



New South Wales

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The Hon Christine Robertson MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Law and Justice
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Dear Ms Robertson

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Standing Committee on Law and Justice's Second Review of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA).

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) does not have a shared target group with LTCSA. Regardless of fault, children and adults who were catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident since 1 October 2006 and 1 October 2007 respectively are eligible for support from LTCSA. These clients would not apply for services through DADHC. Since 1 October 2006, LTCSA has provided support for 123 people, of these 19 are children.

However, there is a collaborative approach to joint areas of interest. These areas of interest include appropriate accommodation support service models suitable for people with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and attendant carer worker competencies required for complex personal care services. There is also an interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DADHC, Housing NSW, LTCSA and NSW Health on care and support pathways for people with an ABI. The MoU was signed in 2008 and includes key priorities and deliverables to improve referral pathways, access and service delivery.

There will be some flow on impacts in freeing up resources for DADHC and its clients. However, this will remain minimal. LTCSA legislation is not retrospective so people who were injured prior to the start date of the scheme do not have access. Some of these clients, especially children, are reliant on DADHC and its funded organisations for their services. Others have received compensation payments and purchased their services either fully from the private sector or partially from government funded organisations.

LTCSA eligibility criteria is limited to people who have been severely injured in a motor vehicle accident. DADHC client groups include all generic physical disabilities acquired through degenerative conditions, illness and traumatic injuries that are caused by accidents other than motor vehicle accidents, such as falls and strokes. DADHC also provides services for clients who suffer injuries through motor vehicle accidents prior to the start of the scheme.

Should Ms Callinan or Ms Main have any further queries, please encourage them to contact Ms Marie Jolley, Manager, Home Care at DADHC on 9374 3642.

Yours sincerely



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