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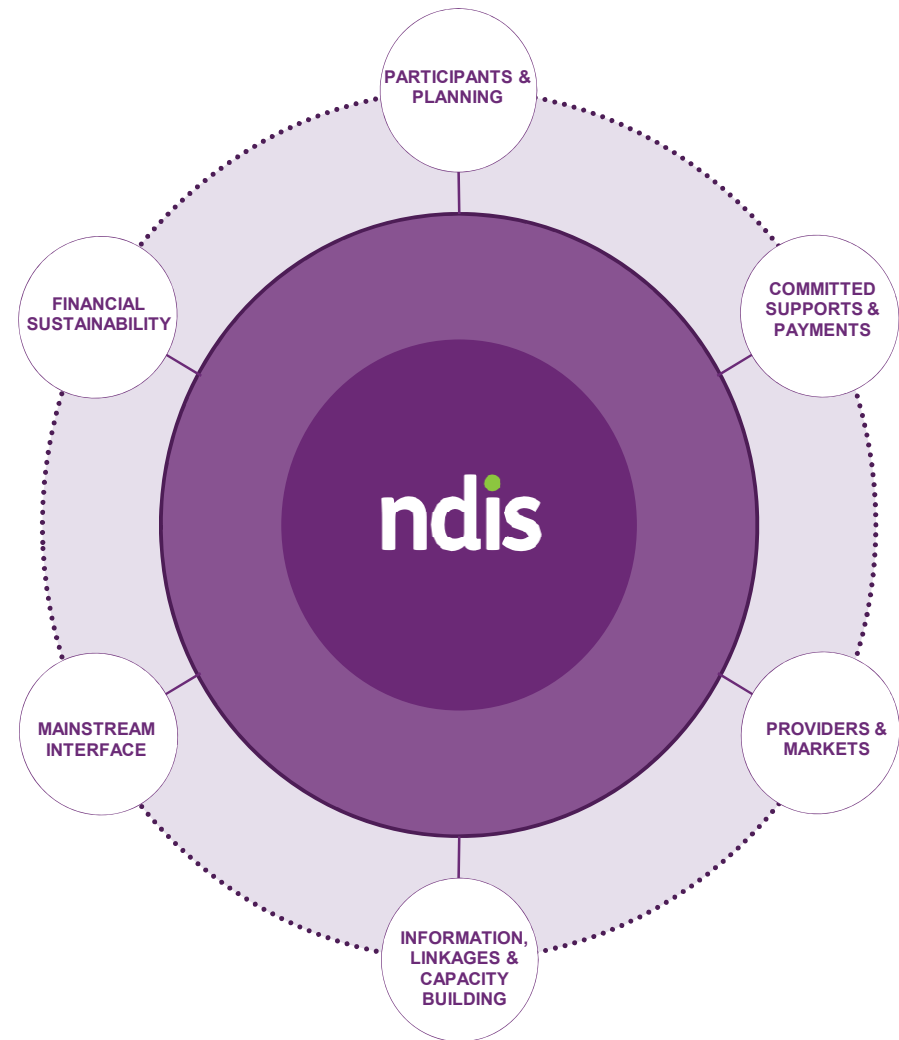
Disability Reform Council Quarterly Performance Report

Victoria - 30 September 2017



Overview

This report is the fifth quarterly report during the NDIS Transition period, which commenced on 1 July 2016.



Summary

Participants and Planning

As at 30 September 2017, there were 19,506 participants with approved plans (including children in the ECEI gateway).

As at 30 September 2017, plans approved and ECEI referrals represent:

- 92% of year to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2017 - 30 September 2017)
- 77% of transition to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2016 - 30 September 2017)
- 82% of scheme to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2013 - 30 September 2017)

74% of participants surveyed in the quarter rated their satisfaction as good or very good. This is slightly lower than in previous quarters.

Committed Supports and Payments

\$1.7 billion of supports has been committed to 18,826 participants. This includes \$905.2 million of supports in respect of prior financial years including trial, \$733.6 million of supports in respect of 2017-18[^] and \$46.3 million of supports in respect of later years*.

\$760.8 million has been paid to providers and participants.

Overall, 61% of committed supports were utilised in 2013-14, 79% in 2014-15 and 80% in 2015-16. Currently utilisation is 66% in 2016-17, although this will likely increase as there is a lag between when support is provided and when it is paid.

Providers and Markets

3,101 approved providers, a 22% increase during the quarter.

75-90% of payments made by the NDIA are received by 25% of providers.

37% of services providers are individual/sole traders.

Mainstream Interface

88% of active participants with a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1 access mainstream services.

The proportion of participants entering in the current quarter accessing mainstream services is higher compared to prior quarters.

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*Note: The \$46.3 million committed in future years is due to current plans in place that have an end date past 30 June 2018.

Participants and Planning

As the transition phase to full scheme continues, the NDIS in Victoria continues to grow with 3,393 additional participants with approved plans this quarter.

680 children were in the ECEI gateway at 30 September 2017. Of these, 353 were previously confirmed as ECEI at 30 June 2017 and an additional 327 entered the gateway this quarter.

Participants and Planning

The NDIS is transitioning to full-scheme in line with phasing schedules bilaterally agreed by State/Territory and Commonwealth governments.

Key Statistics

6,720

ACCESS DECISIONS IN 2017-18 Q1

3,393

INITIAL PLANS APPROVED IN 2017-18 Q1

NOTE: OF THE 3,393 INITIAL PLANS APPROVED THIS QUARTER, 342 WERE PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED AS ECEI AT 30 JUNE 2017

327

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN WITH A CONFIRMED ECEI GATEWAY REFERRAL IN 2017-18 Q1

92%

OF YEAR TO DATE BILATERAL ESTIMATE MET (1 JULY 2017 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)

77%

OF TRANSITION TO DATE BILATERAL ESTIMATE MET (1 JULY 2016 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)

82%

OF SCHEME TO DATE BILATERAL ESTIMATE MET (1 JULY 2013 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)

20%

OF PARTICIPANTS WITH AN INITIAL PLAN APPROVED IN 2017-18 Q1 ARE CHILDREN AGED 0-6 YEARS

27%

OF PARTICIPANTS WITH AN INITIAL PLAN APPROVED IN 2017-18 Q1 HAVE A REPORTED PRIMARY DISABILITY OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

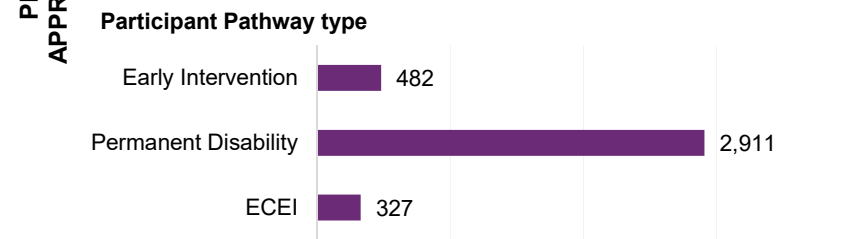
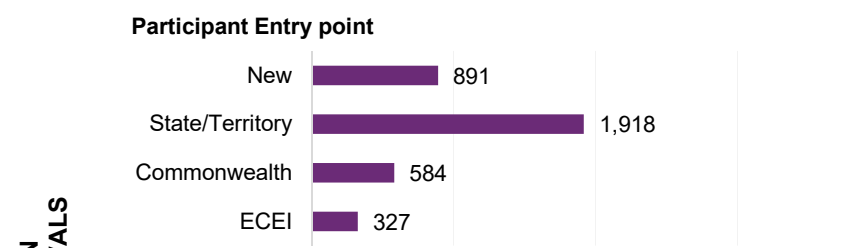
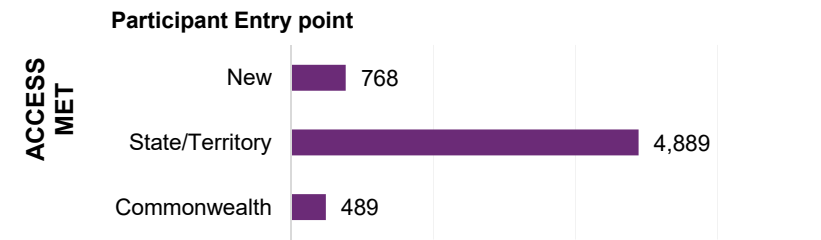
Quarterly Intake

2017-18 Q1

Of the 6,146 participants deemed 'eligible' this quarter 80% entered from an existing State/Territory program.

Of the 3,393 plan approvals this quarter, 57% had transitioned from an existing State/Territory program and 86% entered with a permanent disability.

Overall, since 1 July 2013, there have been 30,581 people with access decisions, and 19,506 participants with an approved plan (including children in the ECEI gateway).



Note: Of the 3,393 initial plans approved this quarter, 342 were previously confirmed as ECEI at 30 June 2017.

Quarterly Intake Detail

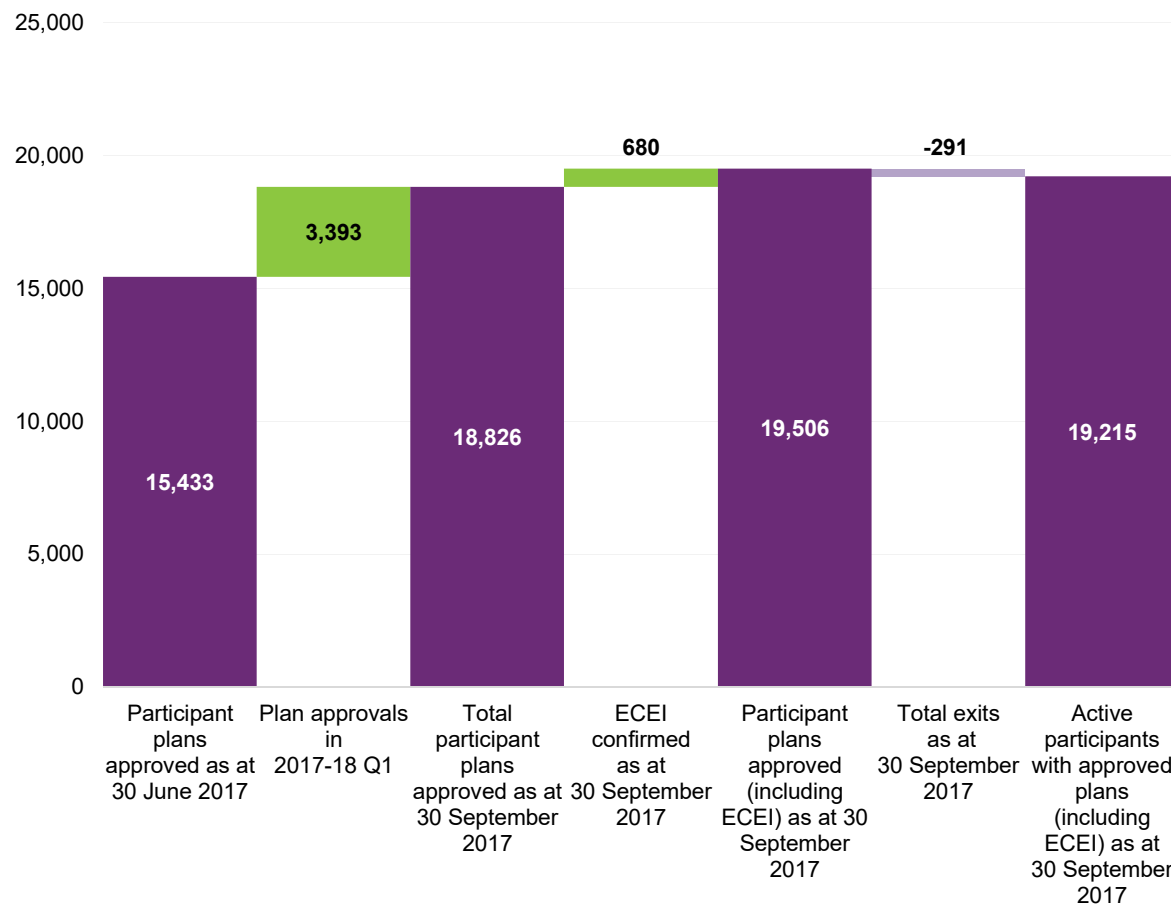
Plan approvals as at 30 September 2017

Plan approval numbers have increased from 15,433 at the end of 2016-17 Q4 to 18,826 by the end of 2017-18 Q1, an increase of 3,393 approvals.

