



Preparing for the NDIS in North East Melbourne Area

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will roll out in North East Melbourne Area from 1 July 2016.

What is the NDIS?

The NDIS is a new way of providing disability support and it is being implemented by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

The NDIS is being introduced in stages, because it's a big change and it is important to get it right and make it sustainable.

The details on how people will phase into the NDIS has been negotiated between the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.

So far, the NDIS has been trialled in several sites across the country. On 1 July 2013, the NDIS trial commenced in Victoria.

How does the NDIS work?

The NDIS takes a flexible, whole-of-life approach to working with participants, their families and carers, to develop individualised plans. The NDIS provides participants with more choice and control over how, when and where their supports are provided.

It also provides certainty that they will receive the support they need over their lifetime.

The NDIS works to connect participants with community and mainstream supports. The NDIS funds the additional reasonable and necessary supports to help participants pursue their goals and aspirations, and participate in daily life.

Helping people to build their social and economic participation requires the NDIS to work closely with community organisations to identify opportunities for people with disability.

In Victoria, there are many well-established community organisations who will be important in helping people with disability prepare for the NDIS.

They will also play a vital role in assisting people with disability to achieve their goals.

How will the roll out work?

People currently receiving supports through the Victorian or Commonwealth Government will be moving to the NDIS at different times depending on the type of support they are receiving and where they live.

The NDIS will become available in the North East Melbourne Area from 1 July 2016. The North East Melbourne Area covers the local government areas of:

- Banyule
- Darebin
- Nillumbik
- Whittlesea
- Yarra

How will people enter the NDIS?

Before your area transitions, if you are currently receiving support from the Victorian Government your contact details will be given to the NDIA. The first step will be a phone call from the NDIA to discuss the process of entering the NDIS.

In North East Melbourne Area, our National Access Team will be calling existing Victorian and Commonwealth Government clients over the coming months. Arrangements will be made for people who have additional communication requirements.

During this phone call we will confirm your details and the process for your access to the NDIS.

Once your access to the NDIS is determined, you should attend an information session about the NDIS. Information session details will be advertised on our website ndis.gov.au/vic.

What does the NDIS planning process look like?

There are a few stages to your NDIS pathway, from understanding and accessing the NDIS, to developing and implementing your first plan.

During the first year of your NDIS plan, it is important to monitor how your plan is working for you. This information will be used to create your next plan when your plan is reviewed.

Everyone's needs and goals are different. That's why the NDIS provides you with the flexibility to manage your individualised support needs.

Who can access the NDIS?

To access the NDIS in Victoria people must:

- live in an area where the NDIS is available;
- meet the age and citizenship requirements; and
- meet either the disability or early intervention requirements.

Some Victorian Government programs for people with disability have access requirements similar to the NDIS. People in these defined programs identified by the Victorian Government will be deemed to have met the disability requirements to enter the NDIS. The citizenship and age requirements will still need to be met.

What can I do to prepare?

Start thinking about your life, your future and what you would like to achieve. This will help you get ready for your first NDIS plan. You can also speak to the organisations you are currently receiving support from and attend an NDIS information session in your area.

Information and resources to help you are available from ndis.gov.au/vic.

More information

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