National Disability Data Asset

A message from the National Disability Data Asset Council

18 November 2024

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How to use this document

We are the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS).

We wrote this document for the National Disability Data Asset team.

We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page **14**.

You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document

- find more information.

This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.

What's in this document?

About the National Disability Data Asset

The **National Disability Data Asset** brings together **data** about all Australians.

In this document, we call it 'the Data Asset'.

When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts

- information

- records.

The data won't include personal information, like names.

It will show information about programs and services that people use.

For example:

- community supports, like cleaning services

- education

- health care services.

Researchers will be able to compare information about people with disability to people without disability.

This research will help us better support:

- people with disability

- their families and carers.

What the Council talked about

The National Disability Data Asset Council is a group of people who make sure the Data Asset is being used in the right way.

In this document, we call this group the Council.

The Council held a meeting on 18 November 2024.

We explain what the Council talked about and learned at the meeting on the following pages.

First report about the Data Asset

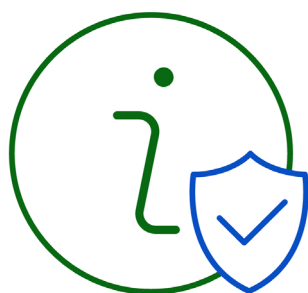The Council agreed when DSS should give them the first report about how the Data Asset is working.

We will give the Council this report in March 2025.

Work with the community

The Council talked about working with the disability community to support people to learn about the Data Asset.

This includes how information is kept safe.

The Oversight Panel

The Council works with other groups of people to make sure the Data Asset works well.

These other groups of people include:

- people with disability

- people who know a lot about disability.

One of these groups is called the Disability-informed Ethical Oversight Panel.

This is a group of people who:

- check what research projects people want to use the Data Asset for

- check that projects are unlikely to harm people with disability.

During the meeting, the Council talked about what this group will do in the future.

The Scoping Panel

Another group that the Council works with is called the Disability Data Development Scoping Panel.

This is a group of people who gave advice to the Council about:

- new panels to set up in the future

- important ideas that new panels could work on.

During the meeting, the Council:

- talked about a report from the Scoping Panel

- agreed to think about what panels to set up next.

The Council's next meeting

The Council will hold their next meeting in February 2025.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.

Data

When we talk about data, we mean:

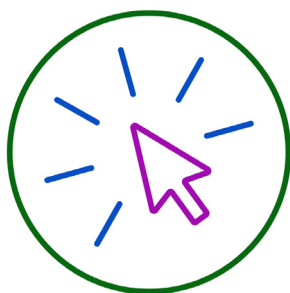- facts

- information

- records.

National Disability Data Asset

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How to contact us

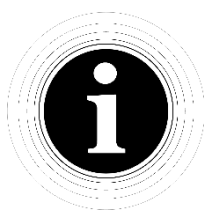If you want to find out more about the National Disability Data Asset, you can contact us.

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