As at 30 September 2017 there were 680 children with a confirmed ECEI referral bringing the total number to 19,506. Overall, 291 participants with approved plans have exited the Scheme.

Of the 680 children with a confirmed ECEI referral as at 30 September 2017, 353 were previously confirmed as ECEI at 30 June 2017 and an additional 327 entered the gateway this quarter.

Change in plan approvals between 30 June 2017 and 30 September 2017



In the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 there were 2,347 plan reviews. This figure relates to all participants who have entered the scheme (including transition).

Cumulative Position

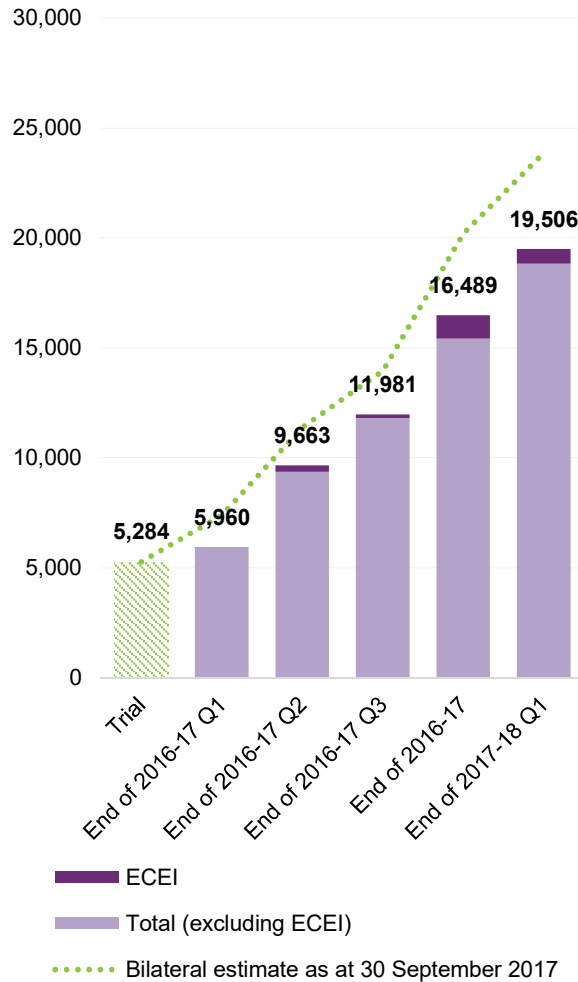
Plan approvals as at 30 September 2017

As at the end of 2017-18 Q1, the cumulative total number of participants receiving support was 19,506 (including 680 children supported through the ECEI gateway). Of these, 11,544 transitioned from an existing State/Territory program and 1,798 transitioned from an existing Commonwealth program.

In addition, 9,165 participants were awaiting a plan as at 30 September 2017.

Cumulative position reporting is inclusive of trial participants for the reported period and represents participants who have or have had an approved plan.

Cumulative plan approvals compared with bilateral estimate



92%

of year to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2017 - 30 September 2017)

77%

of transition to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2016 - 30 September 2017)

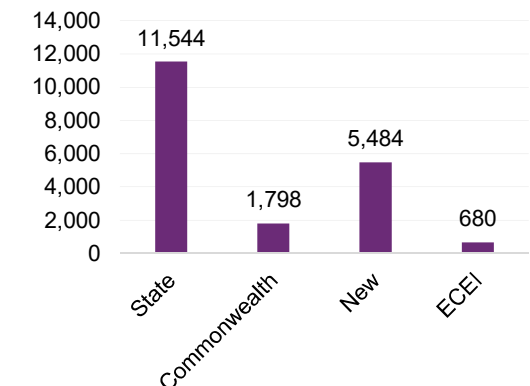
82%

of scheme to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2013 - 30 September 2017)

18,826

plan approvals to date; 19,506 including ECEI confirmed

Plan approvals by participant referral pathway

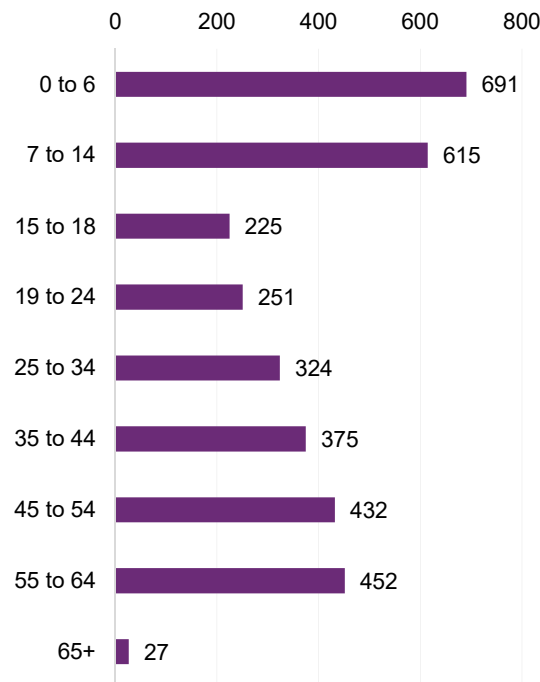


Participant Profiles

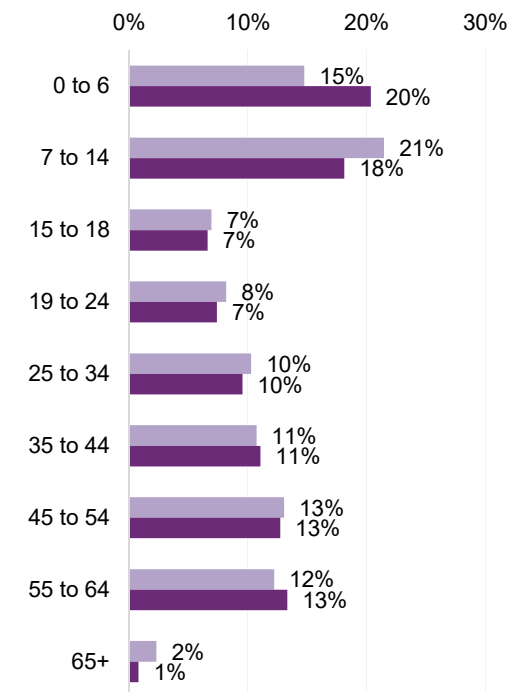
Demographic profile of active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1, compared with plan approvals as at 30 June 2017.

Around 20% of participants entering in this quarter are aged 0 to 6 years.

Active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 by age group



% of active participants with a plan approved by age group



■ % of active participants with a plan approved in prior quarters

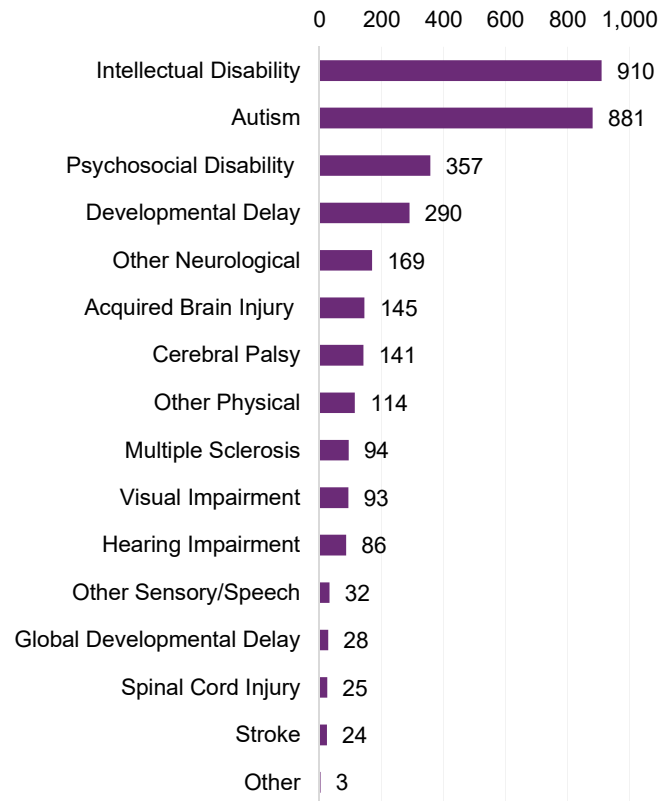
■ % of active participants with a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1

Participant Profiles

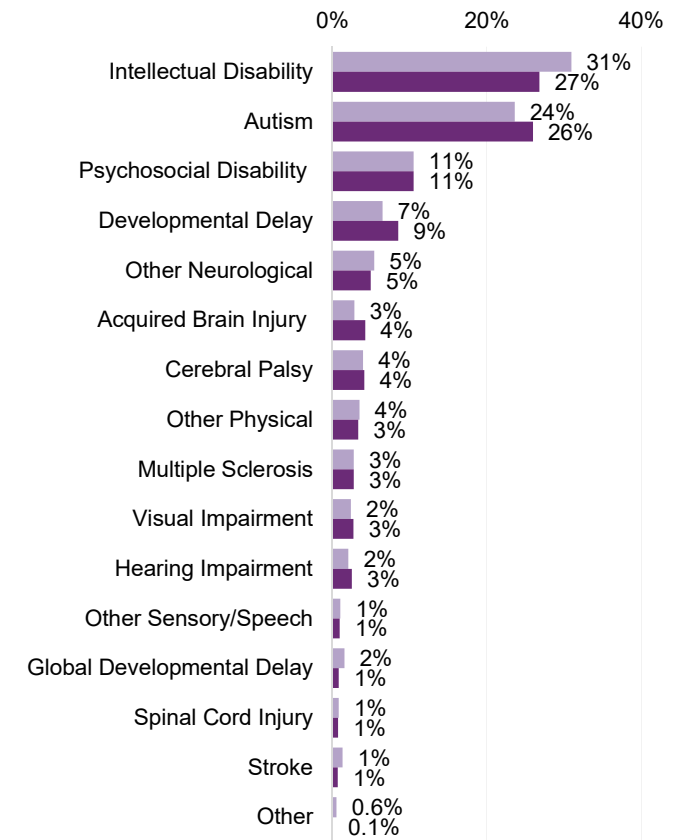
Demographic profile of active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1, compared with plan approvals as at 30 June 2017.

27% of participants entering in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 have a primary disability group of Intellectual Disability.

