

Hello Lori,

The Halifax media co-op wants to take an in-depth look at the DSP transformation and its alignment with the original (September 2013) transition roadmap document.

That means I have a variety of questions, some speaking to big picture issues, others quite detailed.

- 1 - The September 2013 roadmap in the introduction mentioned a five-year implementation time frame. Can you confirm that this has now become a 10 year effort?
- 2 - Who is managing the transition? Is there an implementation partner to manage the day to day project?
- 3 - Can you provide a general update on the so-called *transformed Community-based residential service system*? How are the pilot projects in Amherst and the Valley progressing? Have there been formal progress updates for stakeholders? Have there been opportunities for the various participants from different regions to get together and share experiences?
- 4 - When will referrals to ARCs, RRCs and RCFs end?
- 5 - Can you comment on the community-based living waiting list increase from 951 in September 2013 to the current 1112?
- 6 - The September 2013 Roadmap called for an inclusive communication strategy, but I hear frequently that stakeholders feel out of the loop. Why would they say that?
- 7 - In the last 15 months or so how many formal meetings have occurred to update stakeholders such as people First and the NSACL?
- 8 - The September 2013 Roadmap envisioned a general community advisory group as well as a variety of stakeholder working groups to guide the transformation exercise. Have any of these been formed. If so, which ones?
- 9 - How much did the Department spend on the transformation effort in the last fiscal year. What are the main components and amounts?
- 10 - What was the publication date of the [NS Disability Support Program - Choice and Inclusion Implementation Plan](#)? What are the dates implied by the columns 1-4 on its last page?

Sorry to be such a bother! Let me know when I can expect an answer.  
Many thanks!

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Hi Robert. Thank-you for your inquiry on the Disabled Supports Program transformation.

The transformation of DSP will result in a significant shift in how we provide services for people with disabilities. Work is underway, but the program has evolved over decades and the transforming it will take several years.

We make every effort to keep our staff, the sector and stakeholders informed of progress. There have been many meetings and presentations and they will continue. Our website is also live and updates will be published there.

We will be engaging service providers, stakeholders, government departments, staff, and – most importantly – our clients – as part of the transformation process. With regards to your question, the Department spent \$141,000 in 2014-2015 to support DSP transformation.

Best regards,  
Lori