



Council for
Intellectual Disability



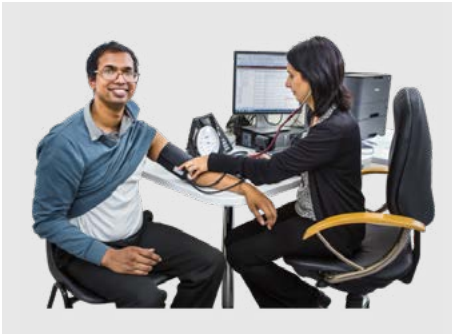
Position statement on health



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CID Position Paper on Health



This information is about health care for people with intellectual disability.



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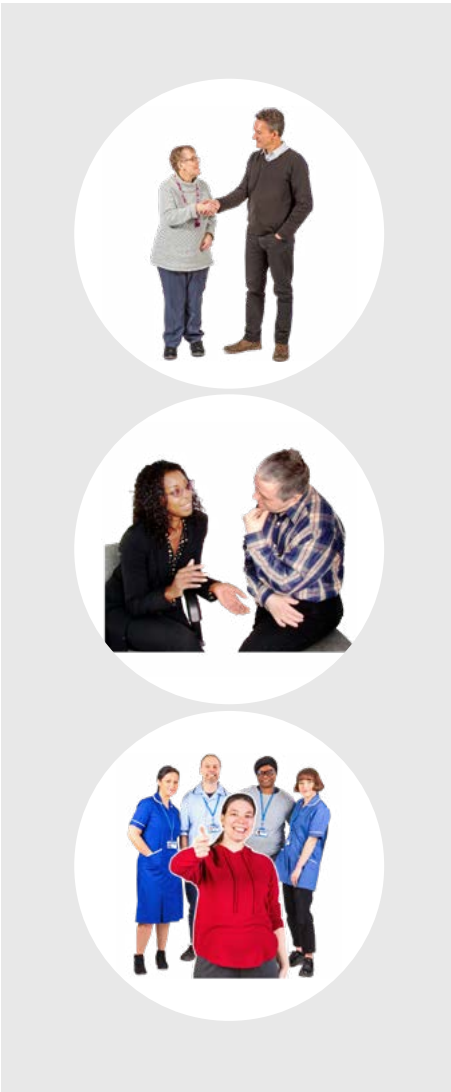
- What things are like now
- What CID wants to change.



Going to the doctor or hospital should be safe for everyone.



People with intellectual disability should get good health care.



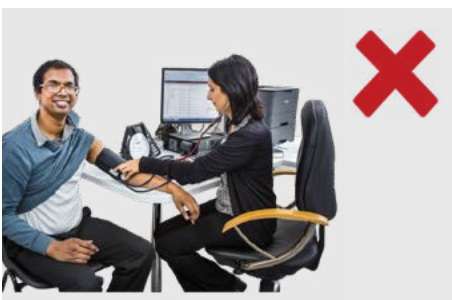
Health workers should

- Listen to the person
- Talk to the person
- Give the right care.

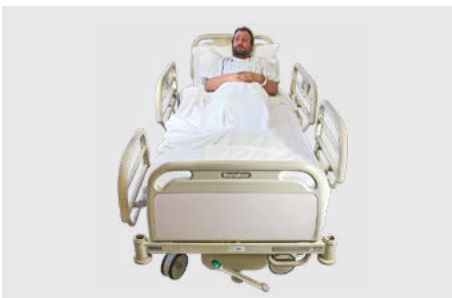
What things are like now



There are 550,000 people with intellectual disability in Australia.



Lots of them do not get good health care.



This can cause more health problems for people with intellectual disability.



People with intellectual disability

- Go to hospital more often
- Die younger than other people.

What CID has done already



CID has advocated on health issues for many years.



CID helped make Medicare health checks.



These checks help people with intellectual disability see a doctor once a year to stay healthy.



CID helped make a health framework in NSW.

This framework tells health services how to support people with intellectual disability well.



CID advocated for Intellectual Disability Health Teams.



These teams help doctors and hospitals give better health care.



CID helped set up the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.



This centre works to improve health care across Australia.

What CID wants the NSW Government to do



CID wants the NSW Government to make healthcare better for people with intellectual disability.



CID wants a specialised Intellectual Disability Health Team in every local health district.



These teams understand

- what people with intellectual disability need
- how to give the right care.



CID wants all NSW Health Staff to get training about intellectual disability.



This training would help staff listen to the person and treat them with respect.



CID wants health care workers to have enough time with each person.



CID wants there to be an **intellectual disability identifier** in digital patient records.



An intellectual disability identifier means information that would tell workers what supports or adjustments the person needs.



CID wants people with intellectual disability included in all health policies.

What CID wants the Federal Government to do



Australian Government

CID also works with the Federal Government.



CID wants the Federal Government to fully fund the **National Roadmap**.



The National Roadmap is a plan to make health care better for people with intellectual disability across Australia.

CID wants better **primary health care**.

Primary health care is the care you get from

- doctors
- clinics
- health services.



CID wants people with intellectual disability included in all health programs.



This means their needs must be considered from the start.



CID wants the Federal Government to work towards a **national disability identifier**.



A national disability identifier would help health services know when someone needs extra support.

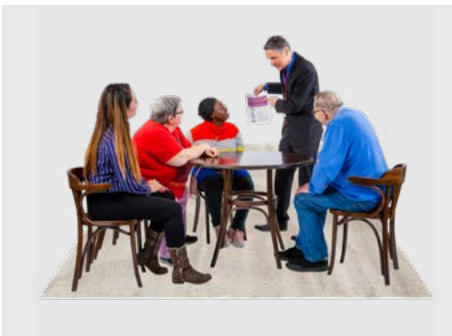
What needs to happen next



CID will keep talking to the NSW Government about health care.



CID will keep working with the Federal Government to make health care better for people with intellectual disability.



CID will keep listening to people with intellectual disability about what they need.

More information



You can contact CID for more information about this position statement.



You can

- Call CID on 1800 424 065
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