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REVIEW OF TASMANIAN DISABILITY SERVICES

Schedule of
Implementation Activities

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Introduction

The provision of effective support to people with disabilities is a critical part of supporting individuals to achieve meaningful life outcomes. In October 2007, the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) engaged KPMG to undertake a review of Disability Services in the State.

The Final Report on the Review of Tasmanian Disability Services specifies the core findings and recommendations arising from the review process.

The following pages outline a schedule of implementation activities for Disability Services.

The report draws upon a detailed analysis of DHHS documentation and expenditure, consultation with people with disabilities and their families, non-government (NGO) providers, advocacy groups, DHHS staff and other interested parties, and a review of national and international literature.

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Lara Giddings MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Health and Human Services

Schedule of implementation activities – 2008–09 – 2010–11

Implementation Plan section	Implementation activity	Year 1 – 2008–09	Year 2 – 2009–10	Year 3 – 2010–11
2.1	Development of a strategic policy framework for disability services	✓		
	Desktop review	✓		
	Development of draft framework	✓		
	Consultation – initial and regional	✓		
	Framework finalisation	✓		
2.2	Governance arrangements			
	Clarify the relative roles and responsibilities of government, service providers and people with disabilities, their families and carers	✓		
	Establish statewide governance arrangements	✓		
	Establish regional governance arrangements	✓		
	Establishing partnerships with mainstream services – including the development of an interface group	✓		
2.3	Resource allocation and funding	✓		✓
	Develop population-based resource allocation formula			
	Develop unit pricing structures for existing services	✓		
	Develop unit pricing structures for new services		✓	
	Planning	✓		✓
2.4	Develop the planning framework	✓		
	Establish statewide planning	✓		
	Establish regional planning	✓		
	Establish individualised planning	✓		
	Assessment	✓		
2.5	Review of good practice in assessment	✓		
	Overarching framework for assessment developed	✓		

Implementation Plan section	Implementation activity	Year 1 – 2008–09	Year 2 – 2009–10	Year 3 – 2010–11
	Targeted consultation	✓		
	Operationalising the framework	✓		
	Piloting	✓		
	Finalisation of the framework	✓		
2.6	Establish the Regional Access and Coordination function	✓	✓	
	Model development	✓		
	Demand modelling	✓		
	Expressions of interest	✓		
	Development of staged implementation plan		✓	
	Regional discussion		✓	
	Go-live		✓	
2.7	Outcomes			
	Develop an understanding of the aspirations of people with a disability	✓		
	Define system-wide outcomes	✓		
	Release consultation document	✓		
	Launch the formal framework	✓		
2.8	Quality systems	✓	✓	
	Document scan	✓	✓	
	Preliminary consultations	✓		
	Develop the new elements of quality assurance		✓	
2.9	Workforce			
	Short-medium term strategy		✓	
	Long-term strategy			✓
3.1	Devolution of service delivery to NGO providers		✓	✓
	Communication with individuals and NGO providers		✓	

Implementation Plan section	Year 1 – 2008–09	Year 2 – 2009–10	Year 3 – 2010–11
Implementation activity			
Review the needs of government clients	✓		
Enhancing NGO capacity to provide existing services	✓		
Transition clients to new arrangements	✓		✓
3.2 Development of the service continuum	✓		✓
Triangulate the data collected through the Review of Tasmanian Disability Services, outcomes of the review of existing clients' support needs, and information gathered via regional planning	✓		
Develop specifications for new service types	✓		
Conduct request for tender process	✓		
New service types being delivered	✓		✓
4.1 Action research and learning	✓		✓
Develop suite of action learning tools	✓		
Facilitation of action learning workshops	✓		✓
Reporting	✓		✓
4.2 Monitoring outcomes of the reforms	✓		✓
Develop data collection tools	✓		
Collect baseline data	✓		
Routine data collection through the quality framework			✓
4.3 Establish innovation grants		✓	
5.1 Establish the system's implementation and reform unit		✓	
5.2 Establish regional staffing structures		✓	
5.3 Establish and implement the communication strategy		✓	✓
5.4 Legislative review			✓

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