



# People with psychosocial disability

## Fact sheet

**The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) began rolling out across Western Australia from 1 July 2017. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will assume responsibility for the NDIS in WA from 1 July 2018. All eligible people will have access to the Scheme by 2020.**

Psychosocial disability refers to impairment that can be attributed to a psychiatric condition. To be recognised as a disability in the NDIS the impairment must be permanent, or likely to be permanent, and substantially reduce a person's ability to undertake routine daily activities.

### What supports and services are offered by the NDIS?

If you have a psychosocial disability and are eligible for the NDIS you will be able to access non-clinical supports and services that support you to undertake daily living activities and participate in the community – both socially and economically.

This is done through a planning process with a Local Coordinator. Your Local Coordinator will get to know you and support and assist you as much or as little as you need during the planning process.

Your plan may include support with things like:

- social interaction – such as making and keeping friends and relationships, or behaving in ways accepted by others.
- self-management – such as planning and organising daily life (including appointments) and managing household / personal finances.
- identifying education, training and employment opportunities.

### What supports and services are provided by the WA health system?

There are some supports and services that will continue to be provided by the WA health system. These are separate from NDIS supports.

The Department of Health's Community Mental Health Team and a range of private psychiatrists and mental health practitioners provide specialist mental health services. This includes care while admitted in hospital, in-patient and residential care, medications and pharmaceuticals.



## Can I take part in the NDIS?

Contact your local coordination office to begin your eligibility assessment. To find the details of your local office visit [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) > Individuals and enter your suburb or postcode.

## Further information

- **Visit:** [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au)
- **Email:** [WANDIS@dsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:WANDIS@dsc.wa.gov.au)
- **Call:** 1800 996 214
- **TTY:** 9426 9315
- **Am I Eligible?:** This online tool allows you to check your potential eligibility for the NDIS. Go to [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) and click on **Am I Eligible?**

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