



Study comparing supports and satisfaction of older National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants with older people with disability who are not eligible for the NDIS - Older People Study

Information sheet

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing care and support for people with disability in Australia.

To find out how the NDIS trial is progressing, an independent evaluation team has been established. The Evaluation team is led by the National Institute of Labour Studies (NILS) at Flinders University. The evaluation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS).

One aspect of the evaluation is to examine whether the NDIS trial is making a difference to older people with disability. We therefore want to compare the supports received by older people with disability who have joined the NDIS with similar people who have not joined.

Who we are looking for

The Evaluation team would like to talk to managers of disability and aged care provider organisations about the supports received by older people with disability.

If I participate, what would I have to do? How long will it take and where will it take place?

We would like to speak with you once for about 60 minutes. The interviews will be conducted by telephone. The conversation will be audio-taped so that we can be sure we have noted your comments correctly. De-identified excerpts from a transcription of this recording may be used in reports and other publications. You may request a copy of the document. To do so, please tell the researcher at the time of the interview or contact us on 1800 265 648 or email ndisevaluation@flinders.edu.au.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. If you agree to be interviewed you can choose not to answer some questions. You can also stop the interview or withdraw from the study at any time. If you do so, or choose not to participate, this will not affect you in any way.

What kind of questions will we ask you?

The Evaluation team would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss your organisation's experience of providing supports to older people with disability, in order to understand:

- the supports received by older people with disability either through the NDIS or the aged care sector;

- client transfers that occur between the NDIS, the aged care sector and the state-funded disability sector; and
- the issues which impact upon supports for older people with disability.

How will my answers to the questions be used?

Audio recordings will be transcribed into a document which will have your name and any identifying features removed. The information will then be used in a variety of ways:

- to inform how the NDIS looks in the future;
- to develop policies that strengthen support services and care for older people with disability, and their families and carers; and
- to write reports and other publications, including media articles, to inform the wider community about topics raised by participants.

What you tell us will be kept confidential

We respect your privacy. Your responses will remain strictly confidential and under no circumstances will your identity be revealed to anyone, unless where we are required to by law or if someone's personal safety is at risk. The information you give us will be kept securely at Flinders University for seven years from the date of publication of any reports, before being destroyed.

Our full privacy policy is available on the web at <http://ndisevaluation.net.au/privacy.cfm>.

Are there any risks to taking part?

Taking part in the interview will not put you at any risk and will not affect any commercial relationships or arrangements that you may have with the National Disability Insurance Agency or the DSS, or any support, financial or otherwise, that your organisation may be receiving at the moment or at any time in the future.

Would you like to find out more?

If you have any questions or want to find out more about the study you can contact us by phone on 1800 265 648 or email us at ndisevaluation@flinders.edu.au.

You can find out more about the broader NDIS evaluation on the web at <http://ndisevaluation.net.au>.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and for any help that you are able to give us with this study.

This study has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee (Project Number 6986). For more information regarding ethical approval of the study, the Executive Officer of the Committee can be contacted by telephone on 08 8201 3116, by fax on 08 8201 2035 or by email at human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au.