About Aged Care Assessment Team

What do we do?
- We assess older people for eligibility for care and services. This lets them know what their options are and choose the help that best meets their needs.
- Our assessments look at the whole person – what they can do for themselves and what they need help with, as well as their health and social needs.

What does an assessment cost?
Assessments are free.

When is an assessment needed?
Assessments are needed to access:
- A ‘package’ of care at home
- Care in an aged care facility (nursing home or hostel)
- Certain care after a hospital stay
- Eligibility requirements apply for each type of care.

More detail

‘Packages’ of care at home
‘Packages’ are individually planned and coordinated, but can include help with things like transport, meal preparation, showering and medications.

Care in a nursing home (high care) or hostel (low care)
This can be:
- Respite (short-term); or
- Residential (permanent).

Care after a hospital stay
Transition Care is short-term care that is focused on rehabilitation. Assessments for Transition Care must be done while the person is still in hospital.

Who should be referred?
People requiring:
- A ‘Package’ of care at home
- Respite (short term) care in a facility
- Residential (permanent) care in a facility
- Transition Care (short term, rehabilitation-focused care after a hospital stay).

Who are:
- Over 65; or
- Over 50 and Indigenous; and
- Who are no longer able to manage at home without assistance.

Note that appropriate consent must be obtained for an assessment to proceed.

Making a referral

Who can refer?
Anyone can refer, for example:
- People seeking assistance
- Families
- Hospitals
- Doctors
- Neighbours
- Friends
- Care providers.

How to refer
For referrals to The Prince Charles, Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospitals call 1300 658 252.
For referrals to the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital call 3624 1203 to make a referral over the phone, or to ask for a referral form.

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