‘Clinicians- Do you see me’
Partnerships to improve health outcomes for people with an intellectual disability in Western Australia
The facts;

People with intellectual disability are more likely to:

• live with complex health conditions,
• have limited access to good quality health care and health promotion programs,
• miss out on regular health screens
• have poorly managed chronic conditions, such as epilepsy, diabetes etc
The facts;

They are more likely to:

• be obese,
• have undetected sensory impairments
• have mental health problems, including depression, and use of psychotropic medication
• have a reduced life expectancy of up to 20 years
BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Count Me In - Priority Area - Access to Health Care

- Life Style
- Prevention
- Health System
- Specifically Intellectual Disability
- Health Surveillance
What do we want to achieve?

• A better health experience for people with disability, their families and carers,
• Ultimately, better health outcomes for people with disability by access to appropriate services, delivering health services that meet individual needs; and coordinated care.
The WA journey

• Clinical Senate Debate
  – ‘Clinicians - Do you see me?’
  – 10 June 2011

• Disability Health Consultative Group Launch
  – 10 July 2012

• DoH and DSC Partnership

• Disability Health Network Launch
  – 1 November 2012
Lifestyle;

• A sporting chance!
Prevention;

• Individualised planning and annual health checks for people living in ‘My Way’ areas,
• Partnership project for people with intellectual disability living in supported housing,
The Health System;

• Health Networks
  • established in WA in 2003
  • collaborative health care planning
• 17 Networks
  • eg. Aged Care, Cancer and Palliative Care, Renal
• Open membership to engage with consumers, carers, health professionals and policy makers
How the Network Operates

- Collective wisdom
- Key influencers
- Shared vision
- SMART outcomes
- Remove obstructions
- Systemic change
- Multi level approach
Membership

- Aboriginal Health
- Aged Care
- DSO – Residential Care
- Carer
- Consumer
- Dental
- DSC – LAC

- Mental Health
- Primary Care
  - Medicare Locals
- Nursing
- Allied Health
- Paediatrics
- Medicine
- WACHS
Work Plan

• Working Groups
  • Health planning & coordination/case management
  • Disability Liaison Officers
  • Workforce development
    • Undergraduates
    • Employees
Work Plan

- Employment of people with disability in the health system
- Transition
- Mapping & Gapping
- Communication Strategy
- Health promotion
Intellectual Disability Specifically;

• Western Australian Study of Health and Intellectual Disability,
• Disability Liaison Officer project,
• Health and Disability Symposium and Seminar Series
• Dual Disability Working Group
Health surveillance;

Research and Evaluation:

• Western Australian Study of Health and Intellectual Disability,

• My Way individual planning data
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