Active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 by disability group



% of active participants with a plan approved by disability group



■ % of active participants with a plan approved in prior quarters
 ■ % of active participants with a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1

Participant Profiles

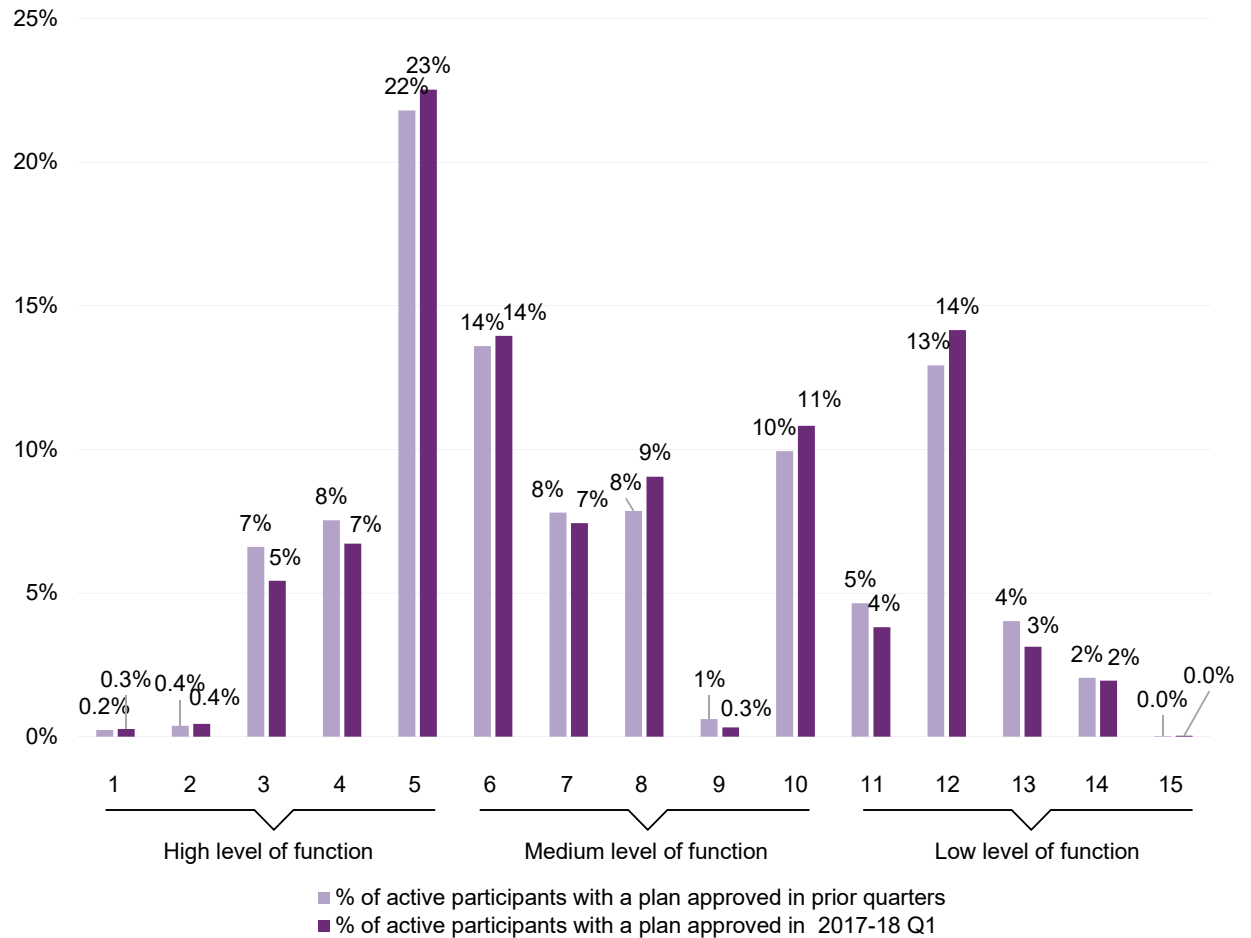
Demographic profile of active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1, compared with plan approvals as at 30 June 2017.

For participants with a plan approval in the current period:

- 35% of active participants had a relatively high level of function
- 42% of active participants had a relatively moderate level of function
- 23% had a relatively low level of function

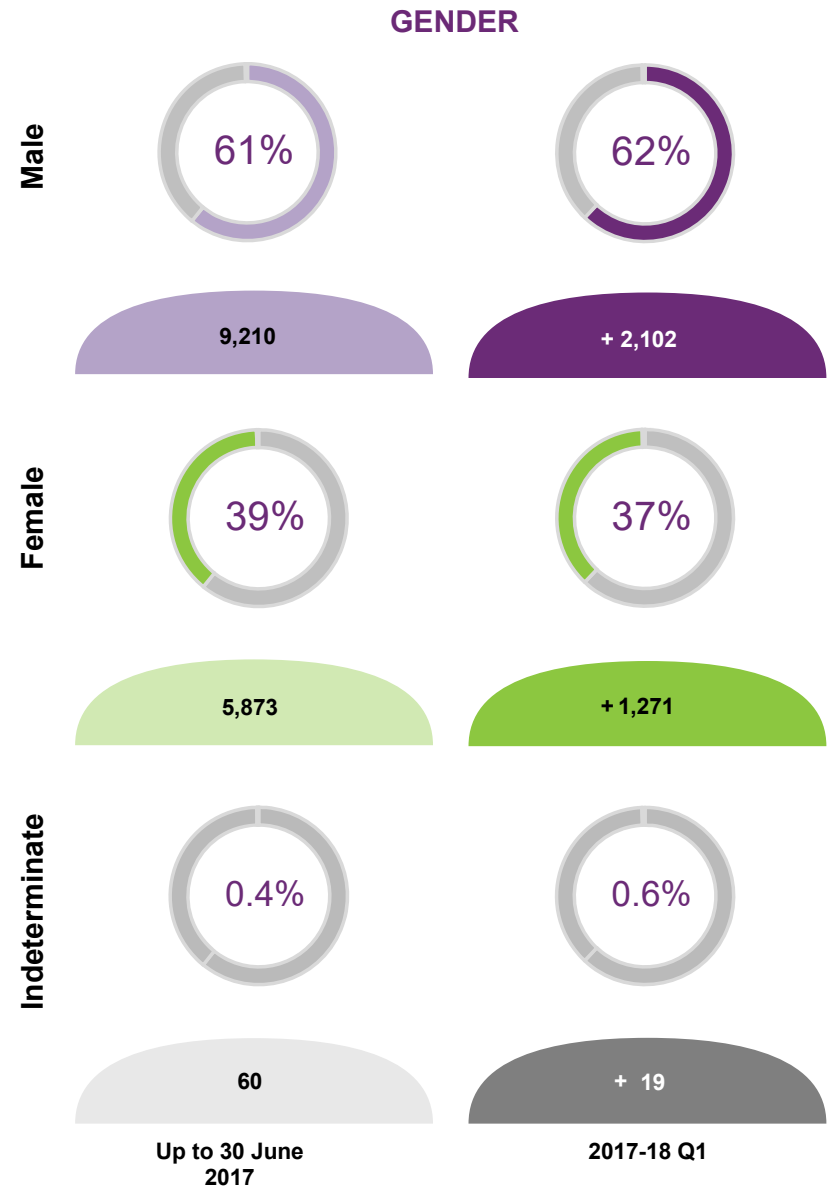
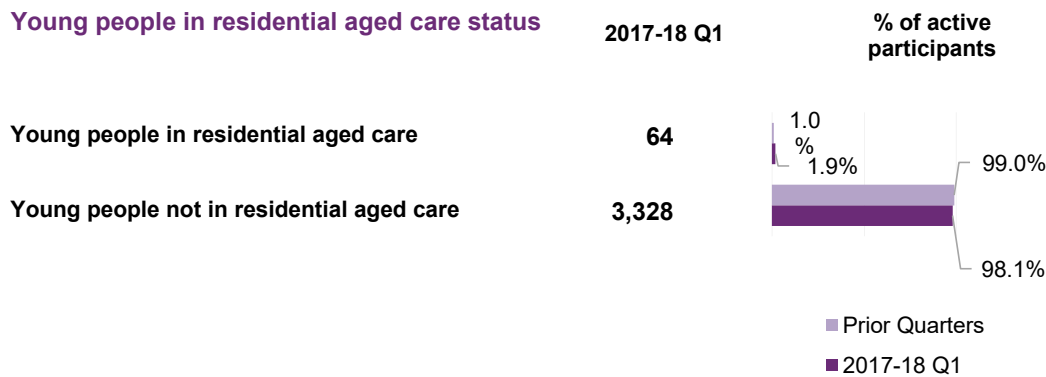
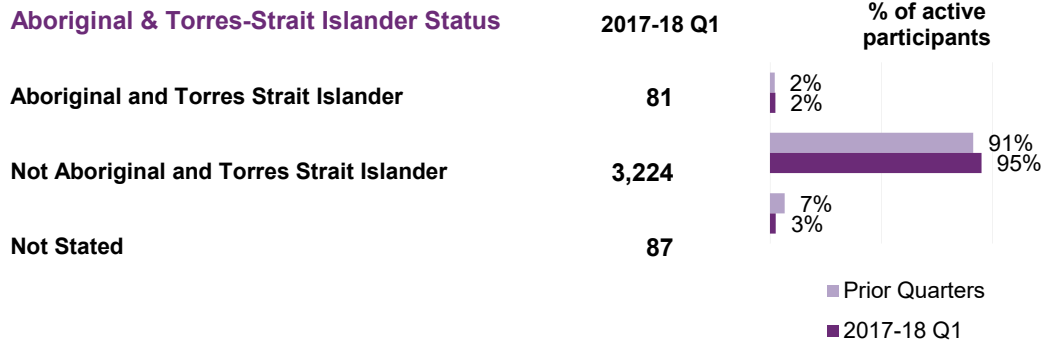
These relativities are within the NDIS participant population, and not comparable to the general population.

% of active participants with a plan approved by level of function



Participant Profiles

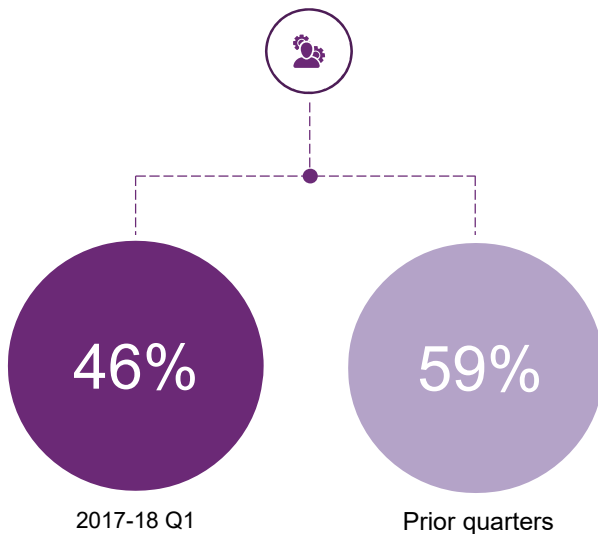
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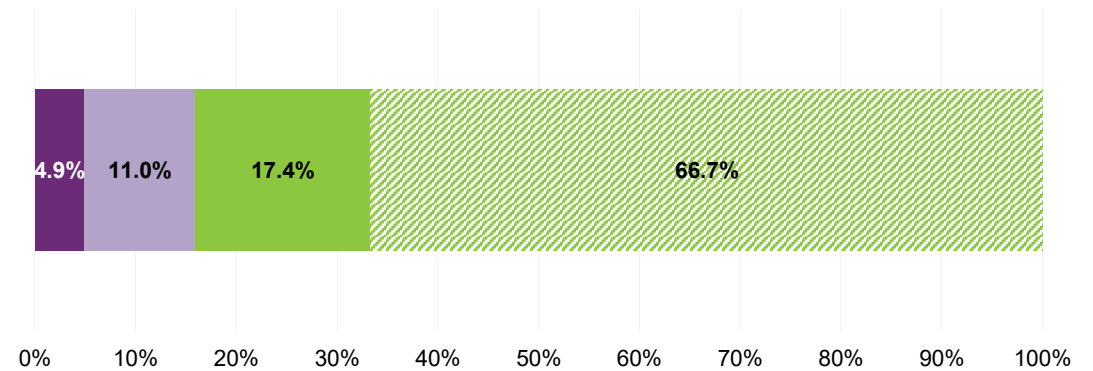
Plan Management Support Co-ordination

The proportion of participants who are fully or partly self-managing their plan was higher in 2017-18 Q1 (24%) compared with the prior quarters of 2016-17 (16%), and 46% of participants who have had a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1 have support coordination in their plan, compared with 59% in prior quarters of 2016-17.

