

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: NDIA SQ17-000026

Topic: Young People in Aged Care

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Senator Reynolds asked:

How many young people have entered Residential Aged Care in sites where the NDIS is fully rolled out? What is the NDIA doing to reduce these admissions to aged care

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) does not have data available on the number of new entrants to residential aged care.

There have been instances of participants with plans moving into aged care in our sites, however, specific data is not available on these participants. NDIA Planners and Support Coordinators work with participants when they have a change in accommodation circumstances to explore options other than residential aged care.

For a person who is not an aged person, the Aged Care Assessment Team is required under aged care legislation to determine that there are no other care facilities or care services more appropriate to meet the person's needs as part of their approval process.

When a participant is at risk of entering aged care, support coordination will be funded in a participant's plan. This can be utilised to thoroughly explore alternative accommodation and care arrangements with the participant, their family or carer. If required, the NDIA planner will complete a plan review to include support coordination and facilitate the request for service when there has been a change in the participants' accommodation situation.

Participants may be at risk of entering aged care at hospital discharge. The NDIA actively collaborates with the state and territory health sectors on how best to manage the discharge process and how to work with the young person to achieve appropriate solutions.