

Key Data on Psychosocial Disability and the NDIS - as at 31 March 2017

- The *Productivity Commission Inquiry into Disability Care and Support* estimated that 411,250 people who would meet the access requirements for Tier 3 funded supports in 2011-12. Further, the Productivity Commission estimated that approximately 56,880 people would be participants with a significant and enduring primary psychosocial disability (13.8%). In 2019-20 the number of expected participants in the NDIS is approximately 460,000 of which approximately 64,000 participants are estimated to be participants with a significant and enduring primary psychosocial disability (13.9%).
- Across all States/Territories 11,257 (11.4%) of all scheme participants¹ have a psychosocial disability, and 6,371 participants (6.4%) have psychosocial disability recorded as their primary disability (an increase from 4,764 participants (6.2%) with a primary psychosocial disability at 31 December 2016). Note, these numbers need to be treated with caution as NDIS States/Territories currently support specific age cohorts (for example, South Australia for 0 - 17 year olds and Tasmania for young people aged 12 - 28) or regions and not all phasing is complete.
- In New South Wales and Victoria the proportion of participants with a primary psychosocial disability is 5.9% and 10.4% respectively. In the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australian and Queensland, it is 12.8%, 7.9% and 7.2% respectively. Note: these numbers are impacted by the phasing schedule of transition participants entering the scheme and differ when only the trial site locations are considered, most significantly in the New South Wales-Hunter and Victoria-Barwon trial site locations being 12.8% and 14.1% respectively.
- The current prevalence rates of people with a psychosocial disability differs significantly between state/territory regions. For participants aged 25 to 44 years, the trial site regions prevalence rates are lowest in North East Perth and highest in Barwon. The prevalence rate is higher for participants aged 45 to 64 years in each trial site compared with other age groups. Comparing across state/territory regions that include the trial site locations, it is lowest in North East Perth, and highest in Barwon. Once again these numbers should be treated with caution as psychosocial disability has only recently commenced being phased into any state region areas outside of the trial site LGAs, and potential participants continue to approach the scheme. Further, existing support arrangements and the demographics of the different geographical areas also play a part.
- 4,849 (76%) participants with a primary psychosocial disability currently have an approved plan, compared to 3,720 (78%) at 31 December 2016.
- 78% (down from 81% in December 2016²) of participants with a psychosocial disability submitting an access request have been found to meet the access requirements for the scheme. This varies between states/territories and is higher in Victoria at 85%.
- Across all States/Territories, \$337.7m (5.5%) of approved committed supports is for participants with a primary psychosocial disability, and a total of \$642.5 million (10.4%) is

¹ This refers to all participants currently classified as eligible for the scheme as a proportion of those currently classified as eligible, closed, revoked, ineligible, in progress or withdrawn.

² At December 2016 there were a lower proportion of participants who were currently in progress or withdrawn, which is the key driver of the decrease from 81% to 78%. 78% is, however, consistent with the proportion seen in June 2016.

for participants with any psychosocial disability. Note: this committed support spans different periods of time for different participants, depending on when the participant first entered the scheme.

- Participants with a primary psychosocial disability have a range of package values, with most participants receiving between \$20,000 and \$50,000.
- Considering New South Wales, Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia and Queensland only, 70% of supports approved for participants with a primary psychosocial disability who have an approved plan is committed for core support (both daily activities and community participation). 9% has been committed for capacity building - support coordination, 6% to capacity building – daily activities and 5% to capacity building – social and civic. Victoria also has a higher proportion committed to capacity building - employment. Note: capacity building makes up around 26% of committed support for participants with a primary psychosocial disability.
- Considering trial site locations only, the proportion of participants with a primary psychosocial disability in each trial site has increased over time, bringing it closer to the projected Productivity Commission estimate. This is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Trial site participants with a psychosocial disability as a proportion of all trial site participants^{3,4}

