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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

NSW Government Response to the Review of the Program of Appliances for Disabled People

Summary

The former Minister for Health, Morris Iemma, approved a major review of the Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP). The Review made by 30 recommendations across the three key issues examined by the reviewers. The NSW Government carefully considered the recommendations made in the Review, in the NSW Government Response to the Review of PADP.

The recommendations provide a framework for implementing reforms for all NSW Health disability support programs that will create fairer and more efficient services for people with disabilities.

File link: [NSW Government Response to the Review of the Program of Appliances for Disabled People](#)

Review of the Program of Appliances for Disabled People

Summary

Through consultation with people accessing the program, clinicians, managers and key stakeholders the Review examined three key issues. These were management and administration, target population and demand, and budgetary requirements and financial management.

The Review, conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, was completed in June 2006. The NSW Government has carefully considered the report and responded to recommendations in the NSW Government Response to the Review of the DADP.

File link: [Review of the Program of Appliances for Disabled People](#)

This report has been split into 4 small files to accommodate slow download capabilities.

- [Executive Summary, Introduction](#) - PDF [389Kb]
- [Other equipment schemes and providers, Methodology, Determination of current and future budget requirements](#) - PDF [447Kb]
- [Survey of PADP Lodgement Centres and OT Assessors, Findings and recommendations](#) - PDF [548Kb]

- [Appendices](#) - PDF [616Kb]

Information and downloadable documents from NSW Health web site.

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

IDEAS website

IDEAS accessible website is available for the public to use. The IDEAS' website provides an accessible web portal for people with disability and people with age related disability, their families, carers and other supporters. Access and search for information that promotes independence.

Online versions of resources (databases on services, equipment suppliers and travel options, Infobyte fact sheets and newsletters) maintained by IDEAS can be found on the website as well as their blog, events diary and links to other high quality disability resources.

Visit www.ideas.org.au

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

PANDDA <http://www.pandda.net>

Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Areas [PANDDA] (Australia) Inc.

A professional association for nurses (registered and enrolled) working in the disability field. They review professional practice issues and conduct an excellent annual professional development conference in August every year.

Discussion Paper Response

NSW Health & DADHC, Development of a Service Framework to Improve Health Care of People with Intellectual Disabilities, January 2008.

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New PANDDA Position Statement

Health and People with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Endeavour Programme

The [Endeavour Programme](#) is the Department of Education, Science and Training's international scholarships programme. Endeavour is a prestigious scholarship programme showcasing the excellence of Australia's education, science and training sectors. The Endeavour Programme forms a part of the Australian Government's \$1.4 billion [Australian Scholarships](#) initiative, announced in April 2006.

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Sydney Fragile X Clinic

The Sydney Fragile X Clinics have been established to meet the specific needs of individuals with Fragile X Syndrome. The emphasis at the clinic is to identify effective treatment and intervention strategies that will optimize the person's abilities and enhance their life. Read more at their web site

http://fragilex.org.au/Sydney_Clinic.htm

Fragile X Syndrome

Fragile X syndrome is the most common cause worldwide of inherited intellectual disability. Fragile X is found in all races and at all socio-economic levels. Latest statistics indicate 1 in 3600 males and 1 in 4000- 6000 females are affected and that approximately 1 in 260 females are carriers. Characteristics include global developmental delay, speech and communication problems, anxiety, poor concentration, hyperactivity (ADHD), autistic-like behaviours such as an unusual fixed interest in some things and dislike of change in routine. Read more background information at http://fragilex.org.au/FragileX_in_Detail.htm

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

Check out the extensive AusMed PUBLICATIONS CATALOGUE at

<http://www.myspace.com/ausmedpublications>

Some of the titles include:-

[Aged Care Nursing](#) - 1st edition A very practical, down-to-earth book about caring for older people. It is easy to understand and simple in its design. Now used as a recommended text across a range of courses. Multi-author and edited for international market. Endorsed by Royal College of Nursing Australia. A best seller. Series: A Guide to Practice Editors: Susan Carmody, Sue Forster

[Ageing at Home](#) - Practical Approaches to Community Care - 1st edition A practical and generic book now used across Australia in community aged care. It is very useful and has met with much anecdotal positive feedback. Multi-author and multi-disciplinary authors look at : normal ageing, assessment, incontinence, medications, mental health, Parkinson's disease, dementia etc. Editor: Theresa Cluning

