

Disability Act 2006
Victorian Senior Practitioner Direction
Psychosocial disability

1. Purpose

The purpose of this direction is to require all disability service providers and registered NDIS providers to seek direct approval from the Victorian Senior Practitioner to use any regulated restrictive practices on persons with a psychosocial disability.

2. Authorising provision

This direction is made under section s146(1)(i) of the Act.

3. Application

This direction applies to:

- (a) all disability service providers
- (b) all registered NDIS providers.

4. Term

This direction commences on the date it is signed and continues in effect until it is revoked or modified by the Victorian Senior Practitioner.

5. Definitions

In this direction:

- a) 'Act' means the Disability Act 2006;
- b) 'Providers' means the providers listed in paragraph 3 who must comply with this direction;
- c) 'Psychosocial disability' means an impairment attributable to a psychiatric condition which meets the disability requirements of section 24 of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (Cth); and
- d) expressions used shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same respective meaning as they have in the Act.

6. Direction:

I, Mandy Donley, Victorian Senior Practitioner, under section s146(1)(i) of the Act, direct Providers to seek direct approval from the Victorian Senior Practitioner to use any regulated restrictive practice/s on persons with a psychosocial disability.

Signed this 20th day of September 2023



Mandy Donley, Victorian Senior Practitioner