	Prior to 2015	31/03/2015	30/06/2015	30/09/2015	31/12/2015	31/03/2016	30/06/2016	30/09/2016	31/12/2016	31/03/2017
Participants with a primary psychosocial disability										
NSW_HTR	8.6%	8.2%	9.0%	9.2%	9.6%	10.8%	12.3%	12.9%	14.0%	13.9%
VIC	13.3%	13.7%	13.9%	14.1%	14.0%	14.0%	14.1%	14.3%	14.9%	14.9%
ACT	2.5%	3.3%	4.0%	4.9%	5.7%	8.2%	11.3%	12.0%	13.0%	13.2%
WA	1.1%	1.0%	1.5%	2.9%	5.1%	7.2%	7.6%	8.6%	10.0%	9.8%
All participants with a psychosocial disability										
NSW_HTR	13.9%	13.2%	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%	14.6%	15.8%	17.1%	18.4%	18.5%
VIC	16.7%	17.2%	17.2%	17.5%	17.3%	17.3%	17.3%	17.9%	18.7%	18.9%
ACT	7.5%	9.3%	9.0%	10.3%	10.9%	12.8%	15.2%	16.6%	17.6%	17.9%
WA	3.5%	2.7%	4.0%	5.3%	7.3%	9.3%	9.7%	11.0%	12.6%	12.8%

³ This includes all participants **ever** found eligible for the scheme who may be currently classified as eligible, closed, revoked, ineligible, in progress or withdrawn.

⁴ The proportions in the last two quarters are higher than those previously reported, to amend the participants who are being defined as trial site participants, and to include Borderline personality disorder which was not correctly included as a primary psychosocial disability.

Attachment A

- The proportion of access requests with a primary psychosocial disability has also increased over time. This is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Access requests for trial site people with a psychosocial disability as a proportion of all trial site access requests⁵

	Prior to 2015	31/03/2015	30/06/2015	30/09/2015	31/12/2015	31/03/2016	30/06/2016	30/09/2016	31/12/2016	31/03/2017
Access Requests for people with a primary psychosocial disability										
NSW_HTR	10.8%	10.4%	11.1%	11.0%	11.8%	12.6%	13.7%	14.5%	14.3%	14.0%
VIC	14.5%	14.6%	14.6%	14.9%	14.6%	14.9%	14.9%	15.2%	15.2%	15.3%
ACT	3.6%	4.3%	4.6%	5.4%	7.1%	9.2%	11.7%	12.7%	13.6%	13.7%
WA	3.5%	2.9%	3.7%	5.1%	7.4%	8.8%	9.0%	10.0%	9.9%	9.9%
All access requests for people with a psychosocial disability										
NSW_HTR	16.5%	15.8%	16.0%	15.9%	16.2%	16.6%	17.2%	18.5%	18.7%	18.7%
VIC	18.2%	18.2%	18.4%	18.4%	18.3%	18.2%	18.0%	18.6%	19.2%	19.3%
ACT	9.4%	10.6%	10.2%	11.6%	12.9%	14.3%	15.6%	17.0%	18.2%	18.3%
WA	5.8%	4.7%	6.4%	7.8%	10.0%	11.0%	11.0%	12.5%	12.6%	12.8%

⁵ The proportions in the last two quarters are higher than those previously reported, to amend the participants who are being defined as trial site participants, and to include Borderline personality disorder which was not correctly included as a primary psychosocial disability.

- Tables and figures presented in the March 2017 quarterly report to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Disability Reform Council (DRC) for participants with a primary psychosocial disability are shown below. Note: the CRDC reports in the latest transitions quarter differ in style and content from what was presented in the CDRC reports in trial years and in the previous transitions quarter.

Table 1.6 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	3,777	6%	1,072	7%	4,849	6%
Overall	60,535	100%	14,336	100%	74,871	100%

Figure 2.3 Average committed support by primary disability group (excluding participants with shared supported accommodation supports) – active participants with first plan approvals in 2016-17 Q3 compared with active participants with first plan approvals in prior quarters