[Alcohol Use](#) - 1st edition This book is an in-depth and practical guide to the problems alcohol can cause and the professional interventions that can help. It covers the impact of alcohol on various types of individual and in various circumstances. It explores a variety of perspectives as well as physical, spiritual, social and legal issues. The book outlines the range of problems, shows how they can be identified and examines appropriate approaches from different professional groups. Authors: Theresa B Moyers, Terry C Blum, Susan A Storti, Salme Ahlostrom, Richard Velleman, Pip Mason, Paul M Roma, Paul Clenaghan, Olga Maranjian Church, Marjana Martinic, Karin L Anseline, J Aaron Johnson, Ian MacEwan, Hazel E Watson, Eillenn McKee, Douglass Cameron, David Cooper, Anne E Bartu, Alex Paton

[Caring for People with Problem Behaviours](#) - A basic, practical text for nurses, health workers and others who are learning to manage difficult behaviours. - 2nd edition A best-selling, practical text for nurses and carers. Includes a range of problems associated with mental illness. Also contains many tools for use in the clinical environment. This book has now sold thousands of copies across a range of health care settings. Authors: Bernadette Keane, Carolyn Dixon

[Caring for the Person with Faecal Incontinence](#) - A Compassionate Approach to Management - 2nd edition This revised edition contains a useful bowel assessment chart, tips on skin care and assistance with dementia sufferers. Useful handbook. Authors:Karen Cavarra, Andrea Prentice, Cynthea Wellings, Janette Williams

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

New Mental Health Act

The new NSW Mental Health Act 2007 No 8 has been proclaimed. This new act aims to provide a series of measures to better care and treat people who are mentally ill or mentally disordered, as well as facilitate their involvement and their carers' involvement in making decisions about appropriate care, treatment and control. It includes changes in the way mental health services are organised and provided including the role of Emergency Departments and inter-departmental co-ordination. To get a copy of the new Act for NSW click:

www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/summarize/inforce/s/1/?TITLE=%22Mental%20Health%20Act%202007%20No%208%22&nohits=y

Position Paper on Depression in Persons with Down Syndrome issued by the National Down Syndrome Congress USA.

[Depression in Persons with Down Syndrome](#) (Issued March 1992; Revised February 2006)

[Transition to Work Program Guidelines \(January 2008\)](#) PDF from DADHC web site.

[Monitoring and Evaluation Framework \(January 2008\)](#) PDF from DADHC web site.

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GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

[Equipment](#)

This database has a national, comprehensive and easy to search collection of suppliers of equipment for people with disability and people with age related disability. *Managed by IDEAS.*

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT & FUNDING NEWS

DADHC Tender - Expanding Supported Accommodation Options under the NSW Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) Program

DADHC.08.19

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 18 April 2008.

[Cover Letter](#)

[Request for Expressions of Interest](#)

[Application Form](#)

[SNAP Assessment Information Sheet](#)

Information Session

[Information Session for potential applicants](#)

Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program

The \$191.6 million Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program provides non-MBS incentive payments to community based general practices, private psychiatrist services and other appropriate organisations (such as Divisions of General Practice) who engage mental health nurses to assist in the provision of coordinated clinical care for people with severe mental disorders.

Payments under this initiative will be made by Medicare Australia. The application form is available via the Medicare Australia website at

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/mental-health.shtml>

DADHC Tender - Disability Housing and Support Initiative (DHASI) Program - DADHC.07.67 Closing Date: 5.00pm Friday March 7, 2008

[Covering Letter](#)

[Program Description](#)

[Information for Tenderers](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Service and Client Description](#)

[Fact Sheet](#)

Information Sessions

[Information Session Dates](#)

Supporting Information

[Stronger Together](#)

[Better Together](#)

[Accommodation and Support Paper](#)

[Funding Agreement](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

[Special education needs of children with newly diagnosed epilepsy](#)

Berg AT et al

Dementia Prevalence & Incidence Among Australians Who Do not Speak English At Home by Access Economics for Alzheimer's Australia – November 2006:

On behalf of the National Cross Cultural Dementia Network, Alzheimer's Australia commissioned Access Economics to undertake this study into the prevalence and incident of dementia amongst Australians from CALD backgrounds. This study was designed to assist in understanding the need for services capable of meeting the special requirements for people with dementia from this group. This study concludes that regional and local services need to be responsive to the particular profiles of their non-English speaking populations and must also acknowledge the various cultural customs, traditions and values of these groups. The report can be found at:

www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/NoEnglishAtHomeExecSummary1.pdf

Modelling Future Aged Care Services Resource Requirements: evidence from the Sydney Older Persons Study

Principal Researcher: Professor Tony Broe, Ageing Research Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital
Development of a model, based on data from the Sydney Older Persons Study and population projections, which can estimate service need requirements at an LGA as well as at State level.

