



Aged Care – younger people in residential aged care

The Australian Government is providing \$10.6 million to reduce the number of younger people aged under 65 years in, or at risk of entering, residential aged care.

This Budget establishes a network of independent system coordinators to actively engage with younger people living in, or at risk of entering residential aged care, and help them navigate various state and federal government systems. The Government will also commission the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to report on progress in this area.

This important work responds to key recommendations in the Interim Report of the Royal Commission and lays foundations to be built upon when the Final Report is received. It also provides important support for the work of the National Disability Insurance Agency.

The measure builds on existing programs to address any gaps in services to meet the complex needs of younger people.

Why is this important?

It is important that younger people with complex care needs get the right care, in the right setting.

The Government is proactively working to address the Aged Care Royal Commission finding that residential aged care is not an appropriate setting for younger people, except in exceptional circumstances.

This new measure builds on work and progress already under way to reduce the number of younger people in residential aged care and meet any targets in response to the Royal Commission.

It will help us better understand younger people's needs, and help to address them by supporting personalised assistance, hospital discharge planning, and informing Government decision making.

Who will benefit?

Younger people who are currently living in, or are at risk of entry to, residential aged care will benefit from a more considered and strategic approach to addressing their specific care requirements.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$10.6 million from 2020–21 to 2022–23.