



# DDWA Health Circle Bending the Rules

Developmental Disability WA is hosting regular opportunities for members to talk about the health issues that affect them and the people they support. Come along and be part of designing resources and information that help you and other members have a strong voice in the future. Our second Health Circle will focus on:

## Finding exceptional solutions to health access challenges

- A person with a disability may not have complex health needs but have very complex access needs. Have you, your family or your organisation found creative and tailored ways to enable better access to a health service?
- People with complex health and access challenges can miss out on healthcare and life quality altogether. Do you know of exceptional solutions to providing healthcare to someone you know who needs special arrangements made for them?

**Please share your stories so that we can help health services help you.**



One example could be the statewide  
introduction of Hospital/Health passports  
...see attached UK example

Please return my passport to me when I am discharged

## My Hospital Passport

Place photo here (optional)

My name is:

I like to be known as:

Type of home I live in:  
E.g. supported living, family home

Hours of staff support I get each day:

Who to contact for more information about me:

Adverse drug reactions or allergies

If I go to hospital this book needs to go with me. This is essential reading for all hospital staff working with me. It gives important information about me. This book should be kept at the end of my bed, with my notes, and used when you talk to me.

Things you must know about me

Things that are important to me

My likes and dislikes

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## FACILITATORS—

**Jaquie Mills** — Jaquie is a parent of a young man with complex needs. She works in the areas of complex communication needs, family leadership and challenging behaviour.

**Maxine Drake** —Maxine is an advocate with experience in Health, Disabilities, Guardianship, Mental Health services and helping people to negotiate with powerful service systems.

## WHAT IS THE DDWA HEALTH CIRCLE?

The DDWA Health Circle will be the key way for members to guide our work to support better health outcomes for people with developmental disabilities. In addition, the Health Circle will help to influence decision making on disability and health by providing a way of connecting with the Disability Health Network. The **Disability Health Network** is a partnership between the WA Department of Health and the Disability Services Commission to influence policy and service delivery to improve health outcomes for people with a disability.

[www.healthnetworks.health.wa.gov.au/network/disability.cfm](http://www.healthnetworks.health.wa.gov.au/network/disability.cfm)

**TIME—9.30am to 12.30pm**

**COST—Free. Morning Tea provided**

**RSVP—[www.ddc.org.au/events-july-2015/](http://www.ddc.org.au/events-july-2015/)**

**VENUE—Conference Room, City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth**

### GETTING THERE

**Train—City West on Fremantle line**

**Bus—Green Cat (Sutherland St) or Yellow Cat (Harold Boas Gardens)**

**Car—Watertown (Harbourtown) Shopping Centre carpark-cash only, or Delhi St (limited bays)**