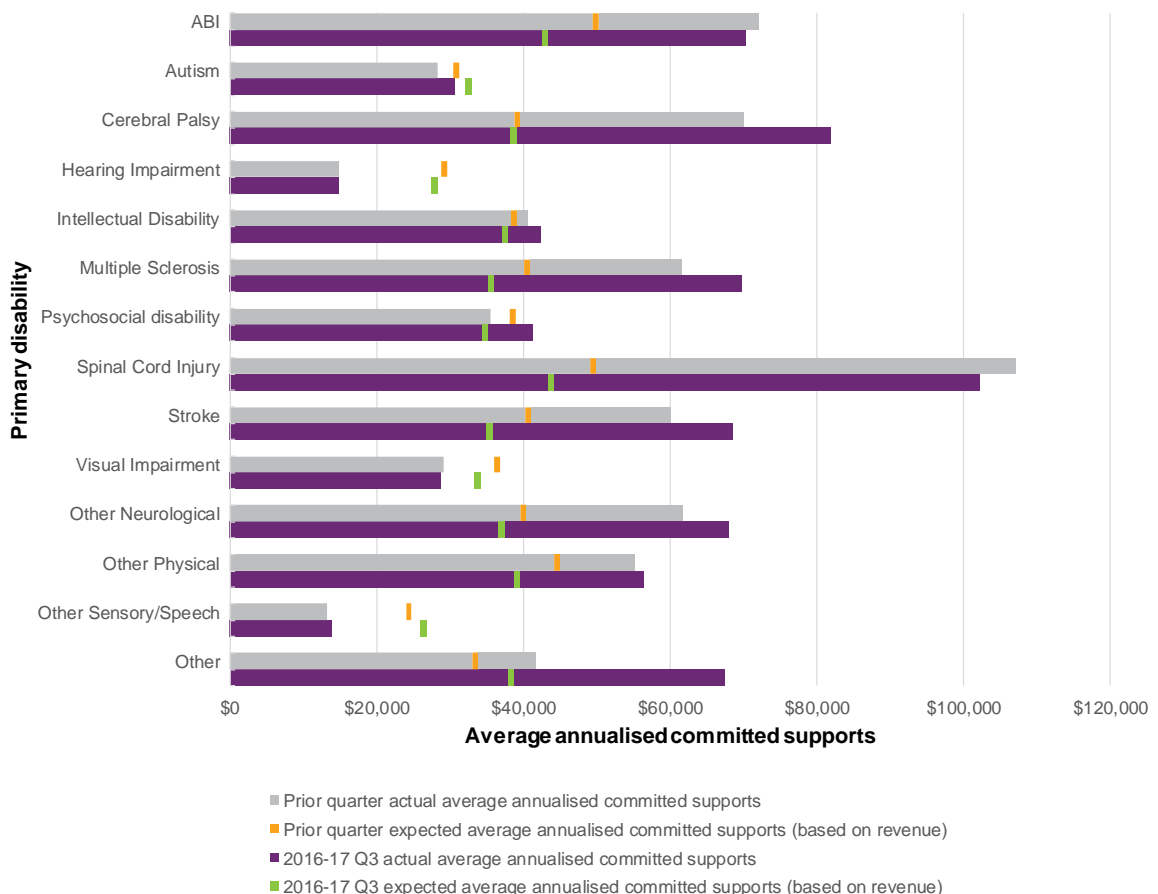


Table C.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - NSW

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	1,758	6%	601	8%	2,359	7%
Overall	28,475	100%	7,252	100%	35,727	100%

Table D.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - VIC

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	897	10%	137	6%	1,034	9%
Overall	9,179	100%	2,450	100%	11,629	100%

Table E.1 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - QLD

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	140	5%	222	9%	362	7%
Overall	2,566	100%	2,474	100%	5,040	100%

Table F.2 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - WA

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	250	9%	27	6%	277	8%
Overall	2,916	100%	489	100%	3,405	100%

Table G.3 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - SA

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	25	0%	5	1%	30	0%
Overall	10,159	100%	853	100%	11,012	100%

Table H.4 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - TAS

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	44	3%	5	2%	49	3%
Overall	1,622	100%	232	100%	1,854	100%

Table I.5 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - ACT

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	656	12%	72	16%	728	12%
Overall	5,462	100%	448	100%	5,910	100%

Table J.6 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - NT

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2016-17 Q3		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	7	4%	3	2%	10	3%
Overall	156	100%	138	100%	294	100%