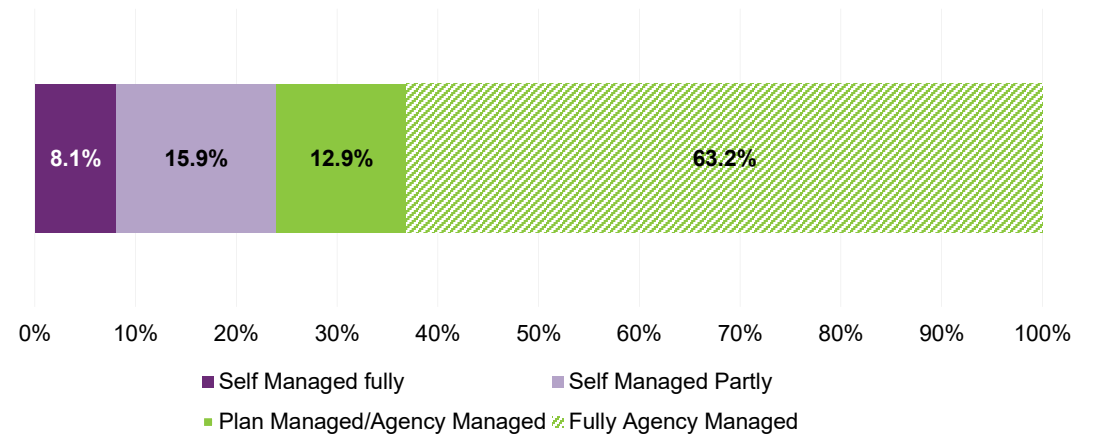
Support Co-ordination



Prior quarters (transition only)



2017-18 Q1



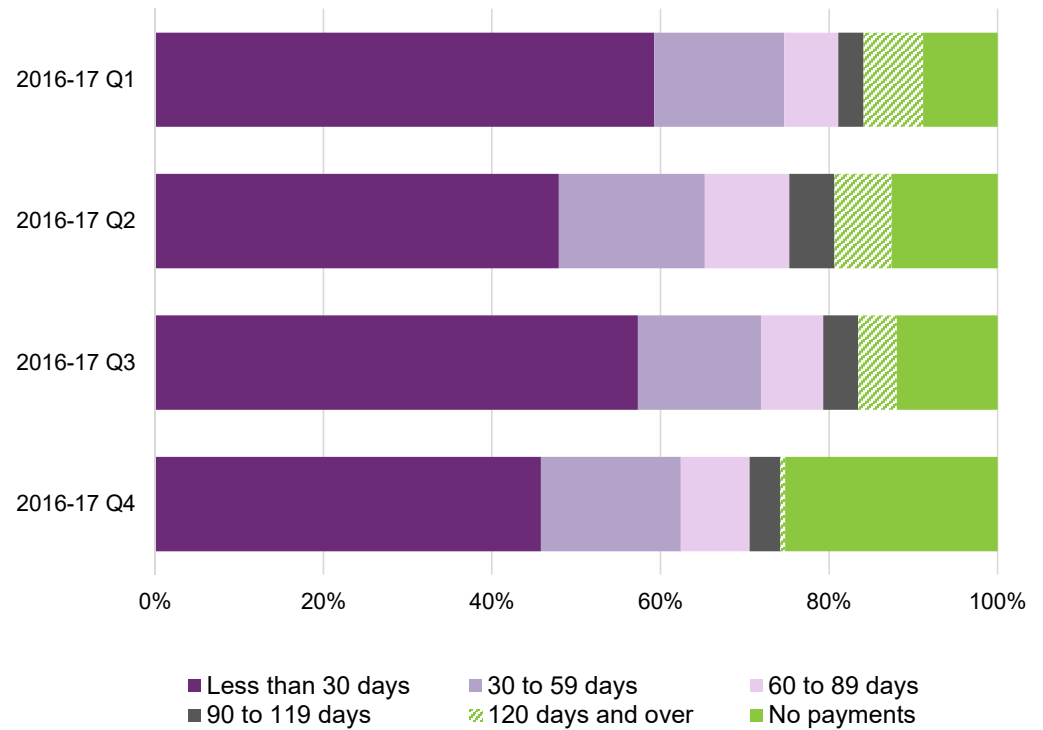
Plan Activation

Plan activation refers to the amount of time between plan approval and the commencement of the participant receiving support.

The percentage of plans activated within 90 days of approval were:

- 81% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q1
- 75% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q2
- 79% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q3
- 71% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q4

Duration to Plan activation for initial plans approved by quarter



Plan activation can only be approximated using data on payments. As there is a lag between when support is provided and payments made, these statistics are likely to be conservative. That is, it is likely that plan activation is faster than presented. Further, in-kind supports have been excluded from the calculation, which further contributes to the conservative figures.

Note: Given that plans approved in 2017-18 Quarter 1 are relatively new, it would be too early to examine the duration to plan activation for these plans and hence these have been excluded from the charts.

Participant Outcomes

Baseline outcome measures were collected from 97% of participants receiving their initial plan since 1 July 2016.

Of participants aged 25 and over:

- 53% choose who supports them
- 64% want more choice and control in their life
- 77% are happy with their home and feel safe or very safe there
- 34% were actively involved in a community group in the past year

For family/carers of children aged 0 to 14:

- 43% have a paid job
- 38% say they are able to work as much as they want
- 41% say they are able to see family and friends as much as they want

Number of questionnaires completed from 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2017 by Short Form Outcomes Framework (SFOF) version

Version	Number of questionnaires		Total
	2016-17	Q1 2017-18	
Participant 0 to school	1,990	679	2,669
Participant school to 14	1,914	539	2,453
Participant 15 to 24	1,240	342	1,582
Participant 25 and over	4,758	1,298	6,056
Total Participant	9,902	2,858	12,760
Family 0 to 14	3,755	1,310	5,065
Family 15 to 24	322	214	536
Family 25 and over	180	204	384
Total Family	4,257	1,728	5,985
Total	14,159	4,586	18,745

Participant Outcomes

Key measures on baseline social, economic and independence outcomes. These will be monitored into the future.

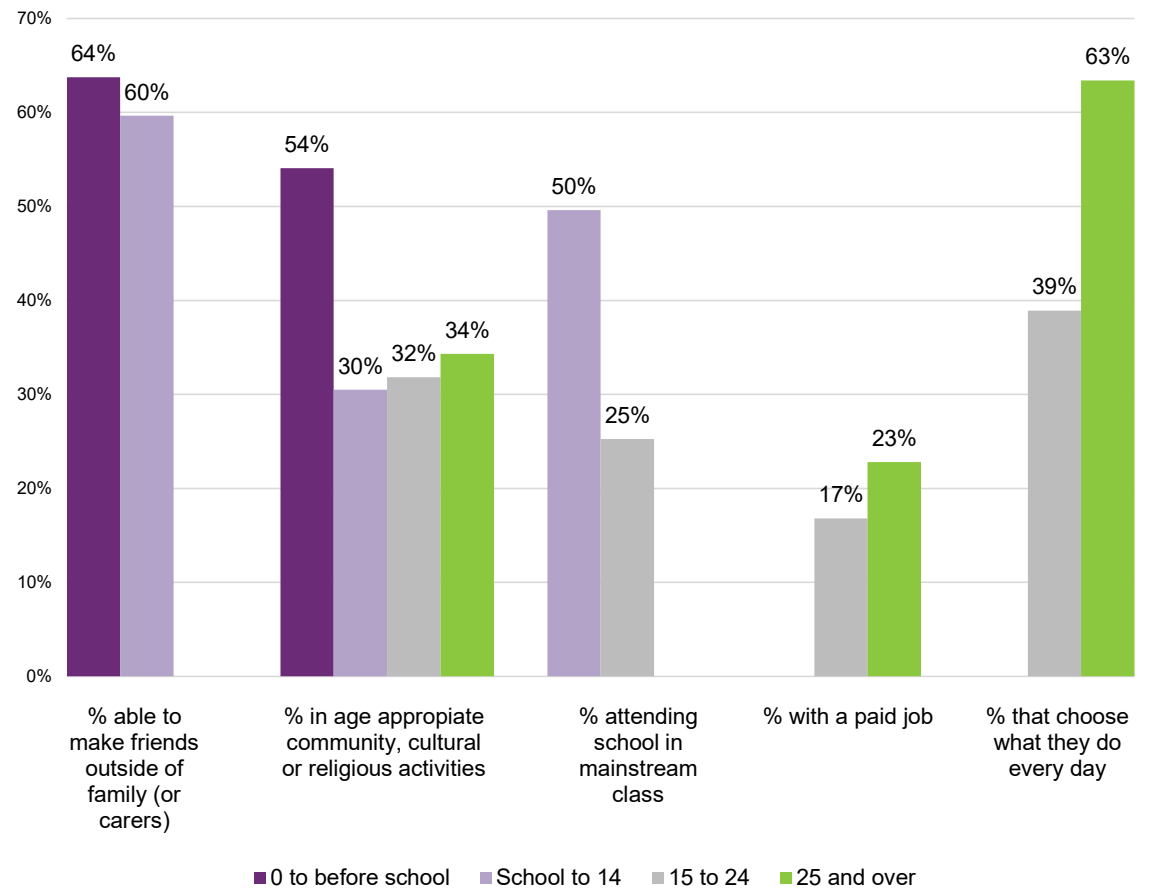
Participants aged 0 to before school:

- 64% were able to make friends outside of family/carers
- 54% involved in age appropriate community, cultural or religious activities (highest compared with other age groups)

Participants aged 25 and over:

- 23% had a paid job
- 63% choose what they do every day

Selected key baseline indicators for participants



Participant Outcomes

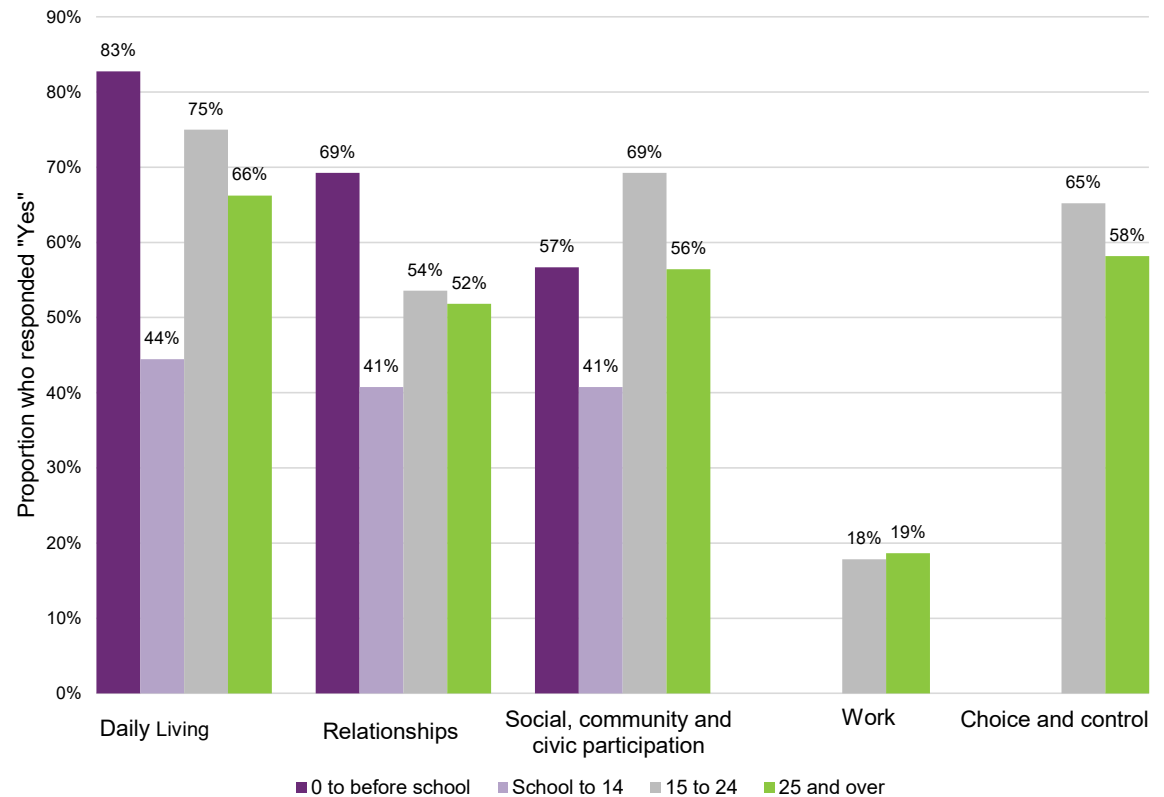
Responses to the “Has the NDIS helped?” questions.

