



# Our health counts. Can we count on you?

Up to half the deaths of people with intellectual disability are preventable. Let's fix this.

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## The facts

Up to half the deaths of people with intellectual disability are preventable.

People with intellectual disability die 27 years earlier than the general population.

There are over 450,000 people with intellectual disability in Australia.

Together with their families they number over 2 million.

## Why is this happening?

Health professionals face challenges communicating with and treating people with intellectual disability.

**“I’ve witnessed my brother be overtested, overmedicated and misdiagnosed because of a lack of health practitioners with experience in working with people who have an intellectual disability.”**

**Annette**

## The solution

1. Leadership on this issue from the Australian Government.
2. Build and pilot curriculum content on the health needs of people with intellectual disability in university medical and nursing courses.
3. Fund 90 intellectual disability health professionals around Australia as an information resource for GPs and to help people with intellectual disability get the right health care.
4. A national inquiry into how to make the health system work for people with intellectual disability.

## How you can help

- Visit our website [www.nswcid.org.au/ourhealthcounts](http://www.nswcid.org.au/ourhealthcounts)
- Sign our petition
- Download posters and flyers to distribute
- Find guides to help you phone, email and meet with your Federal MP
- Contact our Advocacy team at [advocacy@nswcid.org.au](mailto:advocacy@nswcid.org.au)
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