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Outcome: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: NDIA SQ15-000016

Topic: Young people in nursing homes

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Senator McLucas asked:

What process is the NDIA using to ensure those young people in the launch sites currently in nursing homes are identified and given plans?

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is currently working with the Department of Social Services Young People with Disabilities Principles and Protocols Working Group to update the national guiding principles to explicitly refer to arrangements and referrals for young people with disabilities in nursing homes and how this will occur during the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) transition and full Scheme.

This work will assist in ensuring that young people with disability who are at risk of entering or are referred to nursing homes for accommodation and support are also referred to the NDIA to enable appropriate support and services to be organised. In addition to this, the NDIA is working collaboratively with organisations such as the Summer Foundation to identify young people in nursing homes and assist to support them to access the NDIS through a collaborative approach with the NDIA.

Overall, there are 139 young people aged under 65 living in permanent residential aged care who have connected with the NDIA in trial sites, of which 78 per cent are over 50 years of age. Of these 139 people, 129 are either:

- NDIS participants in the planning process or with approved plans; or
- in the process of seeking access to the NDIS to become participants.

The NDIA has recently been provided with data from DSS that identifies where young people in nursing homes are residing in trial sites, as at 9 February 2015. This data will assist the NDIA to approach these nursing homes and provide information about the NDIS to potential participants.