



Office of the  
Children's Guardian



# VOOHC and the NDIS rollout

# NSW and Commonwealth Governments

For children and young people accessing VOOHC as a form of respite, the NSW and Commonwealth governments are working together to ensure:

- The NDIS Plan will consider and reflect the reasonable and necessary supports needed by the child or young person and their family/carer.
- That people who are in caring roles have the support they need to effectively care under the scheme ie ILC.

# Planning

- It's important to separate the NDIS Plan from a VOOHC case plan or a case management plan.
- The NDIA works with the participant to identify the reasonable and necessary supports the participant requires to achieve their specific needs, goals and preferences.
- The NDIS Plan identifies funding amounts for different services in the NDIS Pricing Schedule.
- The Participant is able to exercise choice and control by selecting preferred service providers to engage in provision of services as approved within that Plan.
- The chosen disability service provider would then develop or review a case plan with the participant (depending on the nature of the service they are providing).

# Transition to the NDIS

- In NSW people who receive specialist disability supports through the NSW Government or a service providers funded by the NSW Government will move to the NDIS as it rolls out.
- An NDIS plan will be tailored to meet the participants unique circumstances, reasonable and necessary supports will be funded to enable participation in community life.
- New participants and those requiring urgent assistance that are assessed as eligible will be able to access the scheme during transition.

# VOOHC and the NDIS

- The NDIS Early Childhood and Early Intervention (ECEI) approach and access to reasonable and necessary supports will reduce the need for VOOHC in the future.
- A transitional approach has been agreed between NSW and NDIS to ensure that established referral pathways are retained while the NDIA implements its ECEI scheme in July 2018.
- Where a child or young person is unable to remain in the family home due to the nature of their disability Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) will be considered in exceptional circumstances along with other supports as part of their NDIS plan.

# VOOHC Supervision and the NDIS

- OCG will continue to accredit and monitor RA and DA in relation to the VOOHC supervision role.
- Delivery of disability services by the NSW government will continue to reduce to align with the implementation of the NDIS.
- This includes the reduction of ADHC staff providing direct disability service and VOOHC Supervision.
- VOOHC Supervision is an important quality and safeguard mechanism that will continue and be provided by DA if requested by a RA.

# Key Contacts

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