

CAHS and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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Developing resources for assisting staff when referring children

Workforce preparation for PMH departments

Liaising with NDIS staff about processes and issues

Assisting families with queries

Liaising with paediatric health services nationally to develop common strategies

Workforce preparation

Presentations to CAHS Workforce

Development of resources to assist staff in writing supporting documentation for patients accessing the NDIS – Intranet

Liaison between CAHS patients and staff and external agencies where appropriate

Formation of the NDIS Clinical Working Party to assist in information transfer from and to the CAHS Clinicians

Resources to help with referring patients to the NDIS

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Supporting Access to the NDIS for new participants

This guide will assist you to write supporting documentation for an NDIS application. The NDIS requires confirmation of a child's diagnoses and its permanent nature and documentation of the functional impairment that results from the disability. WA Health remains responsible for providing health related services regardless of whether a child or person is accessing supports under the NDIS.

The NDIS staff make an independent decision on eligibility. The information provided by PMH staff to supporting NDIS applications are recommendations only. The NDIS will provide services and supports that are deemed 'reasonable and necessary' under the NDIS legislation, based on the child and family's goals.

The NDIS referral and planning process can take some time, therefore it is recommended that referrals are commenced as early as feasible. If it is anticipated that an inpatient will have a permanent disability due to a newly acquired injury/diagnosis it is advised that the NDIS referral process is instigated as early as possible during the admission.

NOTE: Until 30th June 2018 all referrals to the NDIS are managed by WA NDIS. From 1st July 2018 this process will change, as the NDIA will assume responsibility for new NDIS referrals. When information on the new process is available this document will be updated accordingly.

STEP 1: Parental Consent

A 'consent to share information' [form](#) must be completed before any patient information is shared with the NDIS or any of its service providers. Send a copy of this form with the NDIS application and also file a copy in the patient's medical record.



STEP 2: Provide a professional's report

When supporting an application for the NDIS there are 2 options for providing supporting documentation:

1. Use [WA NDIS referral form](#) (available [here](#)) and attach a current, relevant report.

Note: if you are choosing this option, the information on the following page will guide the information you will need to include in the report.



2. Use the [CAHS NDIS referral form](#) (available on the intranet [here](#))



STEP 3: Add recent assessments

In addition to the report outlined above include recent assessments that show the reduction in functional capacity if available. You are not required to complete assessments specifically for the purpose of referring the patient to the NDIS. Use assessments which you are already using as part of your assessment process (eg. WeeFIM, COPM, GMFCS). Interpreting the results for the NDIS Planners to reflect a normative comparison for age will assist the assessment process.



STEP 4: Add the following if applicable / available

1. Overnight Respiratory Support Needs Assessment
2. Summary of equipment and/or home modification requirements
3. Summary of consumable requirements



STEP 4: Submit application

Email the application using MyFT to: either the person's local coordination office or WANDIS@dsc.wa.gov.au. Copy in the PMH NDIS Project Officers: PCHNDIS@health.wa.gov.au so that referrals can be logged & support provided if required.

Summary of ways PMH staff can support families with NDIS engagement

Directing parents to PMH resources

Providing evidence of diagnosis

Providing evidence of the impact of the condition

Providing evidence of change of circumstances

Knowledge of services/items that can be requested in NDIS plans

Parent Resources

PMH and NDIS Division of Responsibilities

Internet and Parent Handout

Regular liaison with consumers for feedback

Dedicated email address for assistance

Resources for parents - Internet

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Government of Western Australia Department of Health website. The page is titled "Child and Adolescent Health Service Services A - Z" and specifically focuses on the "National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)" at Princess Margaret Hospital. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://pmh.health.wa.gov.au/services/ndis/indi...". The website header includes the Government of Western Australia logo and navigation links such as "Home", "General", "Careers", "Health A-Z", "Services A-Z", "Health Professionals", and "Help Us". A search bar is also present. The main content area features a blue header with the text "Child and Adolescent Health Service Services A - Z" and a sub-header "National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)". Below this, there is a section titled "About the NDIS in Western Australia" which provides information about the NDIS scheme, its introduction, and the transition from state-level to national-level management. The text states: "The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a national support scheme that is being introduced for people living with a disability. It is intended to give people living with long term disability more choice and control over the support and services they can receive to help achieve their goals and improve their quality of life." It also mentions that Western Australia trialed two different models of the NDIS, one managed at a state level (WA NDIS) and the other managed at a national level by the NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency). A date announcement is provided: "In December 2017 it was announced that the NDIA will take over responsibility for delivery of the NDIS in Western Australia from 1 July 2018. All current WA NDIS participants will be transferred to the nationally delivered scheme between April 2018 and December 2018. All new referrals to the NDIS will be managed by the WA NDIS until 1 July 2018." A link is provided for more information: "For more information on the roll-out schedule and NDIS in WA visit the [NDIS website \(external link\)](#)." Below this, there is a section titled "PMH service to patients accessing the NDIS" which states: "PMH will continue to provide for your child's health needs regardless of whether they are receiving services through the NDIS. The NDIS will provide supports and services to assist with your child's disability needs." and "You may not have thought about your child's additional needs as 'health needs' or 'disability needs' before. It is helpful to understand the difference between these when applying for the NDIS, as it will explain why some of your services come from the NDIS and others come from PMH." The browser's status bar at the bottom shows a zoom level of 95%.

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About the NDIS in Western Australia

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NDIS & PMH – division of responsibility

PMH provides

'health needs'

Emergency services

Inpatient services

Some consumables

Medications

Scans & tests

Health monitoring

Rehabilitation after illness/injury

Specialist doctors, nurses & therapists

Diagnosis of a condition or disability

NDIS provides

'disability needs'

Long-term equipment

Prosthetics & orthotics

Long-term allied health support

Some carer supports

Some consumables

Home and car modifications

