

2) HPRM ASD case search

These 1000+ advices can be found through searching the TAT teams HPRM using the below search strings:

Title / Subject	Search String
AAT Actuary Report Autism Therapy 20180621	NED18/145609
Advices – Core Support	ADV + ASD + ADL
Advices – Restrictive Practices (behaviour support, ABA, other therapy interventions)	ADV + ASD + THER
Advices – Assistive Technology	ADV + ASD + AT
Advices – Home Modification	ADV + ASD + HMOD

Specific HPRM advices that contain research docs

As mentioned above many of the 1015 TAT ASD advices identified as relating to ASD are not primarily about ASD. However during the skim review of 100 these two advices were isolated because they contain references to specific ASD resources.

HPRM NED19/137843 - Adv 2018/7294 relates to an assistance animal for a participant with a service animal and provides some context and expansion around the decision that may be relevant to this review of resources.

It indicates that in March 2016 NDIA commissioned La Trobe University to review the evidence of effectiveness of assistance animals – see NDIA LTU Advice on Assistance dogs



ADV 2018 7294
CORE assistance ani



NDIA LTU advice on
assistance dogs.pdf

HPRM – NED19/100608 - Adv 2018 / 7867 regarding ABA therapy for a 6 year old includes substantial research and several external links and resources.



ADV 2018 7867
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3) AAT Cases Specific to ASD

The historical/active cases have been split into access and planning.

Access:

ASD matters we receive through the AAT for access:

Row Labels	AAT Matters Relating to ASDs
ASD and other disability	17%
ASD only	83%
Total	100%

5) NDIA resources (legislation, guidance, SOP's)

There are key pieces of legislation, practice guidance, operational guidance and SOP's that provide the overarching framework for all TAT access and planning advice.

NDIA resource	Link
Legislation	The National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (the NDIS Act) The National Disability Insurance Scheme (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013 (the Supports for Participants Rules) NDIS Restrictive Practice and Behavioural Support Rules 2018 NDIS (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013
Practice Guide	Practice Guide – Intensive Super Intensive Participants.
Standard Operating Procedures	SOP Behaviour Intervention Supports
Scheme Actuary	Autism Therapy Support – Potential Impact on Scheme Financial Sustainability (June 2018)

6) Individual information specific to person

When TAT provide advice on access or planning decisions (including AAT cases), participant specific information is always considered. This is because advice is always given on a case by case basis. For example, clinical assessments, expert opinions, letters from medical or other health professionals will be considered.

7) TAT Published Advice

TAT publishes a list of de-identified, general advices on the TAT Digest page [NDIS Intranet](#). A recent tracking exercise has identified that the TAT Digest page is widely utilised across the agency as a key resource.

There are eight TAT Published Digest relating to ASD:

Request title: Funding of out of school hours care, 6 hours access to community on Saturday, 576 hours short term accommodation for a 10 year old.	https://intranet.ndiastaff.ndia.gov.au/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/Documents/COPA%20ADL%20THER%20funding%20of%20access%20to%20community%20and%20short%20term%20accommodation%20for%
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	2010%20year%20old%20with%20autism%2020180514%20KRN451.pdf
Request title: Review of high cost plans for twin brothers submitted for approval and determination of reasonable and necessary supports.	https://intranet.ndiastaff.ndia.gov.au/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/Documents/ADV%202016%201556%20%202016%201557%20BEH%20THER%20Review%20of%20high%20cost%20plan%20for%20twins%20with%20ASD%2020160227%20SH0031.pdf&action=default
Request title: Assistance Animal for a child with Autism and Epilepsy	https://intranet.ndiastaff.ndia.gov.au/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/Documents/THER%20Empowerment%20Assistance%20Dog%20for%2018%20year%20old%20man%20with%20Autism%20SAP%20592.pdf
Request title: Request for NDIS to fund Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) link therapy and Music Therapy for 10 year old child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).	https://intranet.ndiastaff.ndia.gov.au/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/Documents/ADV%202016%201112%20THER%20Requested%20supports%20fund%20Behaviour%20Analysis%20(ABA)%2010%20year%20old%20child%20with%20Autism%20(ASD)%2020170406%20KM0032.pdf?
Request title: AT - Freedom jogger pusher fitted with Pelvic strap, Rain canopy and Highback Kit.	https://intranet.ndiastaff.ndia.gov.au/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/Documents/AT%20Freedom%20stroller%20with%20accessories%20for%2010%20year%20old%20child%20with%20ASD%20and%20a%20Chromosomal%20disorder%20-%20201709%20MF0018.pdf
Request title: Weighted Blanket for participant with Autism	https://intranet.ndiastaff.ndia.gov.au/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/Documents/AT%20Weighted%20Blanket%20Autism%2020161107%20BSK479.pdf
Request title: Swimming and flexible respite/recreation/holiday care for a 6 year old with Autism.	https://intranet.ndiastaff.ndia.gov.au/service-delivery/Technical-Advisory-Team/Documents/ADV%202016%202529%20swimming%20and%20flexible%20respite-recreation-holiday%20care%20for%20a%206%20year%20old%20with%20Autism.pdf?


8) Yammer groups for NDIS staff relating to ASD

There are two Yammer groups for NDIS staff discussion that some TAT advisors use:

- [Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)
- [Understanding the Autism Spectrum by Dr Bennett, PHD](#)

9) Key research resources

The below resources have been frequently made reference to in advices or TAT advisors have indicated that these are key resources they make reference to.

- [Autism CRC](#) – Source of the Autism CRC National Guidelines
 - The TAT Research team has been advised that the CRC is frequently used by advisors for assessment/diagnosis for informal advices.
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Autism CRC
National Guideline (
- [Raising Children – Autism](#) – An Australian parenting resource with an extensive series of Autism resources.
 - The TAT Research team has been advised that the raising children website is frequently used by advisors for best practice information.
- [Neurofeedback in autism spectrum disorder](#)
- [Early Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: ‘Guidelines for Good Practice’ 2012 \(DHS Australia\)](#)
- [Richard Simpson, Evidence-Based Practices and Students With Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)
- [Aspect Australia](#) – Australia’s largest service provider
- [Autism Advisory Board](#) – The national Autism peak body
- [Amaze Resources](#) – The Victorian Autism Peak Body’s resources page
- [Asia Pacific Autism Conference 2021](#) – A major conference scheduled for late 2021 that will likely be relevant in future.

10) IRABINA related resources

Information stated by IRABINA advises that “*IRABINA is Australia’s only Autism specific service provider for children and young people with the only severe behaviour program in the Asia Pacific Region. We will not turn anybody away and provide every Autism specific service. We can deliver services in your home, school, kindergarten or at one of our three sites across Melbourne*”.

IRABINA is a reputable provider of services for high end behaviour support / complex behaviour support for children with ASD.

Over the past year TAT have worked with Steph Gunn and IRABINA regarding best practice and costings for two specific participants requiring CSIR (TAT can provide names if required). These two participant cases demonstrate specific information about the IRABINA program and how TAT worked out funding advice.

One of the participant’s being discussed through CSIR with IRABINA was receiving supports through the ‘server behaviours program’. A summary of this IRABINA program can be found in this attachment.



IRABINA severe
behaviours program