

Decision Support pilot by advocacy agencies



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Steering Committee

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Eligibility criteria

- Over 18 and potential or current NDIS participants
- Diagnosed disability
- Need support with decision-making
- Have no other appropriate decision-making support
- Their decisions related to the nDIS will significantly affect them

NDAP (National Disability Advocacy Program)

- **Organisations in pilot:**

- QAI
- BINSAs
- ADACAS
- Speak Out
- DA NSW
- EDAC
- DCLS

Outcomes so far of this pilot

State/Terr		Sept 2018- 12 th March 2019
NSW	Disability Advocacy NSW	25
Vic	Leadership Plus	7
Qld	QAI	14
WA	EDAC	15
SA	BINSA	23
TAS	Speak Out	17
ACT	ADACAS	7
NT	DCLS	Writing a paper

Issues that have arisen

- Inappropriate referrals
- Support person theoretically available but not able/willing to provide support e.g. ageing parents not able to handle NDIS processes
- Unauthorised restrictive practices in place
- Insecure housing – some coming out of incarceration
- Lack of service providers when NDIS plan is in place

Extension of pilot

- Expected announcement shortly for extension to June 2020
- Survey to pick up unmet needs for Decision Support will be designed and implemented
- Will discuss difference between Decision Support and Advocacy when working with the same client group