

## Speech Pathology Clinics

Eastlakes Community Health Centre  
Cnr South & Cherry Streets, **Windale**  
Ph: 4944 5300  
Fax: 4944 5310

Nelson Bay Community Health Centre  
Kerrigan Street, **Nelson Bay**  
Ph: 4984 0730  
Fax: 4984 0744

621 Hunter Street Health Centre  
621 Hunter Street, **Newcastle West**  
Ph: 4925 7800  
Fax: 4925 7955

Raymond Terrace Health Centre  
4 Jacaranda Avenue, **Raymond Terrace**  
Ph: 4983 0800  
Fax: 4983 0910

Westlakes Community Health Centre  
6 James Street, **Toronto**  
Ph: 4935 8100  
Fax: 4935 8163

Western Newcastle Community Health  
Centre  
Nash Street, **Wallsend**  
Ph: 4924 6100  
Fax: 4924 6101

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## Referrals

Parents can refer their child for Speech Pathology. **You do not need a GP referral.**

Children referred must live in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Port Stephens Local Government Areas.

Other professionals can make a referral with your consent.

**This is a free service.**

To refer a child, please phone the Referral and Information Centre on

**Phone - 4924 2590**  
**Fax - 4924 2502**

**For further information:**  
[Speech Pathology | HNE Kids \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au)



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# Community Speech Pathology

Newcastle,  
Lake Macquarie and  
Port Stephens  
Local Government Areas

## **Eligibility**

We see children from birth to 17 years. Older children must still be attending school to be offered a service.

## **Services**

We see children who:

- Have difficulty understanding
- Have difficulty talking (using words and sentences)
- Are not using the correct sounds
- Are stuttering
- Have voice disorders
- Have difficulties breast feeding, bottle feeding or eating and drinking

## **During your first visit - Assessment**

The Speech Pathologist will discuss the difficulties your child is having and will ask you about any relevant medical history and about your child's development (e.g., at what age your child first walked and talked).

Your child's communication will be assessed through observation and formal testing.

The Speech Pathologist will discuss the assessment results with you and if required, make a therapy plan.

## **Therapy**

A therapy plan based on your child's needs and assessment results will be developed in consultation with you. This plan will include:

- Ideas and activities to do at home
- Clinic appointments
- Therapy groups
- Consultation with teachers
- Home and/or School programs
- Referral to other Specialist Services

Community Speech Pathology are affiliated with The University of Newcastle. As part of your child's treatment, they may be seen by a Speech Pathology student supervised by a Senior Speech Pathologist.

## **Waiting Times**

Waiting times for Speech Pathology apply. You will be advised of an approximate waiting time when your child is referred. Please note that these waiting times may change and vary from site to site.

## **Your responsibilities**

You must attend and participate in your child's assessment and therapy appointments. To assist with your child's progress, home activities/strategies need to be completed.

## **Hearing**

The Speech Pathologist may recommend that your child's hearing be assessed.

Hearing assessments can be booked at:

- Hearing Australia, Kotara (for children under 3 years of age, this is not a free service)  
Phone: 4941 3600 or 131 797
- Child & Family Health Nursing (for children aged over 3½ years, this is a free service). Referral is required from a GP, school, preschool or speech pathologist. Parents cannot refer their child.
- Private audiologists (Google)

## **Outreach Clinic**

An Outreach clinic is provided for Aboriginal families at Nikinpa Aboriginal Child and Family Centre at Toronto.

## **Feeding Clinic**

We have a feeding clinic at Charlestown and Raymond Terrace for children with difficulties breast feeding, bottle feeding, eating, drinking or swallowing.