



## FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Occupational therapists through Aidaway OT undertake functional assessments on a regular basis. These assessments are often used within the NDIS scheme, however the general concept inherently aligns within an everyday scope for our therapists no matter the background. Our team is experienced, adaptable and focused on a collaborative approach. We work with a diverse population, with all sorts of conditions which include physical, psychological and cognitive backgrounds. Dual disability and clinical complexities are often streamed to our services due to our experience levels. Our functional assessments align with the teenage population and above.

### **When do I need a functional assessment?**

A functional assessment is often required/requested in the following situations:

- When accessing NDIS and evidence of functional impairment is required.
- When undertaking an NDIS plan review, particularly to collect evidence and clinical oversight of supports in which are relevant through NDIS to receive.
- When there are changes to function and NDIS is requiring understanding of your presentation and needs. For example, if your needs are changing and becoming higher or aligned to different services e.g SIL, SDA or ILO.

### **What can I expect from undertaking an assessment?**

A functional assessment in familiar surroundings such as the home, a day program or workplace.

Our service will typically align with the following process:

1) In-home consultation, which typically aligns with a 60-90 minute consultation alongside collaboration with any other supports where relevant e.g. support coordinator, family members, support worker.

(Note: a second visit is at times required such as where essential information is unable to be collated from one consult).

2) Report facilitation, which outlines findings such as those relating to equipment and service needs. The report will be sent to anyone of whom the client consents.

Within the NDIS scheme, documentation is required to be extensive hence questions and observations are detailed in nature.

A functional assessment through our service intends to be undertaken in a friendly manner which aims to capture the individual, the disability and any gaps of information which may be seen (in context of the NDIS insurance scheme model). Alongside questions and observation, we will also collate information through standardised assessments.

Our functional assessments are intended to support the following:

- Functional support needs, such as those in context of equipment and services.
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- Clinical understanding of the disability at hand.
- General understanding of the client, such as their informal supports and unique presentation.
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration, whereby our reports are encouraged to be shared to assist others where consent aligns e.g. support workers.

**What funding is available to support this assessment?**

There are a range of funding options within the NDIS scheme.

Aidaway OT typically collaborates with clients whom are plan managed or self-managed. (We are unable to service NDIA-managed clients as registration is not valid at the present time).

Due to the diversity aligned with the detail required for functional assessment, we are best to be contacted to discussed pricing needs.

Where NDIS access has not been granted, we understand that this is a unique situation hence we strive to balance costs and documentation to a sustainable level for all parties involved.

**Who can I contact to discuss this matter further?**

Please feel free to liaise with our admin staff on 03 9069 2106 for further details.

Via email, this is best directed to [admin@aidawayot.com.au](mailto:admin@aidawayot.com.au). For specific OT queries, these will be further streamlined as required.

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