Participants who entered the Scheme in 2016-17 Q1 and had their plan reviewed in 2017-18 Q1 were asked questions about whether the NDIS had helped them.

Percentage of participants responding “Yes” were:

- Higher for 0 to school age participants, particularly for daily living (83%)
- Lower for the school to 14 age group
- Lower for older adult age group than for the younger adult age group

“Has the NDIS helped?” questions

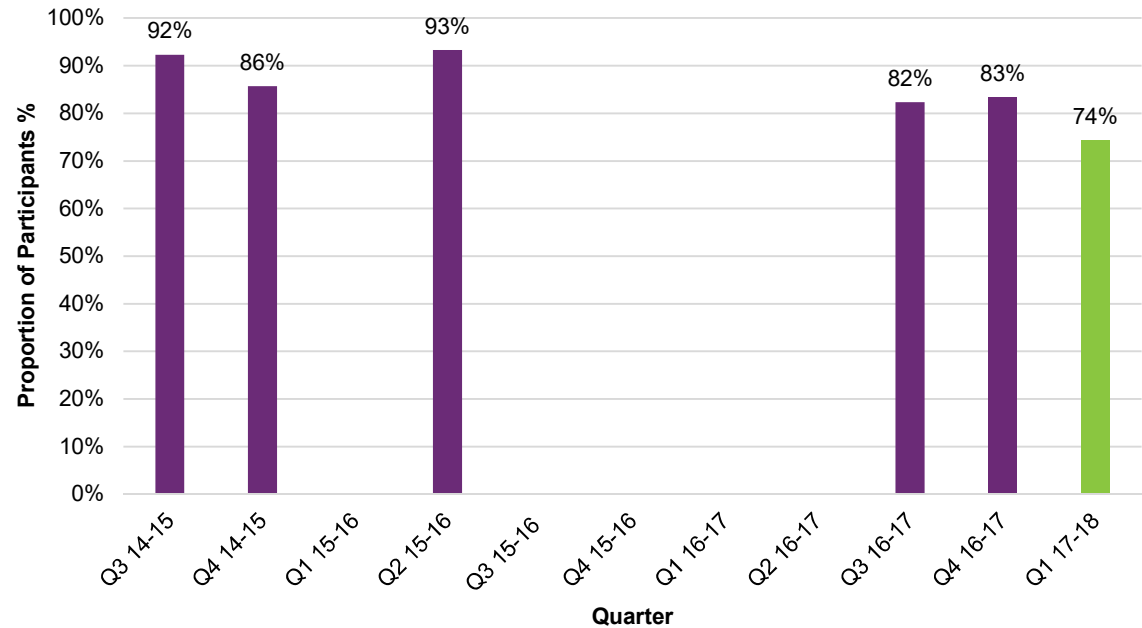


Participant Satisfaction

74% of participants rated their satisfaction with the Agency planning process as either good or very good in the current quarter. This has decreased since the last quarter.

The Participant Pathway Review aims to improve the participant experience.

Proportion of participants describing satisfaction with the agency as good or very good - by quarter



Note: Participant satisfaction results are not shown if there is insufficient data in the group.

Participant satisfaction continues to be high, but has dropped during transition, compared with trial site experience.

Committed Supports and Payments

Both committed and paid supports to participants are increasing in line with the growing scheme.

To date funding committed to participants with an approved plan amounts to \$1.7 billion (including support periods in the future), of which \$760.8 million has been paid.

The \$1.7 billion committed support includes \$905.2 million of supports in respect of prior financial years including trial, \$733.6 million of supports in respect of 2017-18[^] and \$46.3 million of supports in respect of later years*.

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Committed Supports and Payments

This section presents information on the amount committed in plans and payments to service providers and participants.

Key Statistics

\$1.7

BILLION OF SUPPORTS HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO 18,826 PARTICIPANTS

\$905.2

MILLION OF SUPPORTS IN RESPECT OF PRIOR FINANCIAL YEARS INCLUDING TRIAL

\$733.6

MILLION OF SUPPORTS IN RESPECT OF 2017-18[^]

\$46.3

MILLION OF SUPPORTS IN RESPECT OF LATER YEARS^{*}

\$760.8

MILLION HAS BEEN PAID TO PROVIDERS & PARTICIPANTS

OVERALL, 61% OF COMMITTED SUPPORTS WERE UTILISED IN 2013-14, 79% IN 2014-15 AND 80% IN 2015-16. CURRENTLY UTILISATION IS 66% IN 2016-17, ALTHOUGH THIS WILL LIKELY INCREASE AS THERE IS A LAG BETWEEN WHEN SUPPORT IS PROVIDED AND WHEN IT IS PAID.

THE 2016-17 AND 2017-18 EXPERIENCE IS STILL EMERGING

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Committed Supports and Payments

Committed amount by year that the support is expected to be provided, compared with committed supports that have been used (paid).

Of the \$1.7 billion that has been committed in participant plans, \$760.8 million has been paid to date.

In particular, for supports provided in:

2013-14: \$32.3m has been paid

2014-15: \$128.2m has been paid

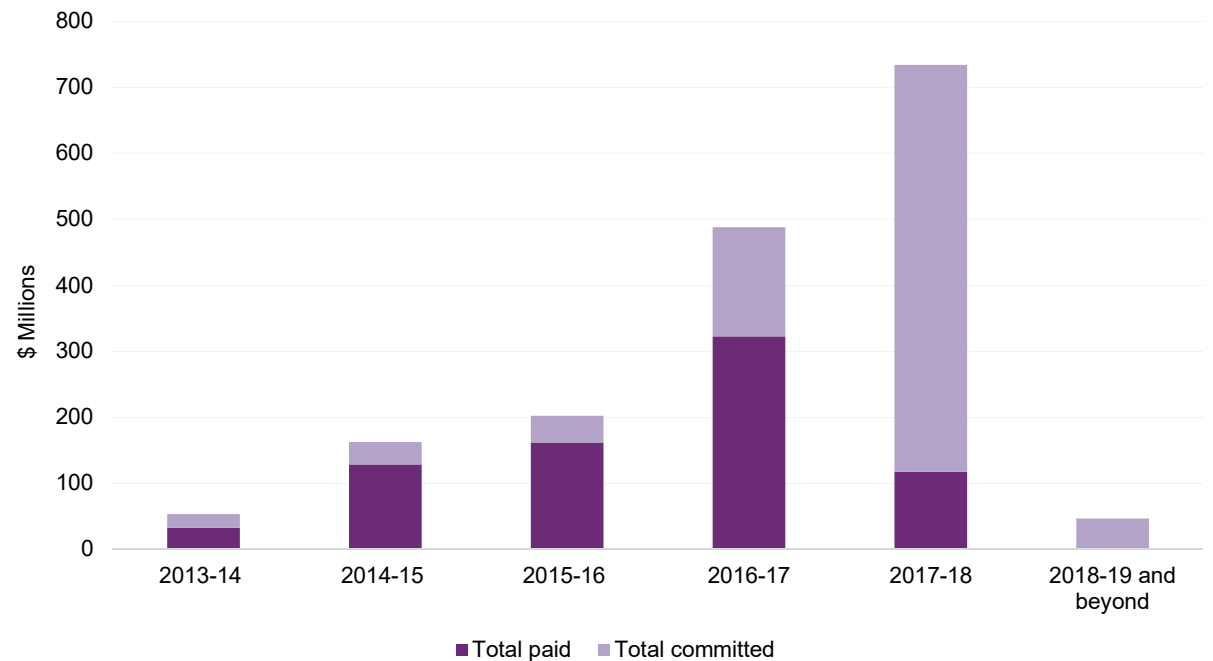
2015-16: \$160.7m has been paid

2016-17: \$322.2m has been paid

2017-18 to date: \$117.3m has been paid

Committed and paid by expected support year

\$Million	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 and beyond	Total
Total committed	53.1	162.5	201.9	487.7	733.6	46.3	1,685.2
Total paid	32.3	128.2	160.7	322.2	117.3	0.0	760.8



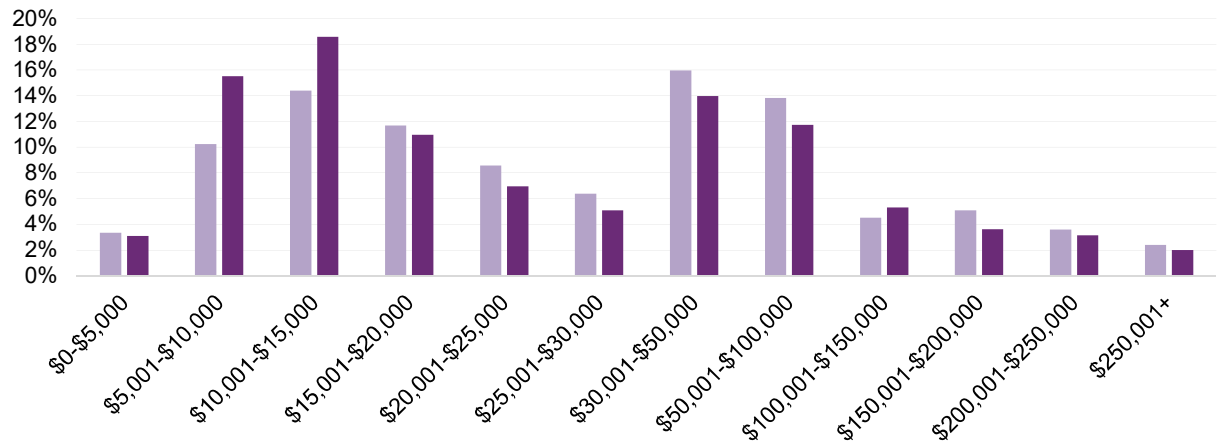
Committed Supports and Payments

A lower proportion of initial plan approvals in 2017-18 Q1 have average annualised committed supports greater than \$15,000 compared with participants who entered in prior quarters when participants with shared supported accommodation (SSA) supports are included.

