

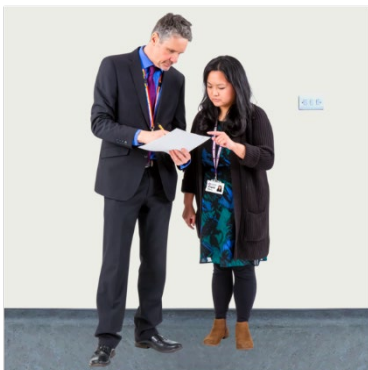
What is happening in health care for people with intellectual disability



The National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health is working to

- Improve the health of people with intellectual disability.

We say **the Centre** for short.



The Centre has been watching what governments in Australia are doing to improve the health of people with intellectual disability.



Some good work has been done.

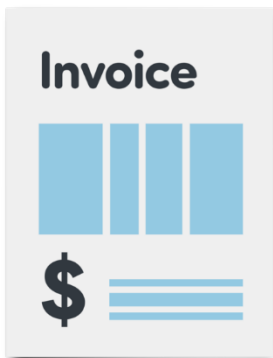


More work needs to be done.

Good work that the Australian Government have done



The Australian Government has done good work by



Giving money to the Centre.



Making **standards** for health care.
Standards means that health services have to follow rules. This is so you can get the same health care at any health service.

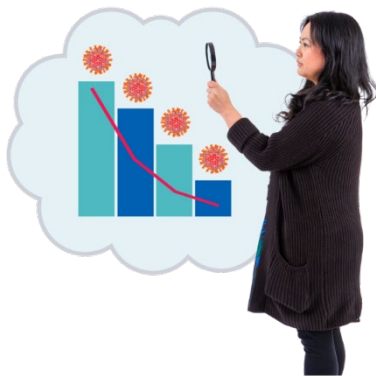


Making better information available about

- How the health of people with intellectual disability is improving.



The National Disability Data Asset will collect this information over time.



When information is collected over time we can see if health outcomes are

- Getting better
- Getting worse
- Staying the same.

This helps health programs and services know what needs to

- Keep happening
- Change.





This will support

- People with disability
- Their families
- Carers.



Giving money to **telehealth**.

Telehealth means talking to a doctor

over

- The phone
- Video.

Good work that State and Territory Governments have done

4 state governments are giving money

to

- Health care teams that give special care for people with intellectual disability.





1 state government is giving money to **disability liaison officers.**

Disability liaison officers are people that support people with intellectual disability to

- Get the right care in hospital and other health services.

Other State and Territory governments are supporting people with intellectual disability with



Easy Read information



Health passports



Reasonable adjustments in hospital

Planning for emergencies like



- Fires
- Floods
- Storms
- Sickness.

Governments needs to do more work



Governments need to do more work to

- Improve the health of people with intellectual disability.



People with intellectual disability still

- Have shorter lives than other people
- Have to go to hospital more than other people
- Cannot get the right care from their doctor.



Health care workers do not communicate well with people with intellectual disability.



This can lead to

- Frustration
- Stress
- Poor health care.





There is a lack of help for people with intellectual disability who

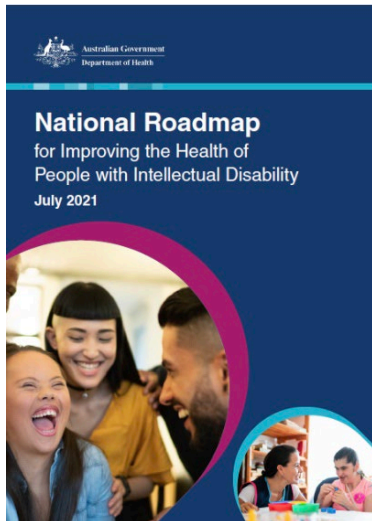
- Are First Nations
- Do not speak English.



What the Centre is asking the Australian Government to do



The Centre is asking the Australian Government to do 4 things.



Do the work in the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.

We say **the Roadmap** for short.



Give money to doctors and health workers to

- Take good care of people with intellectual disability.





Use the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework to teach

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Other health workers

About how to take good care of people with intellectual disability.

Include people with intellectual disability in the main agreement about

- Giving money for health care.



This is called the **National Health Reform Agreement.**

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