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Outcome/Therapy Reports in the NDIS

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Reasonable and necessary

(You've heard the words, but what do they mean?)

- Reasonable (enough)
- Necessary (needed because of disability)
- Value for money
- Effective and beneficial, and current good practice

Why the NDIS is different

(and why reports need to be different)

- Functional benefit, not diagnosis
- Relate to the individual's goals in their NDIS plan
- Provide clear justification

Outcome/therapy reports

(Why are they so important?)

- Directly impact a person's NDIS plan
- Justify type of supports, and amount

Outputs and outcomes

(What's the difference?)

- Output: What you did
- Outcome: The result of your assistance/support
- Outcomes should relate back to the person's NDIS plan goals, and individual therapy goals

Outcome/therapy report examples

(The good, bad, and the ugly)

- “Harry will require sufficient/maximum funding for occupational therapy to work on fine motor skills.”
- “Ron has cognitive impairment secondary to right CVA.”
- “Hermione will require weekly Speech Therapy.”



Outcome/therapy report examples

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“Because of Rob's disability, he will require fortnightly speech pathology. This will reduce the frequency of sound errors (hard to understand speech), allowing him to achieve his goal of being understood by a wider range of people. Funding fortnightly therapy will be most beneficial to ensure that progress is made, as monthly therapy would be too long between visits, risking having to repeat what was done in the previous session – therefore fortnightly therapy will ensure value for money as it will allow for progress to be made (which will reduce the need for support in the future). Weekly sessions are not required and would not constitute value for money.”



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Writing therapy reports

(What is your duty of care?)

- Stick to your area of expertise/profession
- Protect your organisational reputation
- Report writing is part of your job, as much as therapy itself
- Be willing to defend your reports

NDIS & other government/mainstream systems

(Understanding the boundaries)

- Know the boundaries
- If asking for NDIS funding, make sure it is the NDIS's responsibility
- Mental health \neq Psychosocial disability



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Any questions?
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