

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

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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.
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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.
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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
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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.
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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
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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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