WHAT IS THE NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a major social reform offering a new way of providing support and services for people living with disability or significant impairment under the age of 65. As a registered NDIS provider we have a wide range of support services to help navigate and get the most out of the scheme, enabling people to achieve their goals.

WHAT IS THE ACCESS REQUEST FORM?

The Access Request Form (ARF) provides the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) with the information they need to decide if a person is eligible to become a participant in the NDIS. The Access Request Form is only available from the NDIS.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO

- The Access Request Form is the first step in helping to determine if you are eligible for funded supports from the NDIS.

- To obtain the Access Request Form you need to call the NDIS on 1800 800 110 and ask for a form to be sent to you or you can pick one up from your local NDIS office.

- The completed form should be returned to the NDIA within 28 days of the date of the letter that accompanies the Access Request Form.

- Section 1 of the form can be completed by you or a representative, for example a family member.

- Sections 2 and 3 of the form must be completed by your treating health professional.

- Recent reports or assessments from your GP or other health professionals that describe the extent of the functional impact of your multiple sclerosis can be included.

- Your GP or other treating health professional will need to give information on six ‘functional domains’:
  - mobility/motor skills
  - communication
  - social interaction
  - learning
  - self-care
  - self-management

- Once you return the form to the NDIA you should be notified within 21 working days about your eligibility and next steps.

- Make sure you make and keep a copy of the Access Request Form and any other supporting documents.

- If you have any questions you can call MS Connect on 1800 042 138 or email msconnect@ms.org.au

- We have developed an information sheet called ‘A GP’s Guide to the Access Request Form’. If you think your GP or other treating health professional would benefit from having a better understanding of the information they are required to provide, contact MS Connect to have the information sheet mailed or emailed to you.