

WA HACC HOME MODIFICATION & ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (HM & AT) PROJECT UPDATE October 2015

The partnership between the Independent Living Centre WA and WA Home and Community Care (HACC) Program on the Home Modification and Assistive Technology (HM & AT) Project continues to progress. The key aim being to further develop a sustainable service delivery model consistent with contemporary best practice for WA HACC clients accessing home modifications and assistive technology across the state.

This communication aims to inform you of the progress that has been made over the last six months.

Current Activities

- ❖ Support and development for WA HACC Regional Assessment Service (RAS)
 - Home Modifications and Assistive Technology advisory line specifically for RAS assessors to guide decision making.
 - Development of a Home Modification and Equipment professional development workshop.
 - Development of a WA HACC *Home Modification and Equipment Referral Guidelines and Practice Manual*.
- ❖ WA HACC Home Modification provider support and development
 - Practice and process support – clinical governance.
 - Development of Occupational Therapy Home Assessment and Home Modification Specification Forms - currently being trialled by TADWA occupational therapists.
- ❖ Best Practice Scoping Review (being undertaken in conjunction with Curtin University School of Occupational Therapy and Social Work) in its final stages, a summary of the key points will be distributed in the coming month.
- ❖ Professional development workshop for occupational therapists - *Technology to Support Home Modification Practice*. Scheduled for the 17th of November. For more information and registration visit [Eventbrite-technology-to-support-home-modifications-practice](#).

- ❖ Initial development stages of online resources for consumers.
- ❖ Completion of work to determine client pathways and journeys in accessing Home Modifications and Assistive Technology through the WA Assessment Framework.

Where to from here?

With the Best Practice Scoping Review in its final stages the outcome and recommendations will be used to guide the development of a service delivery model and a WA HACC home modification and equipment provider toolbox. The toolbox will include a clinical governance framework, policies and procedures, clinical prescription and assessment/follow-up guidelines and workforce competencies and training.

The next stages of the project will focus on:

- Continued development of consumer resources
- Overall service delivery model development
- Workforce development
- Building awareness and knowledge of the broader HACC sector with regard to HM & AT.

Further work will also be undertaken to determine how the provision of Home Modifications and Assistive Technology can be better aligned and integrated with short term enablement.

Would you like further information?

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