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Re: Request for proposal process for the Day to Day Living (D2DL) Program

The NT Mental Health Coalition is the peak body representing mental health concerns in the Northern Territory. Coalition members have raised concern about the D2DL 'request for proposal process', specifically that D2DL program, currently being delivered by member organisations will be required to demonstrate their capacity and commitment to support transition arrangements to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Our member organisations have staff and resource obligations under the D2DL program and are concerned that the unknown criteria and assessment process will destabilise the programs, effecting their recruitment, leased premises and staff resource commitments with a flow on affect to their clients. This places organisations in a precarious position without certainty post 30 June 2016.

The Coalition on behalf of its members is asking the Department to clearly outline the criteria and assessment process by 11 March 2016 to allow our member organisations to assess the impact on their legal obligations, staff resources and duty to deliver services.

The Coalition would encourage the Department to consider a more consultative approach with our member organisations in relation to the D2DL program and navigating the rollout of the NDIS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 8948 2246 or 0408 588 904 if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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