



NSW Single Digital Patient Record to improve health care for people with intellectual disability



This Easy Read is about **Single Digital Patient Records**.

We call them **SDPRs** for short.

An **SDPR** is an electronic medical record system.



It is a place on a computer where healthcare workers make notes about your health and the health care you get.



SDPRs make health care better because healthcare workers can see notes made by other healthcare workers.



This means they know more about your health and how to help you in a better way.



The information about you is safe. It can only be seen by healthcare workers who are helping you.



A healthcare worker will only enter your information if you say yes.



The NSW Government included two things in SDPRs that will make health care better for people with intellectual disability.

They worked with



- the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health



- the Council for Intellectual Disability

to do this.



The first thing that was included is a **disability identifier**.

A **disability identifier** is a note in an SDPR that shows the **patient** has an intellectual disability.



A **patient** is a person being looked after by a healthcare worker.



This means healthcare workers can plan better care because they know the patient has intellectual disability.



It will also help people use **data** to better understand and improve the experiences of people with intellectual disability in health care.

Data is information that people look at to understand things.



The second thing that was included is that healthcare workers will be able to add information about **reasonable adjustments** to SDPRs.

Reasonable adjustments are things healthcare workers can change to make the patient feel safe and OK.



Examples of reasonable adjustments include

- information in Easy Read



- quiet spaces



- longer appointments



SDPRs are now being used in the Hunter New England Local Health District.

This is the Hunter, New England, and Lower Mid North Coast regions of NSW.

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