Reports:

[Modelling Future Aged Care Services Resource Requirements: evidence from the Sydney Older Persons Study](#)

[Ageing in NSW: Projected proportion of the population aged 75 and older by SLA](#)

[Population Projections: percentage of total population aged 85 and older with Alzheimer's](#)

[Formal and informal supports used by people aged 75 and older](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

NSW Institute of Psychiatry Course Handbook 2008

[Click here to download NSW Institute of Psychiatry Course Handbook 2008 \(PDF document\).](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

Fact Sheets from Multicultural Mental Health Australia

Available in a variety of community languages in pdf format for FREE download

What is Schizophrenia? - English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/fact-sheets-what-is-schizophrenia/view>

What is Mental Illness? - English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/fact-sheets-what-is-a-mental-illness/view>

Fact Sheets: What is an eating disorder? English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/fact-sheets-what-is-an-eating-disorder/view>

Fact Sheets: What is personality disorder? English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/fact-sheets-what-is-personality-disorder/view>

Fact Sheets: What is anxiety disorder? English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/fact-sheet-what-is-anxiety-disorder/view>

Understanding Mental Illness: English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/library/understanding-mental-illness-amharic/view>

Mental Health and Coronary Heart Disease: English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/library/mental-health-and-coronary-heart-disease-amharic/view>

Mental Health in a Changing World: The Impact of Culture & Diversity - English

<http://www.mmha.org.au/find/resources/library/mental-health-in-a-changing-world-the-impact-of-culture-and-diversity/view>

GLOBAL POSITIONS VACANT

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Disability Nursing Positions in the Hunter & Central Coast: Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses, Assistants in Nursing (with min. 1 yr exp with Level 3 or 4 cert in Aged Care or AIN.) (Agency Casual Work)

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Looking for a place to work with all the community facilities of the Central Coast and Hunter (beaches, lakes, wineries and more). We have positions for Nurses to work as part of our agency staff for disability large residences. Great opportunities for the right candidates. If you are looking for a great places to work with a relaxed life-style, contact us today. Whether you are an Australian Resident or here on an overseas holiday, we can help you find the right position to suit your lifestyle.

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SPECIAL EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS NEWS

T...4...3...2...1 Blast off for World Down Syndrome Month

World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated on 21 March each year.

This year in a rare event it happens to coincide with Good Friday. But there's no need to panic because this year we're declaring the whole of **March to be World Down Syndrome Month.**

That means there's plenty of time to hold your 'T4321' celebrations. That is 'Tea for 3-21' in recognition of the fact Down syndrome is caused by 3 copies of chromosome 21. <http://dsansw.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/1402fdb72f34f164962eP824c25180ebb64a06754/page.html#42b4f7404cf66e0655a0>

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

8-9 March 2008

Partnerships for Better Health Outcomes: Carers and Professionals working together A conference for professionals in acute, primary and community health and community care. This NSW conference on leading practice in carer support in health and community care. Dockside, Cockle Bay, Sydney Email: conference@carersnsw.asn.au Ph: 02 9280 4744

10-12 Mar 2008

The Diversity in Health 2008: Strengths and Sustainable Solutions Conference (DIH 2008) will be the major event in diversity health in Australia for 2008.

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

DIH 2008 will bring national and international leaders in the health industry together to showcase new and innovative approaches to providing quality health care for Australia's diverse communities. The conference will consider, review and develop strengths and sustainable solutions in the overall approach to health and well-being of culturally and linguistically diverse communities. To register or to find out more about this momentous event, please go to: www.dhi.gov.au/conference Brochures can be downloaded off the website or you can contact the Conference Secretariat on Tel: +61 2 9840 3800 Fax: +61 2 9840 3319, or Email: dhi@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

11 - 18 March 2008

NSW Seniors Week 2008 <http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Events/Event0320.htm>

12-13 March 2008

23rd Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort Hawaii With more than 24 countries, provinces & territories represented at the 2006 conference, Pac Rim 2007 will continue the long-standing tradition of assembling researchers, professionals, paraprofessionals, persons with disabilities, family members, students and others to present on a variety of topics that affect everyday lives. Pac Rim continues to promote cutting-edge opportunities to learn from one another, share resources and ideas that support the quality of life, community inclusion, and self-determination for all persons with disabilities and their families to help shape our world community. <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu>

17 March 2008

Parents, Families and Carers: Our Place in the Human Services, Our Agenda for Change

Explore the place of families in the human services and social policy, and develop a national agenda for change. Contact Vern Hughes on 0425 722 890. Website: [Parents, Families and Carers: Our Place in the Human Services, Our Agenda for Change](#)

21 March 2008

World Down Syndrome Day.

