



Information Update – July 2017

There will be **changes to the Partners in Recovery program** from **1 July 2017** to support the **introduction of the NDIS** in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions.

<p>ISPIR Transition to the NDIS</p>	<p>NDIS Transition commences on July 1 2017 which means there will be some changes to the program from this date onwards. ISPIR will shift focus to support all PIR participants who wish to engage with the NDIS to make applications to the scheme.</p>
<p>PIR Support Facilitators providing Support Coordination to NDIS participants</p>	<p>Once a PIR participant has an approved NDIS plan, PIR Support Facilitators will provide support coordination which will be provided as 'in-kind' funding to the NDIS in the 2017–18 financial year.</p>
<p>Referral Limits</p>	<p>PIR will become a 'capped' program from 1 July 2017 and Support Facilitators will have a limit to the number of participants they can work with. This also means we will have reducing ability to respond to new referrals.</p>
<p>People not eligible for the NDIS</p>	<p>PIR participants that are not eligible for an NDIS package of supports will remain in the PIR program for as long as required or until the program ceases which is expected to occur in June 2019.</p>
<p>Flexible Funding</p>	<p>Limited Flexible Funding to support individuals engaged with ISPIR will still be available from 1 July 2017.</p>
<p>Program Duration</p>	<p>It is anticipated that PIR will cease as a program from 1 July 2019 as full scheme roll-out of the NDIS is complete across NSW.</p>

If you have any questions about these changes, please direct them to your local PIR Support Facilitator or contact the PIR Team at Grand Pacific Health on **1800 228 987**