



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 for NDIS participants

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 going an independent Evaluation Team has been set up. 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).

As part of the evaluation we want to find out if the NDIS trial is making a difference to older people with disability. We 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?

We would like to speak with a small number of people with disability aged 59 years and older who have joined the NDIS.

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. You can choose the place and time of your interview. You can also choose how to do the interview in a way that best suits you – in person, by phone, or by Skype. The conversation will be voice recorded so that we can be sure to get your story straight.

You can have someone of your choice accompany or assist you during the interview.

You don't have to do the interview if you don't want to. But, by taking part, you will be helping to make sure that the NDIS meets people's needs. It's OK if you don't want to answer any of the questions. It is also OK if you start the interview and decide that you want to stop.

What kind of questions will we ask you?

We will ask questions about:

- the supports that you are getting under the NDIS
- the supports you got before joining the NDIS
- how you feel about your current supports

There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested to learn what you think and any ideas that you would like to share with us.

How will my answers to the questions be used?

We will take the voice recording and turn it into a document. The document will not have your name and will not have anything that makes it possible to know who you are.

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.

The information you provide will only be used for this study and will help the Government understand better what support older people with disability need.

What you tell us will be kept as private as possible

We respect your privacy. What you say will stay confidential. The information you give us will be kept securely at Flinders University for seven years before being destroyed.

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

Will I be paid for the interview?

We will give you \$50 for taking part in the interview.

Are there any risks to taking part?

Taking part in the interview will not put you at any risk. It will not affect any support you get at the moment or might get in the future.

We know that, sometimes, talking about your experience can be hard. We will give you as much help as we can to make the interview as easy as possible, but if you need to take a break or stop the interview at any time please let us know. If you need support after the interview you could contact:

- Lifeline's 24 hour crisis telephone line - 13 11 14
- National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline - 1800 880 052
- National Disability Services - 02 6283 3200

Ethics Approval

When we do research like this, we must make sure that we follow all the rules that apply. One of these rules says that we must seek ethics approval. This means that a group of people at Flinders University agree that our research is good and fair. We have received this approval for the study. The project number is 6986.

Would you like to find out more?

If you have any questions or want to find out more about the study you can call us 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
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