

Thank you for the informative opportunity at the Lunch time Forum held today in Perth.

Although I know and understand it is not within your terms of reference to comment on service provision or availability, I think it would be extremely useful if the concern about lack of resources and appropriate services as a major issue that needs putting on the agenda could be a comment that is carried forward from the inquiry

By far the greatest obstacle in my work when working with a younger person with a disability, compared to the older population that I work more frequently with, is accessing an appropriate service. They can not have a choice of service provider because there are not the resources in the community to provide more than one provider or indeed if there is an appropriate provider available at all. Crisis respite is a particularly difficult area.

Thank you

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