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*Delivered via email*

**Re: Proposal to change the Speech Pathology weekday (Mon – Fri) service to include weekends.**

Dear Mr Hayes,

I am writing to the Health Services Union (HSU) to advise of the proposed changes within the Speech Pathology department at The Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW).

The Speech Pathology service at CHW provides a comprehensive service to infants and children with communication, feeding and swallowing difficulties. Given the demands on the service, the proposal is to introduce a weekend service. This means the service will change from a five-day to seven-day service for admitted patients and those presenting to the Emergency Department.

A pilot for the seven-day a week service demonstrated positive impacts on patient outcomes, caregiver and healthcare professional experience. The proposal is therefore that our staff are rostered to rotate through weekend shifts to meet this demand.

A copy of the consultation document with further information is attached. This document will be distributed to staff within the department.

Please direct any questions to Gloria Tzannes, Head Department Speech Pathology CHW via email at [Gloria.Tzannes@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Gloria.Tzannes@health.nsw.gov.au) by 3 May 2026.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clare Klimes".

Clare Klimes  
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Date: 20 April 2026  
Encl. Consultation Document