Planning to meet the health needs of people with disability in the transition to the NDIS
Our role

• We review the death of any person living in, or temporarily absent from, residential care (disability services, assisted boarding houses, and centre-based respite).

• We examine the causes and patterns of deaths, and identify ways in which those deaths could be prevented or reduced.

• We report to Parliament every two years on our work, our recommendations, and the progress of agency actions to address our previous recommendations.
Current report

- On 29 June, we tabled our eighth report on reviewable deaths.

- The latest report covers the deaths in 2012 and 2013 of 239 people with disability in residential care.

- It also includes an additional chapter on issues relating to the health of people with disability in NSW that need to be addressed ahead of the full roll-out of the NDIS.
Experience with mainstream health services

We have consistently identified and reported problems in the interaction with health services, including:

• inadequate support to facilitate access to health services and treatment

• substantial gaps in health care planning and coordination

• inadequate support in hospital
Experience with mainstream health services

- poor coordination and transfer of care from hospital to home
- the need for an improved health response to people with complex needs, and
- poor access to community-based health care and programs, and preventative health programs.
Key areas for attention and action

- Clarifying funding responsibilities between NDIS and mainstream health services
- Clarifying the future arrangements of the health-related services that are currently funded by FACS
- Health care planning
- Compliance with health policy and upholding the rights of people with disability
- Data
Opportunities

• Building on existing positive work, including actions in some Districts’ Disability Action Plans, and the development of e-Health technology

• Using the Hunter NDIS launch site to trial and evaluate key initiatives and actions to address known problems and barriers in relation to mainstream health services
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