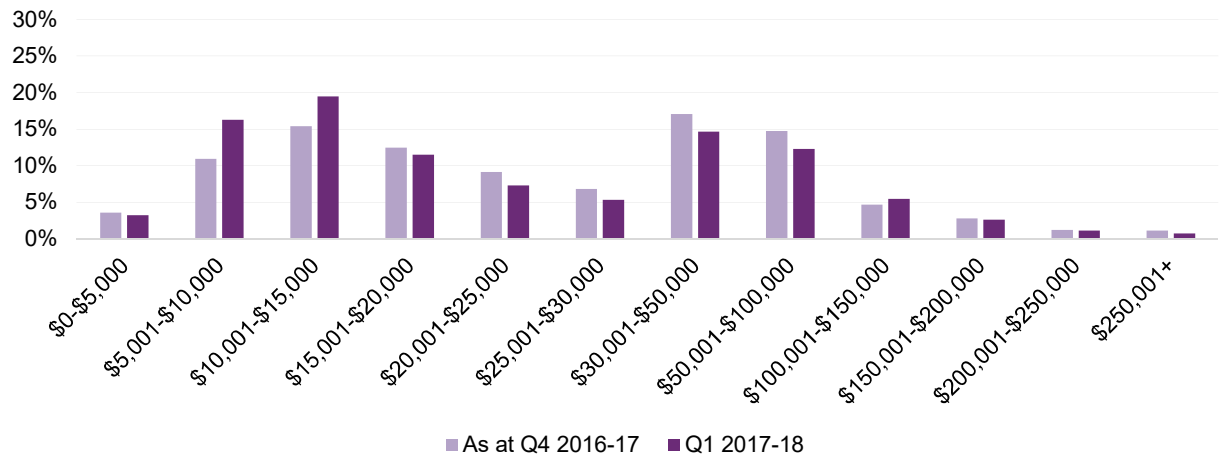
This is also the case when SSA participants are excluded.

Increase in the lower committed support bands are likely due to the high number of children who entered in the quarter.

Distribution of average annualised committed supports by cost band (including SSA)



Distribution of average annualised committed supports by cost band (excluding SSA)



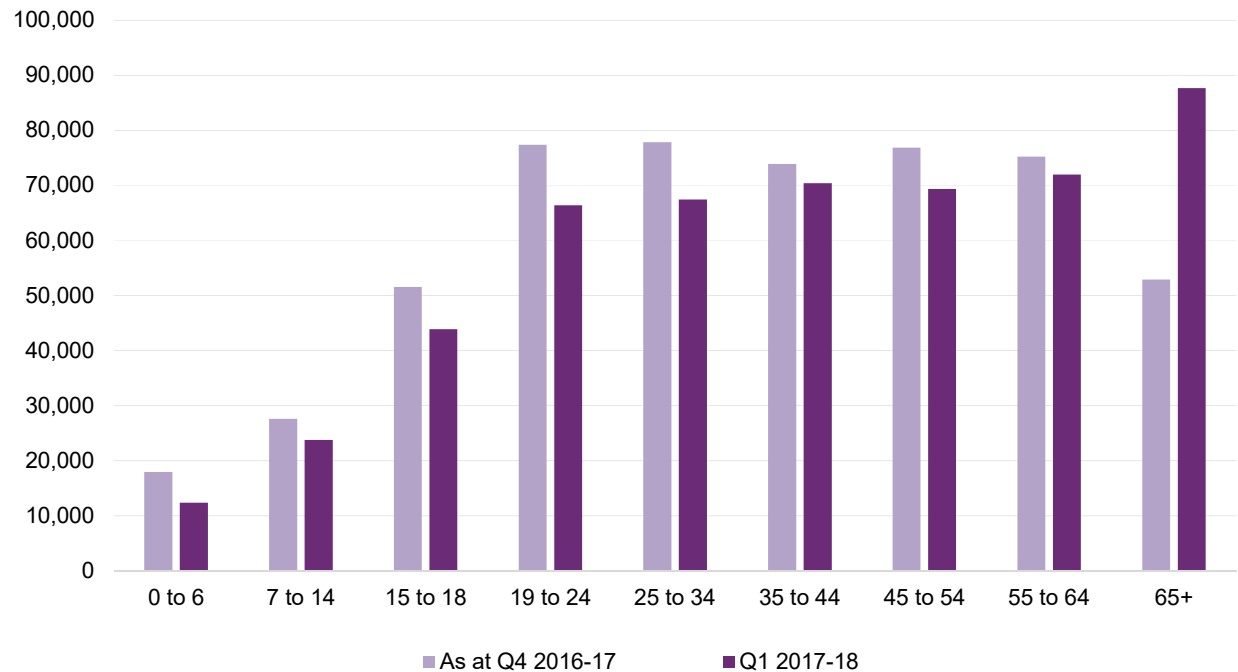
Committed Supports and Payments

Average annualised committed supports increase steeply up to age 19, stabilises to age 64 and then reduces at older ages.

Average annualised committed supports has decreased in the current quarter for participants at most ages. This is reflective of the phasing schedule, with a higher proportion of new and Commonwealth participants in the most recent quarter.

For participants aged 65+, their average annualised committed supports has been higher in the current quarter due to the entry of participants in shared supported accommodation.

Average annualised committed supports by age band



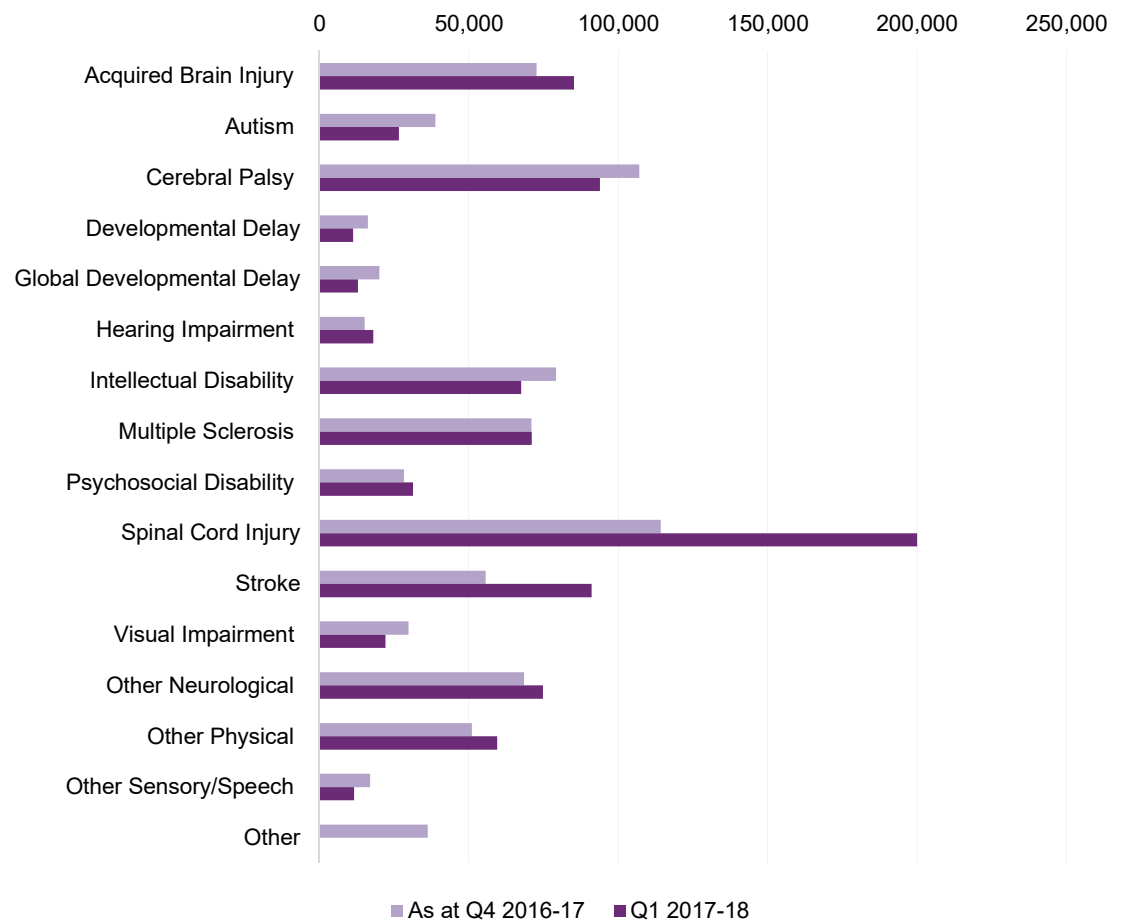
Note: The age eligibility requirements for the NDIS are based on the age as at the access request date. Participants with their initial plan approved aged 65+ have turned 65 since their access request was received.

Committed Supports and Payments

Participants with Spinal Cord Injury, Cerebral Palsy and Intellectual Disability have the highest average annualised committed supports while participants with Developmental Delay, Hearing Impairment and Other Sensory/Speech have the lowest average annualised committed supports.

There was mixed experience in the most recent quarter for average annualised committed supports by disability type. Participants with stroke and spinal cord disabilities had higher average annualised committed supports for plans approved in 2017-18 Q1 compared to plans approved in prior quarters, while there were lower average annualised cost for participants with autism and intellectual disability.

Average annualised committed supports by primary disability group



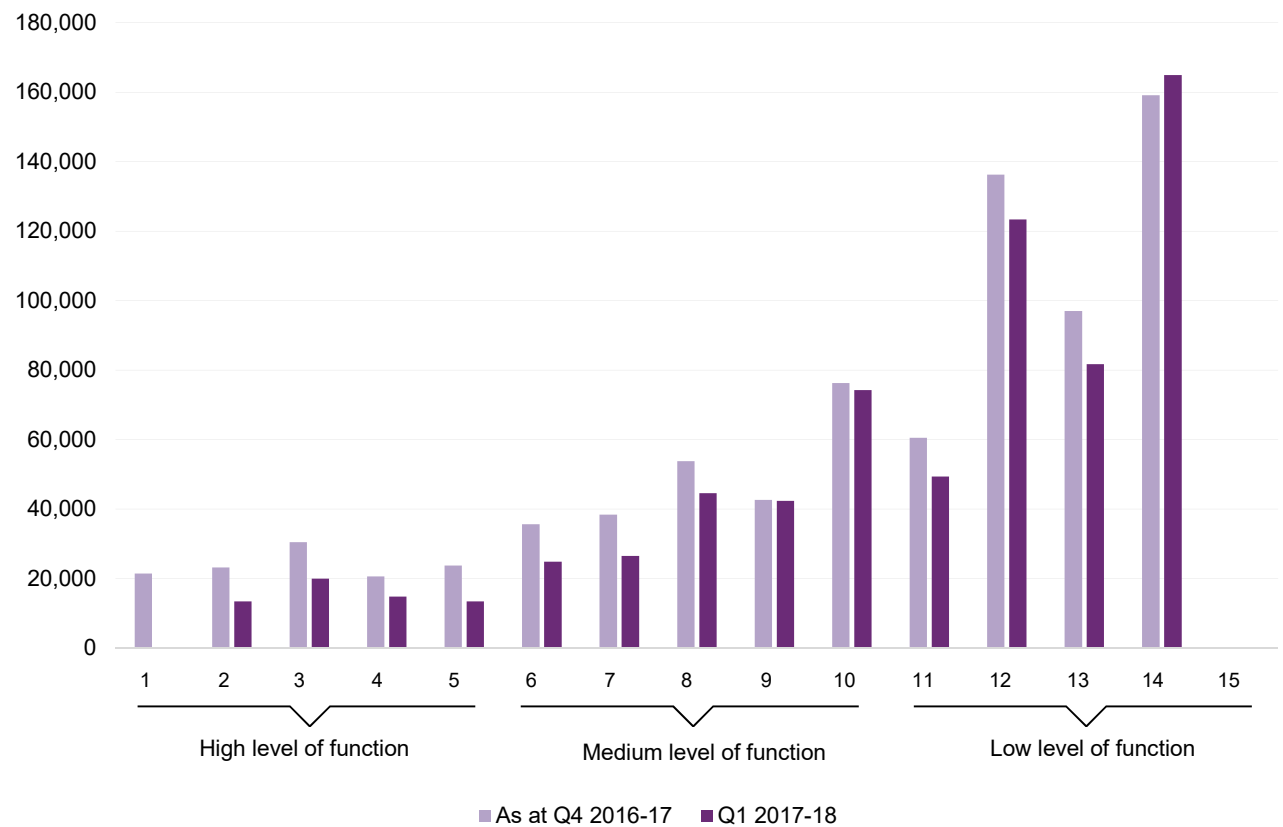
Note 1: Average annualised committed supports are not shown if there are insufficient data in the group

Committed Supports and Payments

The average annualised committed supports generally increase for participants with lower levels of function.

