

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE FEE-BASED ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES POLICY

## SCOPE

This policy applies to Council and to individuals, groups, organisations, and schools seeking fee-based allied health services from the Community Resource Centre.

## LEGISLATION

*Child Protection Act 1999 (QLD)*

*Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 (QLD)*

*Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (QLD)*

*Local Government Act 2009 (QLD)*

*Local Government Regulations 2012 (QLD)*

*Human Rights Act 2019 (QLD)*

*National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (CTH)*

*National Disability Insurance Scheme Practice Standards (CTH)*

*Privacy Act 1988 (CTH)*

*Work Healthy and Safety Act 2011 (QLD)*

## OBJECTIVE

This policy details Council's commitment to providing access to Community Resource Centre (CRC) fee-based allied health services.

## DEFINITIONS

Individual	A person with disability, health and/or education needs.
Group	A group of people with a common purpose who focus on disability, health and/or education.
Organisation	An entity such as a government agency, non-government organisation or not-for-profit comprising one or more people and having a focus on disability, health and/or education.
School	An educational institution designed to provide learning environments for students.
Fee-Based	Refers to the chargeable delivery of allied health services.

Allied Health Services	Refers to the delivery of a diverse range of professional services within the healthcare industry. These services include occupational therapy, speech language pathology, physiotherapy, psychology and education.
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)	Provides funding to eligible people with disability to gain more time with family and friends, greater independence, access to new skills, jobs, or volunteering in their community, and an improved quality of life.
Participant	An individual who is funded to receive supports under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

## POLICY

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Council enables access to CRC fee-based allied health services by adopting the following practices:

- Fee-based allied health services will be offered to Banana Shire residents when capacity exists.
- Priority access to services will be provided to:
  - 0- to 18-year-olds
  - people not receiving other allied health services; and
  - NDIS participants.
- Requests for allied health services that don't meet the criteria or priorities above will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Council is committed to maintaining its NDIS service provider registration.
- NDIS services will be provided in alignment with the NDIS Practice Standards.
- The delivery of allied health services will adhere to Australian Privacy Principles.

The delivery of fee-based allied health services to children and youth will adhere to Council's *Child and Youth Protection Policy*.

Council acknowledges the fundamental human rights recognised in international covenants. This policy has been developed and acknowledges Council's commitment to recognise the importance and protection of human rights. It serves to ensure that Council's standards, behaviours and actions uphold the human rights of the Banana Shire community.

An assessment of this Policy against human rights determined that no human rights are limited or affected by this Policy.

## PROCEDURE

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Procedures as approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer, and subject to further revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

## CERTIFICATION

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL**

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**DATE**