate commercially, so that clients can stay in their homes with the same carers.

Services for adults and children which will gradually transfer to the non-government sector over the next few years include:

- community support
- therapy
- community nursing
- equipment

The State Government will continue providing these services until the transfers to the non-government sector are complete.

People who are affected

For the 10,000 South Australians who receive disability services from the State Government, services will be maintained.

About 1,100 current State Government employees work within services expected to transfer into the non-government sector.

More information

We will be engaging with clients, carers and support workers to plan any future changes together.

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