The average annualised committed supports for participants with an initial plan approval in 2017-18 Q1 is lower compared with participants who entered in prior quarters for participants across low, medium and high levels of function.

Average annualised committed supports by level of function



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Note 2: High, medium and low function is relative within the NDIS population and not comparable to the general population.

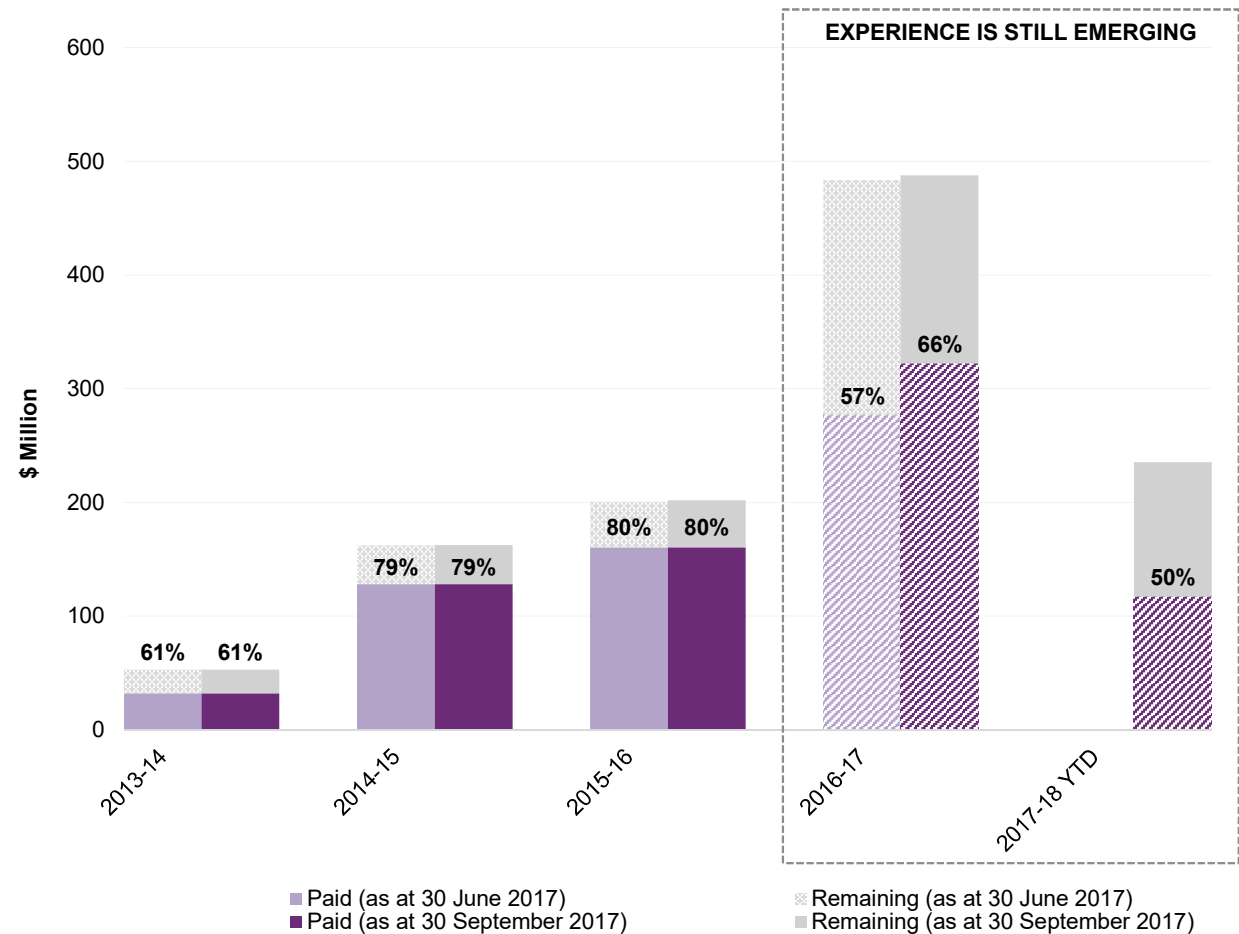
Committed Supports and Payments

Utilisation of committed supports by year that the support was expected to be provided as at 30 June 2017, compared with 30 September 2017.

As there is a lag between when support is provided and when it is paid, the utilisation in 2016-17 and 2017-18 will increase, the latter significantly so. Utilisation for 2016-17 and 2017-18 is emerging at lower levels than in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

The utilisation of committed supports has increased for supports provided in 2016-17. This is due to payments in 2017-18 Q1 for supports which were provided during 2016-17.

Utilisation of committed supports as at 30 June 2017 and 30 September 2017



Providers and Markets

The scale and extent of the market continues to grow, with a 22% increase in the number of providers during the quarter to 3,101.

Providers and Markets

This section contains information on registered service providers and the market, with key provider and market indicators presented.

Provider registration

- To provide supports to NDIS participants, a service provider is required to register and be approved by the NDIA.
- Providers register with the NDIA by submitting a registration request, indicating the types of support (registration groups) they are accredited to provide.
- Providers are approved to deliver disability supports and services to participants of the NDIS if they have at least one registration group approved.

How providers interact with participants

- NDIS participants have the flexibility to choose the providers who support them.
- Providers are paid for disability supports and services provided to the participants.

Key Statistics

3,101

APPROVED PROVIDERS

75-90%

OF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE NDIA ARE RECEIVED BY 25% OF PROVIDERS

37%

OF SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE INDIVIDUAL/SOLE TRADERS

THERAPEUTIC SUPPORTS HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPROVED SERVICE PROVIDERS, FOLLOWED BY HOUSEHOLD TASKS AND ASSISTANCE WITH TRAVEL/TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

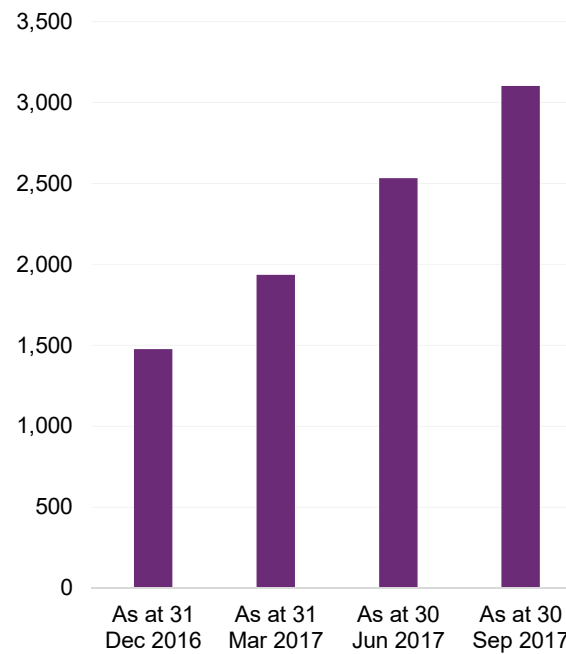
Providers and Markets

Increase in number of providers over time.

As at 30 September 2017, there were 3,101 registered service providers of which 1,132 were individual/sole trader operated business while the remaining 1,969 providers were registered as a company or organisation.

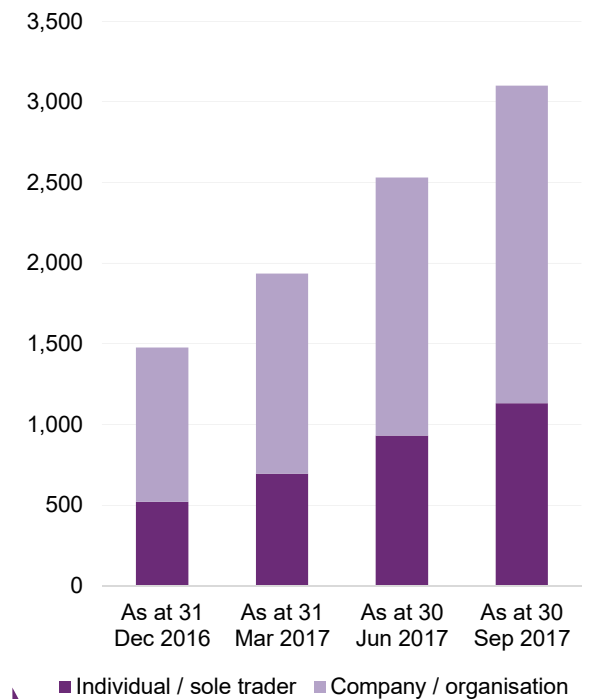
1.81
AVERAGE NUMBER
OF PROVIDERS PER
PARTICIPANT

Approved providers over time



The number of approved service providers increased by 22% from 2,532 to 3,101 in the quarter.

Type of provider



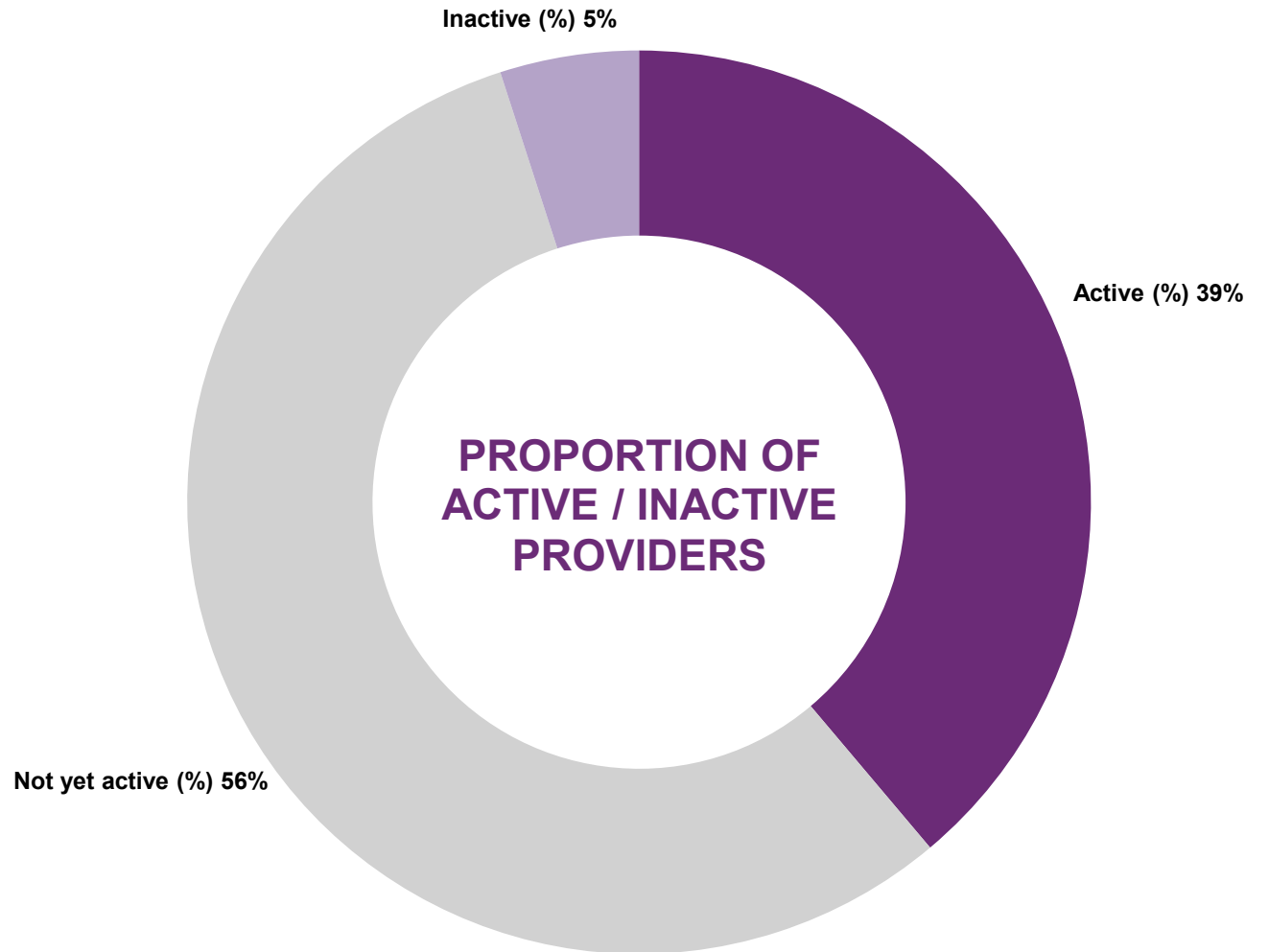
37% of approved service providers are individual/sole traders.

