



Partners in Recovery and the NDIS

What is the PIR initiative?

The Partners in Recovery (PIR) initiative supports people with severe and persistent mental illness with complex needs, and their carers and families. It aims to do this by enabling the multiple sectors, services and supports that they may come into contact with (and could benefit from) to work in a more collaborative, coordinated and integrated way.

For more information about the initiative visit the [Department of Health](#) website.

The PIR initiative and the NDIS?

PIR Organisations started to be established from June 2013 and are funded until June 2016.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (the Scheme) is currently available in:

- Hunter area, NSW
- Barwon area, Victoria
- South Australia (for children)
- Tasmania (for young people).

A PIR Organisation is currently available in one launch site: Hunter. A PIR Organisation has been established in the ACT and will work with the scheme when it becomes a launch site from 1 July 2014.

Other PIR Organisations will be involved as more launch sites begin operation from 2016.

I'm currently accessing the PIR initiative – what does this mean for me?

If you live in the Hunter region, you may be able to access the scheme. See [Fact sheets and publications](#) or talk to your PIR Organisation for more information.

You can make a request to access the Scheme at any time. Your PIR Organisation will be able to guide you through the process.

If you become a participant in the Scheme, your current supports under the PIR initiative can be included in your individual plan, or your PIR Action Plan can be used to identify supports to be provided through the Scheme.

If you are currently not receiving other disability services, you can complete the [My Access Checker](#) to see whether you may be able to access assistance from the Scheme.

What happens if I don't become a participant in the Scheme?

Many PIR clients will be eligible to participate in the Scheme. However, if you do not become a participant in the Scheme you will continue to have access to the PIR initiative and receive your current level of supports.

I'm a provider delivering services under the PIR initiative – what does this mean for me?

If you provide services and PIR supports outside a Scheme launch site or to people in a launch site who aren't participants in the Scheme, your current arrangements will continue.

If you wish to deliver supports to participants in the Scheme in a launch site, you'll be required to:

- register with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) as a service provider (see [Providers](#) for more information);
- report on the in-kind supports provided to participants.

Funding contributed to the scheme by the PIR initiative will be in kind until mid-2016.

More information

- Visit the [NDIS](#) website
- Email enquiries@ndis.gov.au

- Call **1800 800 110*** Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm EST
- For people with hearing or speech loss
 - TTY: 1800 555 677
 - Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727
- For people who need help with English TIS: **131 450**

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