



northcott
disability services

flexible respite north - ageing parent carers



The Flexible Respite Service for Ageing Parent Carers provides a broad range of high quality, flexible, support responses tailored to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families and carers. The service addresses the specialised needs of individuals with high support needs due to a profound disability or a disabling medical condition. The service works closely with other service providers, in particular those preferred by individuals and their carers, to deliver a well-coordinated response.

Services

Services available are flexible and may include:

- Day support
- 24-hour support
- Community recreation and participation
- Emergency respite support
- Other options as deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances at the time.

Geographical area

The local government areas of the Northern Region include Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah and Willoughby.

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Eligibility

People with a disability aged 0-65 and their carers. Disability is broadly defined to include intellectual, physical, acquired brain injury, dual diagnosis and sensory impairment. To be eligible for an Ageing Carer's Package the primary carer must be:

- Aged between 65 and 69 and needing to spend time in hospital
- Aged 70 and over or 45 and over for Indigenous carers.

Referrals

Families can make an independent referral or with approval, services can make a referral by telephoning the Northcott Flexible Respite Service Coordinator. Once a referral has been received the Northcott Flexible Respite Service Coordinator will gather information to establish eligibility.

Priority of access

For individuals and their carers who are eligible for the service, priority will be determined following an assessment of the level of support needs and the extent of existing support available to the individual and their carers.

Cost

The level of fees form part of the Service Agreement and are reviewed as required. Fees are charged by Northcott at the rate of \$2 per hour of service, up to a maximum of \$30 in any 24-hour period.

Funding

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