



International Day of People with Disability 2024

Celebrating easy to read, easy to reach



170 People attended in person and online

Developmental Disability WA taught us about making easy read documents.

“Do not use big medical words that I do not understand..Treat me with respect. Do not talk down to me, as if I am stupid”

- Georgie

Georgie, Justin, and Michael shared their lived experience and called for us to do better when supporting people with disability.



Our impact



81%

Of people said their understanding of the importance of accessible information was moderately or greatly improved



86%

Of people said their understanding of how to make information accessible was moderately or greatly improved

“All staff in hospital need to understand disability. Including security guards, administration staff and all medical staff.”

– Justin



Useful information



Staff with Disability and Allies' Network (**WA Health staff only**)

- Joining the Staff with Disability and Allies' Network: [Staff with Disability and Allies Network \(SDAN\) | General | Microsoft Teams](#)

Making easy read materials

- Developmental Disability WA "How to make Easy Read materials": <https://ddwa.org.au/resources/how-to-make-easy-read-materials/>
- Developmental Disability WA Easy Read Coaching and Support: <https://ddwa.org.au/easy-read-coaching-and-support/>
- Easy Read editable logo: [Copy of Easy Read - Icon - DDWA \(canva.com\)](#)
- Readability checker: <https://readabilityformulas.com/free-readability-formula-tests.php>
- Website checker - <https://www.webfx.com/tools/read-able/>
- Photo symbols - <https://www.photosymbols.com/>
- Australian government style manual: <https://www.stylemanual.gov.au/content-types/easy-read>

Easy read resources

- Procedure Specific Information Sheets, including easy read versions (**WA Health staff only**): [https://doh-healthpoint.hdwa.health.wa.gov.au/directory/Clinical Services and Research/Patient Safety Clinical Quality/Pages/Procedure-Specific-Information-Sheets-\(PSIS\).aspx](https://doh-healthpoint.hdwa.health.wa.gov.au/directory/Clinical%20Services%20and%20Research/Patient%20Safety%20Clinical%20Quality/Pages/Procedure-Specific-Information-Sheets-(PSIS).aspx)
- Communication Bill of Rights: <https://www.asha.org/njc/communication-bill-of-rights/>
- Hospital Stay guidelines, including easy read: <https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Reports-and-publications/Hospital-Stay-Guidelines>
- NSW Government Easy Read: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/easy-read>
- Easy read annual report: <https://ddwa.org.au/about/annual-reports/>
- Easy read information sheets from Great Ormond Street hospital in London: <https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/your-hospital-visit/before-you-come-gosh/if-your-child-has-additional-needs/easy-read-information-sheets/>