

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Disability Support Team



Only send individuals to appointments with a support person who knows them well, including their specific health, support, and communication needs.

Update an individual's health plan with new goals and actions after each GP appointment and communicate these updates to all relevant parties.

Follow through on referrals and medical advice in a timely manner.

Monitor an individual's health and record and report any changes to the team, family/guardian, and GP.

Inform the GP practice about an individual's support and adjustment needs prior to all appointments.

Prepare an individual for appointments by helping them understand why they are going and identify the supports needed throughout the process.

Know how to support an individual in a medical emergency.

Role of GP and Practice



Understand an individual, their disability, specific health conditions related to their disability, and healthcare needs.

Understand the high-risk health factors for people living with intellectual disability and take necessary action to prevent these issues from occurring.

Put in the effort to understand and implement specific support needs to improve medical appointments, correspondence, and communication.

Understand the support team's role in healthcare planning for the individual.

Refer to specialists as needed. Clearly assign responsibility for following up on post-appointment actions.

Conduct Annual Health Assessments, diagnose, prescribe, and coordinate treatment for health issues, and provide guidance on medical conditions and preventative health interventions.

GP and Disability Support Team



Respect each other's knowledge and skills and acknowledge the shared responsibility for optimising an individual's health and well-being.

Develop communication channels that support information sharing.

Work together to provide the support/adjustments for an individual to attend and participate during their appointments.

Facilitate access to quality health care for individuals with intellectual disability.