

Question on notice no. 50

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2021-22 Supplementary Budget Estimates

Community Affairs Committee, Social Services Portfolio

Senator Jordon Steele-John: asked the National Disability Insurance Agency on 12 November 2021—

From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (broken down by month) , what are the figures on:

- o How many people <65 in hospital were referred to ACAT?
- o How many people <65 were discharged from hospital to RAC?
- o How many people <65 entered into RAC through the 'urgent' ACAT pathway?
- o How many NDIS participants <65 were referred to ACAT from the NDIA?

How many NDIS participants are currently in hospital waiting on plan approvals, reviews or change of circumstances to allow them to discharge (broken down by age, disability group, level of function, YPIRAC or at risk status and state) ?

How many people with disability are currently in hospital waiting on an NDIS eligibility assessment and plan approval to enable discharge (broken down by age, disability group, level of function and state) ?

What role does the HLO play in discharge planning for NDIS participants and at what point does the HLO engage in the planning process?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Topic: Younger People in Residential Aged Care

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Senator: Jordan Steele-John

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Question:

1. From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (broken down by month), what are the figures on:
 - How many people <65 in hospital were referred to ACAT?
 - How many people <65 were discharged from hospital to RAC?
 - How many people <65 entered into RAC through the ‘urgent’ ACAT pathway?
 - How many NDIS participants <65 were referred to ACAT from the NDIA?
2. How many NDIS participants are currently in hospital waiting on plan approvals, reviews or change of circumstances to allow them to discharge (broken down by age, disability group, level of function, YPIRAC or at risk status and state)?
3. How many people with disability are currently in hospital waiting on an NDIS eligibility assessment and plan approval to enable discharge (broken down by age, disability group, level of function and state)?
4. What role does the HLO play in discharge planning for NDIS participants and at what point does the HLO engage in the planning process?

Answer:

1. For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:
 - The NDIA does not have structured data to answer the question about how many people <65 in hospital were referred to ACAT.
 - The NDIA does not have structured data to answer the question about how many people <65 were discharged from hospital to RAC.
 - From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, 275 NDIS participants <65 proceeded with an ACAT through the urgent circumstances pathway. The table below shows the breakdown by month for Financial Year 2020-21.

2020-2021											
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
27	29	13	14	26	23	10	22	29	27	25	30

- The NDIA does not have structured data to answer the question about how many participants <65 were referred to ACAT from the NDIA.
2. As at 2 November 2021, there were 1,140 participants reported as awaiting a plan approval to allow them to discharge.

The NDIA does not have structured data to answer the question about NDIS participants currently in hospital waiting on plan approvals, reviews or change of circumstances to allow them to discharge (broken down by age, disability group, level of function, YPIRAC or at risk status and state).

3. The NDIA does not have structured data to answer the question about how many people with disability are currently in hospital waiting on an NDIS eligibility assessment and plan approval to enable discharge (broken down by age, disability group, level of function and state).
4. Health Liaison Officers (HLOs) predominantly engage with health services who identify patients who may need additional support to determine their eligibility for the NDIS, or to safely discharge existing NDIS participants with appropriate supports in place.

Other mainstream interfaces may also identify participants requiring HLO support and participants can also be identified internally by any NDIA staff member or partner in the community.

The HLO may be engaged at any point during the hospital admission. They are most commonly engaged when the participant is ready or approaching readiness for discharge. Once engaged the HLO will work with the participant and/or their authorised representative, health staff, support coordinators and other mainstream service representatives to identify and resolve the requirements for safe discharge back into the participant's original setting, or to a new setting.