Providers and Markets

Change in the activity status of providers.

As at 30 September 2017, 39% of providers were active in the last quarter, 56% were yet to have evidence of activity and 5% were inactive. Of the overall stock of providers, 475 providers began delivering new supports in the quarter.

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NUMBER OF PROVIDERS DELIVERING NEW SUPPORTS



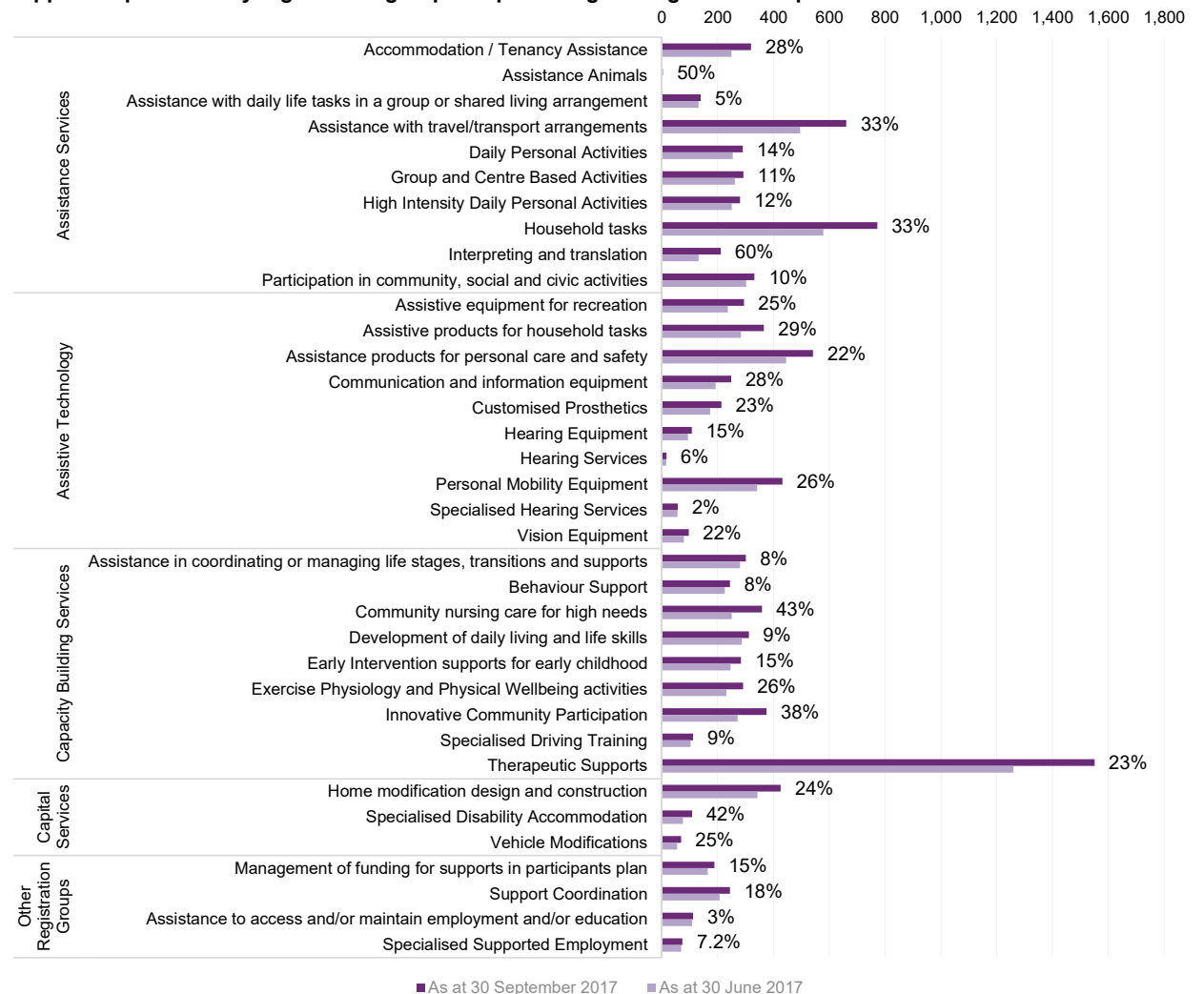
Registration groups

The increase in approved providers from 30 June 2017 to 30 September 2017 varies by registration group.

Therapeutic Supports has the highest number of approved service providers and has seen a 23% increase since the previous quarter.

The largest percentage increase in approved providers was for the Interpreting and translation registration group in the quarter, increasing from 132 as at 30 June 2017 to 211 as at 30 September 2017. This was followed by Assistance with Animals, Community nursing care for high needs and Specialised Disability Accommodation.

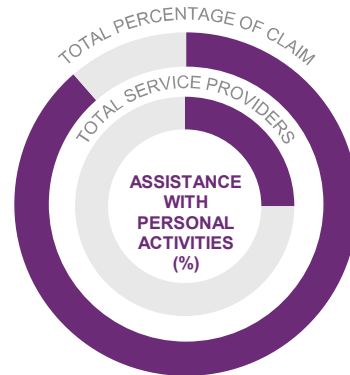
Approved providers by registration group and percentage change over the quarter



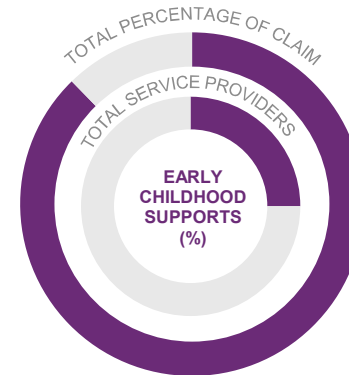
Market share of top providers

25% of service providers received 75-90% of the dollars paid for major registration groups.

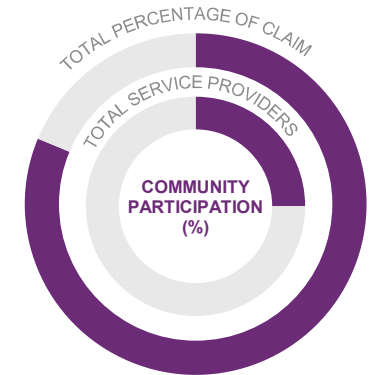
Market share of the top 25% of providers by registration group.



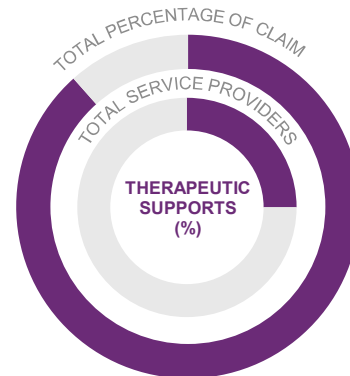
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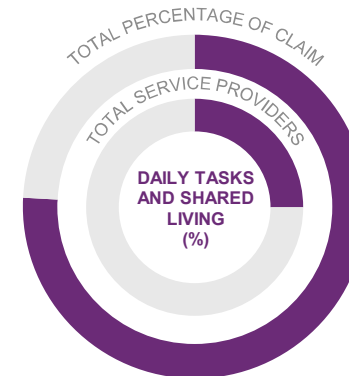
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81%



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76%

25% of providers have received 89% of payments during the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 for Assistance with Personal Activities.

Information, Linkages and Capacity Building

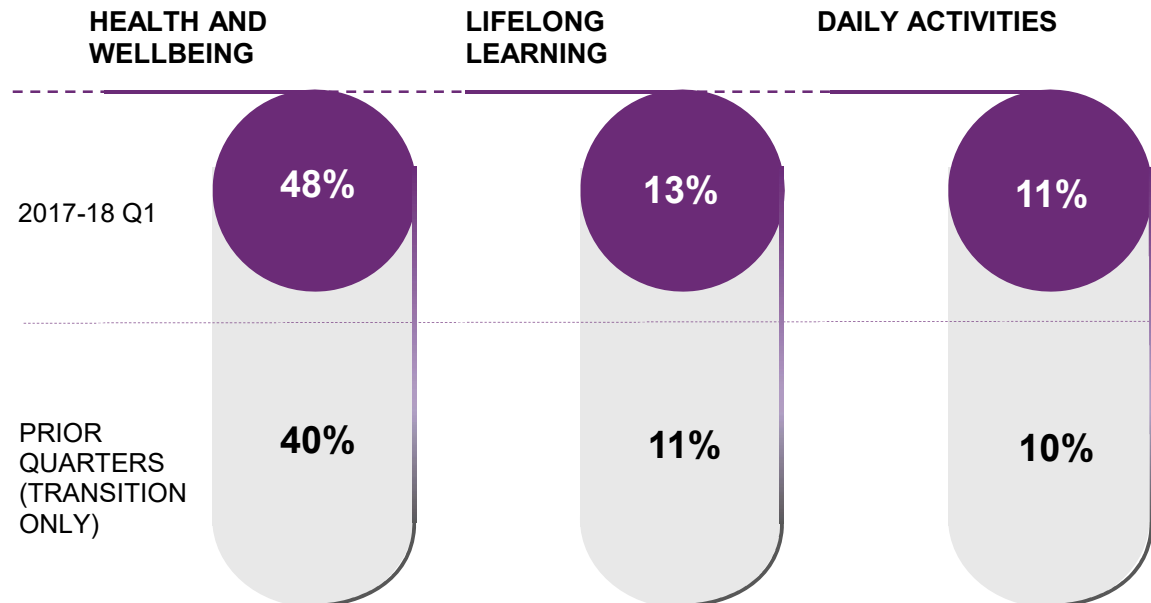
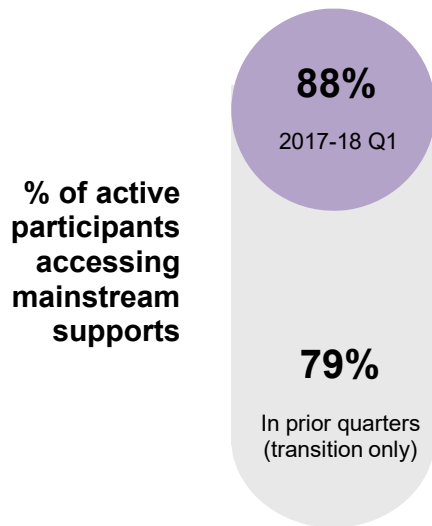
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Mainstream Interface

The proportion of participants entering in the current quarter accessing mainstream services is higher compared to prior quarters.

Mainstream Interface

88% of active participants with a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1 access mainstream services, an increase from prior quarters. Participants are accessing mainstream services predominantly for health and wellbeing, lifelong learning and daily activities.



Financial Sustainability

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