National Disability Data Asset

A message from the National Disability Data Asset Council

19 August 2024

Easy Read version

How to use this document

The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this document for the National Disability Data Asset team.

When you read the word 'we', it means DSS.

We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are **thicker** and **darker**.

We explain what these **bold** words mean.

There is a list of these words on page .

This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.

You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

What's in this document?

About the National Disability Data Asset

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

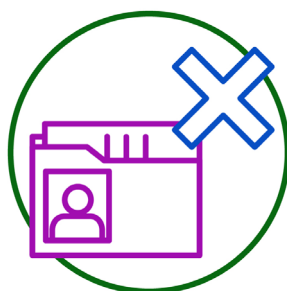**National Disability Data Asset**

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

- 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.
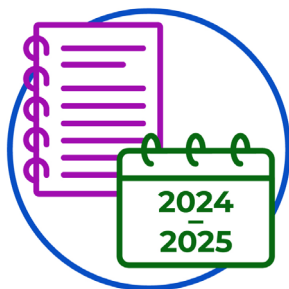
In this document, we call this group the Council.

The Council held a meeting on 19 August 2024.

During the meeting, the Council talked about the work they will finish by the end of 2025.

They also agreed that their first yearly report will cover 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Disability indicators

The Council is thinking about which **disability indicators** the Data Asset should include.

Disability indicators are types of information about disability in the Data Asset.

An example of a disability indicator is how many people have a disability.

Another example of a disability indicator is what types of disabilities people have.

It is important to have disability indicators that will give researchers information they can use.

The Council is working with a group called the **Disability Indicators Panel** to decide which disability indicators they should include.

The Disability Indicators Panel:

- includes people with disability

- gives advice about disability indicators.

During the meeting, the Council agreed to give the Disability Indicators Panel more time to do their work.

The Disability Indicators Panel will now run until February 2025.

Work with the community

During the meeting, the Council agreed to continue to work with the community in 2024.

They will support the disability community to:

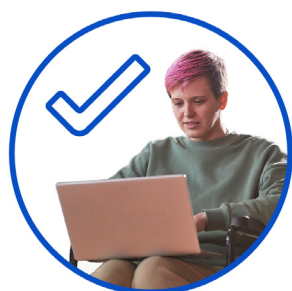- share how they want the Data Asset to be used

- learn about the Data Asset, including how information is kept safe.

The ways research projects must share their findings

Research projects must share findings from their research in **accessible** formats.

For example, in Easy Read.

When information is accessible, it is easy to:

- find and use

- understand.

During the meeting, the Council agreed on which accessible formats researchers need to use.

The Council's next meeting

The Council agreed to meet again to talk about future plans for the Data Asset.

The Council will hold their next meeting in November 2024.

Word list

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

Accessible

When information is accessible, it is easy to:

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- understand.

Data

When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts

- information

- records.

Disability indicators

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Disability Indicators Panel

The Disability Indicators Panel:

- includes people with disability
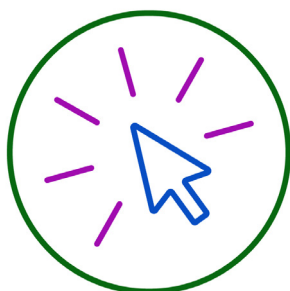
- gives advice about disability indicators.

National Disability Data Asset

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How to contact us

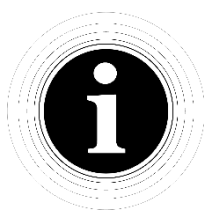If you want to find out more about the National Disability Data Asset, you can contact us.

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