



Getting communities ready for the NDIS

Conducting an as-is assessment

Is your Community ready?

The Queensland Government is getting our state ready for the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) from 1 July 2016.

People with disability will have more opportunities, more choices and more connections. This will open doors to new possibilities in our economy and community life.

Everyone in the community has a role to play to ensure the NDIS is a success.

This brochure outlines:

- what is an as-is assessment
- how to conduct an as-is assessment
- how to use the information gathered
- what role you can play.

What is an as-is assessment of community capacity and capability?

An as-is assessment is a point-in-time measure of the capability and capacity that exists within the community.

An as-is assessment can be used to identify gaps and opportunities for future service development.

How to conduct an as-is assessment?

In order to conduct an as-is assessment, you will need to analyse the domains of people, services, infrastructure and technology.

This requires:

- the identification of existing services, challenges and opportunities

- discussions with local service providers, participants and community members to identify how well these services operate and suit the needs of individuals with disability.

There is an accompanying evaluation framework which you can use to rate each domain in terms of its level of maturity along a 4 point scale. This produces an indication of areas of strength, and areas requiring development.

How to use the information gathered

The information obtained from an as-is assessment provides a snapshot of the capacity and capability within the community.

Targeted improvements

This identifies where efforts should be targeted in order to result in growth and development within the community, in order to best meet the needs of individuals with disability.

Re-evaluating progress

Having a baseline measure also assists in identifying whether progress has been made, and in quantifying the progress increment.

Contact your local Disability Services (Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services) office and see how you can start today.

What role can you play?

If you are interested in conducting an as-is assessment, please discuss this with your Local Area Coordinator or representative from Disability Services.

You may be well suited to this role if you have knowledge of existing services, a passion for community development and/or have an interest in making your community more inclusive of disability.

Please also consider if there is a role that your organisation can play in performing, or cooperating in the as-is assessment.

For more information

- www.ndis.gov.au for further information on the NDIS and to sign-up for the NDIS e-newsletter or call the **NDIS Hotline 1800 800 110**
- www.communities.qld.gov.au/ndis for information on Queensland's NDIS preparations, the Queensland NDIS events calendar and to sign up to the Queensland NDIS e-blast
- www.qld.gov.au/disability for information about current services for Queenslanders with disability or call **13 QGOV (13 74 68)**
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