

# Advanced Practice Summary Report

<b>Project title</b>	Speech Pathology led complex paediatric feeding clinic.
<b>Health service</b>	Goulburn Valley Health.
<b>Project aim</b>	Providing trial speech pathology feeding clinics over multiple sites.
<b>Key outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced Emergency Department presentations due to having a contact point at the hospital if parents are concerned.</li> <li>• Reduced hospital nights due to a pathway supporting families with their feeding in the community.</li> <li>• Reduced Paediatric Rapid Review appointments due to reduced admissions.</li> <li>• Reduced number of unplanned hospital admissions. The duration of the feeding clinic has seen 3 hospital admissions due to complex medical issues requiring scans and assessment.</li> <li>• Developed clinic referral criteria and pathway, current caseload identified, risk management and resource development.</li> <li>• Established Advanced Practice recognition for Paediatric Feeding Clinic staff (as leaders in Paediatric feeding assessment and management) with Goulburn Valley Health and the Hume region.</li> <li>• Engaged and monitored families of the clinic in activities such as education re Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) management.</li> <li>• Developed clinical pathway that allows Paediatric Feeding clients to be discharged with a clear referral and follow up process; patients are not left unsupported resulting in exacerbated difficulties and/or approaching ED/GP services.</li> <li>• Developed and implemented a multi modal approach including direct traditional appointments, home visits, meal time assessments and parental support which has fostered a flexible service that mitigates risk.</li> <li>• Completed regional staff education analysis and established professional development opportunities.</li> <li>• Network established between organisations which resulted in collaborative knowledge and resource sharing, interest group meetings, skill development and problem solving.</li> </ul>
<b>Total investment</b>	<p>Funding provided: \$75,171</p> <p>Funding costs included: Staffing, operational costs (including VC for interest group), equipment / capital costs (resources, feeding chair), other (attendance at professional development and conferences to promote project outcomes) Total FTE to provide service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Officer, Grade 3 Speech Pathologist and Dietitian</li> </ul>
<b>Resources developed</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project Plan</li> <li>2. Risk Management Plan</li> <li>3. Referral Pathways Criteria</li> <li>4. Pre survey</li> </ol>