Australia <http://www.dsansw.org.au/events/WorldDownSyndromeDay.html> International <http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>

26 - 29 March 2008

2008 World Congress of Health Professionals.

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth, WA. Web: <http://www.worldhealthcongress.org>

28 March 2008

4th Annual Greater Western Sydney Sub Branch of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses' Conference: Co-Morbidity & Mental Health. The Sebel, Parramatta, NSW.

The Greater Western Sydney Sub Branch of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses is holding its fourth Annual Conference, which will aim to address the complexity of care issues for patients living with a mental illness and co-morbid conditions. Clinicians will learn a variety of challenges in the course of treatment. Presentations will address the theme in relation to research, innovative practice, leadership, health promotion, disease prevention, education and multidisciplinary approaches to care. This Conference will be of interest to all mental health professionals, consumers, non-government organisations, carers and other service providers working in the mental health field. It will also benefit those working in Drug & Alcohol, Aged Care, Forensic, Accident & Emergency, Perinatal and Women's Health.

Contact Conference Convenor, Maureen Lagan - 02 9845 6688 or email:

Maureen.Lagan@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au or visit: www.acmhn.org/nsw

11-15 April 2007

Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities Inc Conference, Melbourne Each year the Round Table runs a conference to facilitate and influence the production and use of quality alternative formats for people with print disabilities. Conferences showcase examples of best practice in the provision of accessible information to people with a print disability in the workplace and the community centre, including businesses, agencies, tertiary institutions, libraries, Commonwealth, State and local government. [Click here for more information.](#)

14 – 16 April 2007

First National Indigenous Family & Community Strengths Conference: Our Culture – A Strength to Build On. Newcastle. www.pco.com.au/family

1-3 May 2008

31st Annual Brain Impairment Conference: Brain Impairment and Ageing

Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI) Hilton on the Park, East Melbourne International keynotes include Prof John Hodges, Dr Peter Nestor, and Prof Donald Stuss. Plus Australian presenters and workshops. [Click here for more information.](#)

12 May 2008

Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference

This conference (hosted by Spectronics) focuses specifically on "inclusive learning technologies" - those technologies designed to support people with disabilities and/or learning difficulties. It includes sessions looking at these technologies in the following three different interest streams: Struggling Students, People with Complex Communication Needs, People with Disabilities.
Website: [Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference](#)

14-15 May 2008

National Disability Services (NDS) & Families Australia National Conference on Children & Young People with Disability & Their Families 'Every Child Matters'

Melbourne Park Function Centre, Melbourne Olympic Park The aim of this inaugural conference is to identify issues, share solutions and celebrate successes. Additionally, discussion will focus on enabling services to better respond to children's and families' needs by focusing on family well being, all-inclusive communities, policy, practice and priorities, and the voice of children, young people and families. [Click here to go to Conference website.](#)

14-16 May 2008

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) Community Care Conference & Trade Exhibition 'Magic & Myths'

Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour Every year approximately 1 million older people, younger people with disabilities and carers receive community care services. When community care works well it is magic. However there continues to be unmet needs in the community and the availability of family carers is decreasing. In addition it is becoming increasingly hard to attract and retain workers to provide community care services. The expectations of what, and how much, can be provided by community care are increasing. The magic, myths and reality of what community care is and does need to be explored. [Click here for more information.](#)

14 May 2008

National Conference on Children & Young People with Disability & Their Families

The aim of this inaugural conference is to identify issues, share solutions and celebrate successes. Additionally, discussion will focus on enabling services to better respond to children's and families' needs by focusing on family wellbeing, all-inclusive communities, policy, practice and priorities, and the voice of children, young people and families. Venue: Melbourne Park Function Centre at Melbourne Olympic Park. Website: [National Conference on Children & Young People with Disability & Their Families](#)

15th - 18 May 2008

7th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress

Xiamen, China [7th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress website](#)

24 May 2008

5th National Deafness Sector Summit

Rydges Lakeside, Canberra Website: [5th National Deafness Sector Summit](#)

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