

ACT Disability Health Strategy (DHS)

The ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) is looking for people with disability and carers of people with disability to participate in the development of the ACT DHS.

We invite applications for consideration from people with disability and carers of people with disability to:

1. represent their disability community on the to-be formed ACT DHS Project Steering Committee; and/or
2. become an ally of the ACT DHS Project.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability and people with disability from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background are encouraged to apply.

ACT DHS Project

The ACT Government is committed to the development and implementation of a Disability Health Strategy. The ACTHD and the Office for Disability in the Community Services Directorate are working together to co-design the ACT DHS with the disability community to ensure better health outcomes for people with disabilities, their families and carers.

The DHS builds on the ACT Council of Social Service report *Imagining Better*, which was commissioned by the ACT Office for Disability in 2019.

This project also sits alongside work underway in Canberra Health Services to develop a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Phase One: Scoping of the ACT DHS Project was completed in December 2021.

Phase Two: Development of the ACT DHS and First Action Plan (FAP) commenced in January 2022.

Position Description

ACT DHS Project Steering Committee

The ACT DHS Project Steering Committee will include key stakeholders from disability peak bodies, service providers, people with disability, carers of people with disability, government representatives and, from time to time, other interested stakeholders.

Members are expected to actively and constructively participate in meeting discussions and community consultations, while maintaining links with the community.



The Steering Committee will meet once a month for a two-hour meeting. On occasion, members will be requested to attend out-of-session forums and workshops. Remuneration for consumer, carer and community representatives, as per ACTHD's [Consumer, Carer and Community Representative Reimbursement Policy](#), will be provided for meetings and some out-of-session engagements.

ACTHD is looking for people who can represent their particular disability community and are able to advocate on behalf of these communities. Members of the Steering Committee will have a vision for better services and will be knowledgeable and influential. Importantly, we want diversity – diversity of disability, gender, age and ethnicity.

Allies of the ACT DHS Project

Allies of the project will be invited to share their stories and to be actively involved in disability health conversations with the project team. These conversations may include one-on-one and/or group consultation sessions.

How to apply

1. Write an application of no more than two pages answering the questions below and email it to ACTHD Disability and Community Policy via acthdisabilityandcommunity@act.gov.au; or
2. Email ACTHD Disability and Community Policy via acthdisabilityandcommunity@act.gov.au or call **5124 9355** to make a time to meet with a member of the team to respond to the questions via video link or telephone; or
3. Make a short video about yourself and email it (or a link to the video) to ACTHD Disability and Community Policy via acthdisabilityandcommunity@act.gov.au.

If you require reasonable adjustments to be made to enable you to participate in this process, please contact ACTHD Disability and Community Policy via acthdisabilityandcommunity@act.gov.au

Application questions

Please address these questions in your application:

1. Why do you want to be involved in the ACT DHS Project?
2. What knowledge can you bring to the ACT DHS Project?
3. What experience do you have in promoting the inclusion of people with disability?

Please indicate if you would like to apply to be a member of the ACT DHS Project Steering Committee, an ally of the ACT DHS Project, or both.



Applications close COB Friday, 25 February 2022.

Contact details

Disability and Community Policy

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