

Dear Members, Clients and Volunteers

Re: update on Huntington's Australia

We have received notification from the Quality and Safeguards Commission that our NDIS service provision application has been approved. This is both a relief and an endorsement of a quality application and work done by the team.

So, we are working full steam ahead towards 1 October being our first day of operations as Huntington's Australia. Some of the key things being worked on are:


- Transfer Deeds. These are the legal documents that outline all the matters pertaining to the transferring of assets from State Associations to HA. Each State will agree a Transfer Deed with HA. Association members will recall that at last year's AGMs it was voted to change each Constitution to allow for your Board to enter into such transfer arrangements to give effect to the merger.
- HA and the States have commenced looking at the processes for winding up and deregistering State Associations after the merger has occurred. Once these processes have been resolved, and at a suitable juncture after the merger, members will be asked to vote to enact deregistration, possibly at each of the Association's last AGM.
- State Association staff are being provided with official HA employment offers. This will enable us to continue to provide the existing services plus some of the additional services we planned for. Volunteers are also front of mind in maintaining the existing services that they support in our HD communities.

Bringing many (state) ways of doing things into one (national) consistent way across all fronts – systems, policies, practices, etc – is a challenge that will require all staff to change and adapt in some way, shape or form. But these are behind the scenes changes that will in no way change our promise of no service provision changes on Day 1.

Each State Association will soon be sending out a notice about the transfer of personal information. Please look out for this information as it will explain the how and why for transferring of personal information from each Association to Huntington's Australia.

There is only 9 weeks to go and much to be done. I encourage anyone with any feedback, issues or concerns to make contact with your local representatives. We are all in this together.

Regards



Chris Glasson

Chair HA

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