

Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 30 November 2020

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held their fourth videoconference meeting for 2020 on Monday 30 November 2020.

The Council was joined by NSW Mental Health Commissioner Catherine Lourey. The Commissioner gave a presentation highlighting the Commission's carer-related Initiatives, including findings from the Living Well Strategic Plan Mid Term Review, and the Mental Health Carers NSW Co-Design Project.

The Council discussed carer concerns about the NDIS Independent Assessment Pilot and agreed to prepare a submission to the NDIA consultation on the access and eligibility policy for independent assessments. The Council discussed the NSW Higher School Certificate reforms which have introduced minimum standard for HSC credentials for students with disabilities who choose mainstream courses. Council agreed to write to the Chief Executive Officer, NSW Education Standard Authority on this matter.

The Council received updates from the Department of Communities and Justice and NSW Health.

Council will hold a short meeting on 9 December to discuss their research project on Carers Missing Out.

Council reflected on the last few months and the increased complexity for carers that COVID-19 has brought, acknowledging that this has been an unprecedented year for all carers.

Next full Council meeting will be held in early 2021 (dates to be confirmed)

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