

# Opening of the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health

13 October 2023



The **National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health** opened today.

We will say **Centre** for short.



The Centre will make sure people with intellectual disability get better health care.



The Centre is at the University of NSW.



It was opened by Ged Kearney.



Ged is the **Assistant Minister** for the part of the Australian Government that looks after health.

**Assistant Minister** means she helps make big decisions about health.



Julian Trollor at the University of NSW is leading the Centre for now.



**Australian Government**

The Australian government gave \$22 million for the Centre to run.



The money is for 3 years.

## Who is a part of the Centre



There are lots of groups who are a part of the Centre.

We call this the **Consortium**.



The groups in the Consortium know lots about health for people with intellectual disability.



They know how to make sure people with intellectual disability are part of things.



There are 9 groups in the Consortium.

The 9 groups are



- The University of NSW including the Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry



- The Centre for Disability Studies at Sydney University



- The NSW Council for Intellectual Disability



- Down Syndrome Australia



First Peoples  
Disability Network  
Australia

- First Peoples Disability Network



- Intellectual Disability and Autism  
Service at the Mater Hospital in  
Brisbane



**CRE-DH**

Centre of  
Research Excellence in  
Disability and Health

- The University of Melbourne including  
the Centre of Research Excellence in  
Disability and Health.



- Queenslanders with Disability  
Network



- The Telethon Kids Institute in Perth.



Other groups will work with the Consortium.

These are



- Health services from across Australia



- Groups of health workers from different areas



- First Nations services.



This will make the Centre work well.



People with intellectual disability will be a big part of the Centre.



We will listen to people with intellectual disability about what the Centre should do.

People with intellectual disability will



- Be involved with how the Centre runs



- Work at the Centre.

## How the Centre will work



We will talk to people with intellectual disability to find out what they think is important.

This will be



- First Nations people



- People from different **cultures**

**Culture** means the way you do things because of where you or your family are from



- People from different parts of Australia.



We will talk to families of people with intellectual disability too.





We will find out

- What **research** is important
- What has already been done.

**Research** is when we look into something to find out more about it.



We will bring the information together from all of Australia.



We will work with health services across Australia.



We will test different ways to do things.



We will share information about how to make good health services for people with intellectual disability.

We will make sure there is health information for



- People with intellectual disability



- Families and supporters



- Health workers.

## More information



You can sign up for emails about what the Centre is doing.



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