



# Roadmap Implementation Governance Group (RIGG)

## Meeting Summary – 5 March 2025

### Introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the twelfth meeting of the Roadmap Implementation Governance Group (RIGG), gave an Acknowledgement of Country, and an acknowledgement of lived experience.

The Chair gave a verbal declaration about confidentiality and asked members to declare any conflicts of interest. No new conflicts of interest were declared by members.

### Previous meeting and follow-up on action items

The previous meeting summary was endorsed by members with no change. There were 3 action items from the last meeting. Work is complete or underway for all items.

### Address from the Secretary

Members heard from Blair Comley, Secretary of the Department of Health and Aged Care. Mr Comley noted that in 2023, the Department received a Capability Review as part of a pilot for the Australian Government's capability review program. In response to the 2023 capability review, the Department of Health and Aged Care has developed an action plan that outlines how the department will lift its capability over the coming years. Mr Comley outlined the three overarching objectives of the Action Plan, including leading the health sector across major health system reforms, improved engagement with stakeholders, and empowering the mid-level management of the department.

Building from these objectives, Mr Comley discussed the Department's four strategic priorities that are embedded in all the Department's work.

Mr Comley answered questions from members, who noted that people with intellectual disability experience a range of barriers to preventive health care. Due to time limits, the Department will provide responses to unanswered questions out of session.

### Lived Experience Perspective

The Chair introduced RIGG Member and Health Ambassador for Down Syndrome Australia, Naomi Lake. Naomi discussed her role as a Health Ambassador and her past involvement with the United Nations to advocate for health equity, highlighting the need for people with intellectual disability to be included in decision-making about their healthcare. Naomi spoke to her involvement in delivering priority actions under the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability (the ID Roadmap) and urged for further work in the areas of oral health and mental health.

## Roadmap Annual Report

Genevieve Johnson, Department of Health and Aged Care, provided an update on the development of the 2024 ID Roadmap Annual Report. The Department has met with Commonwealth, state and territory health departments, Primary Health Networks, disability representative organisations, and universities to gather information on activities undertaken between November 2023 and December 2024 that support the actions in the ID Roadmap.

RIGG members were asked to provide additional input and relevant contacts to capture other relevant activities and resources supporting the ID Roadmap and help address any gaps in the annual report. Members were asked to provide any verbal or written feedback via email to the Department before 31 March 2024

## Update from the National Centre of Excellence

The Chair noted that the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health (NCoE) remains a high priority implementation action under the ID Roadmap and future RIGG meetings will include a standing agenda item from the NCoE. Professor Julian Trollor provided an update on recent activities, including:

- Implementation of the NCoE Inclusion Strategy will ensure that all NCoE staff will be trained in inclusion by the end of March 2025.
- Coordination of a national advisory group of First Nations experts to advise on future work priorities regarding support for First Nations people with intellectual disability.
- Development of a strategy to provide information regarding inclusive practice in healthcare to state-based disability organisations.
- Sourcing and promoting resources on the Knowledge Exchange Hub.
- Launch of a new Clinician Network, to review and consider capacity uplift opportunities in health services for people with intellectual disability and advise on improved models of health care.
- Development of a strategy to support the use of intellectual disability research in practice. Identification of new national health research priorities for people with intellectual disability through codesign.
- Launch of the 2025 Innovation Seed Funding Grant Program, applications closed on 6 March 2025.
- Continued development of the Knowledge Exchange Hub, including considering how to promote resources once they are published and working with First Nations communities to ensure that their needs are reflected in the Hub build.

## Curriculum Development in Intellectual Disability Health

Professor Julian Trollor provided an update about the development of educational resources to support implementation of the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework (the Framework). The University of New South Wales has developed a pack of resources to support educators across a range of health-related disciplines to incorporate intellectual disability health capabilities into their existing curricula.

The resources are currently being finalised and will include:

- written and film case studies developed through co-design
- lecture plans and tutorial activities with a reference book
- a co-education toolkit that will help educators to work with Lived Experience Educators as part of a teaching team

- an information sheet on how universities can work with disability organisations to create student placement opportunities.
- example assessment questions for each Framework Capability area.

Tegan Rosenberg, Department of Health and Aged Care, discussed how the Department intends to promote the Framework and education resources and work that is underway to develop a Communication Pack for stakeholders to promote the resources and the Framework through their own networks.

The resources and promotional materials will be shared with RIGG once finalised.

## Annual Health Assessments

Kristen Kalkman, Strategic Projects Lead at Inclusion Australia, provided an update on the It's Doctor Time! campaign led by Inclusion Australia, which aims to promote uptake of Annual Health Assessments (AHAs) for people with intellectual disability. The It's Doctor Time! campaign has been running for five months, and while official data on the direct impact is not yet known, early community feedback has been very positive. The campaign has gained a significant amount of reach across its webpage, eNews, and social media channels. To find out more about the campaign, visit the [It's Doctor Time! Campaign homepage](#).

Professor Nick Lennox, Medical Officer, Department of Health and Aged Care, advised that the Department is working with the Australian Digital Health Agency on digital integration of the Comprehensive Health Assessment Program (the CHAP) tool in GP clinical software. The combination of digital integration and promotion of the CHAP through the It's Doctor Time! campaign is expected to result in uptake of the CHAP by GPs and people with intellectual disability. Members noted that Annual Health Assessments were previously mandatory before the establishment of the NDIS.

## Other business

The Chair reminded members to return appointment extension paperwork to the RIGG Secretariat if they have not already done so.

## Meeting close

The Chair advised that the next RIGG meeting is scheduled for July 2025, and that the RIGG Secretariat will send out invitation details in due course.