

Advanced Practice Summary Report

Project title	Establishment of a Paediatric Videofluoroscopy Swallow Study (VFSS) service.
Health service	Peninsula Health (PH)
Project aim	Implementation of a paediatric videofluoroscopy swallow study (VFSS) service at PH.
Key outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 staff attained advanced scope of practice and developed key competencies for the implementation of a paediatric Videofluoroscopy Swallow Study (VFSS) service. Increased job satisfaction reported due to extension of skills that could additionally contribute to their professional development plan. • Reduced risk to patients through; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduced waiting times for VFSS • earlier identification and management of impediments • continuity of care from treating speech pathologist • improved timeframe for client management plan development and treatment initiation. • Improved patient centred care demonstrated from patient survey; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved client satisfaction • reduced waiting times • reduced time and cost for families • ability to attend via public transport • continuity of care from treating speech pathologist. • Reduced costs associated with paediatric VFSS; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce parking costs for staff • Reduced cost to Peninsula Health per VFSS: \$2-\$76 per VFSS , average of \$18.37 (range due to travel and parking) • Reduced estimated costs of \$173 per VFSS for combined costs across health services.
Total investment	<p>Funding provided plus in-kind support: \$21,476.66</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding costs included: Staffing costs, training costs, operational costs, • In-kind support costs included: Staffing and operational costs <p>Total FTE to provide service: 2 x 1 FTE speech pathologists</p>
Resources available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paediatric VFSS comparison data • Videofluoroscopic Swallow Study Service Satisfaction Questionnaires Post Implementation • Videofluoroscopic Swallow Study Service Satisfaction Questionnaires Pre implementation • Paediatric Videofluoroscopic Swallow Study Service Evaluation