

Checklist for choosing a Support at Home provider

Choosing the right Support at Home provider ensures you get the support you need, both now and into the future. We've created a checklist to help you consider key factors, such as costs, fees and staff experience, so you can find a provider that's right for you.

1. Care needs and services

- ☐ Do they offer the specific services you need (e.g., personal care, nursing, cleaning, transport)?
- ☐ Are services flexible and adjustable as your needs change?
- ☐ Do they support cultural and religious preferences?

2. Staff and care quality

- ☐ Are staff trained, qualified and experienced in aged care?
- ☐ Do they have consistent staff (minimal turnover)?
- ☐ Are staff respectful and trustworthy?

3. Costs and fees

- ☐ Have they clearly explained all fees (e.g., care management, package management, exit fees)?
- ☐ Are their fees competitive with other providers?
- ☐ Are there any hidden or unexpected charges?
- ☐ Can you easily see how your package funds are being spent?

4. Communication and support

- ☐ Do they communicate clearly and regularly?
- ☐ Do you have a dedicated care manager or contact person?
- ☐ Are they easy to reach (phone, email, etc.)?
- ☐ Do they respond promptly to issues or requests?
- ☐ Is your care manager based in your local area?

5. Reputation and accreditation

- ☐ Are they approved by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission?
- ☐ Have they passed recent quality assessments?
- ☐ Do they have positive reviews or recommendations?
- ☐ Are complaints or concerns taken seriously and addressed quickly?

6. Transparency and agreements

- ☐ Have you received a clear and itemised Care Agreement?
- ☐ Do you understand your rights and responsibilities?
- ☐ Are you involved in decisions about your care?

7. Technology and tools

- ☐ Do they offer online access to budgets, schedules or reports?
- ☐ Can you or your family easily track service delivery?
- ☐ Is their system easy to use or explained well?

8. Personal connection

- ☐ Do you feel respected, valued and listened to?
- ☐ Are you comfortable with the carers coming into your home?
- ☐ Are your preferences and routines acknowledged?
- ☐ Do you feel safe and supported?

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