

Thanks Rosamunde,

At the Care team meeting we had on 7th June, Gloria had stated that she was going to be looking into supports for our family. I have not heard anything from her since that time, other than to ask for a copy of our NDIS plan. Does this mean that CPS is not interested in supporting our family? Or was CPS putting any further actions on hold, pending BuddyBoy's NDIS plan, as I was not informed that this would be the case?

We are self managing his plan and were told that we could not apply for support coordination as we were self managing and the NDIA were already spending too much money on his plan so did not want to pay for support coordination. I have since been informed that they have changed their minds on this and if we appeal we can then request support coordination. I do not believe that his plan is enough to provide for his needs, and neither do any of our service providers. The money in his plan is less than his ISP and also does not replace the funding we have lost for continence aids. I'm sorry if this question is obtuse, but how does the provision of his NDIS plan to CPS determine what actions CPS will take? Shouldn't it be a matter of what needs our family has?

I am unable to continue on in this manner, I have other children who are completely falling through the cracks due to BuddyBoy's high needs and I am not able to take care of myself properly, let alone five other children (only three of whom CPS are interested in I understand).

I would really appreciate the clarification of the role that CPS has with our family, as so far I am at a loss to understand what exactly it is.

Could you please also advise me if you have looked into short term placement for BuddyBoy, or if I need to bring him down to the DHHS office to relinquish him – I'm assuming that would be our next step?

Martina