

Child Development Service (RNSH)

The Child Development Service (formerly Chatswood Assessment Centre) was established in 1979 as a specialist diagnostic and assessment centre for young children with evidence of a global developmental delay or intellectual disability.



Who is eligible

Children with evidence of a global developmental delay or intellectual disability AND

- are residents of the Northern Sydney Local Health District
- are eligible for a Medicare card
- have not yet started school

We do not provide assessments for school aged children or children with specific learning difficulties e.g. specific language delay

What does assessment mean?

Comprehensive assessment involves taking a detailed look at each child's developmental history, current abilities and needs.

- Information gathering from parents and other professionals involved in the child's care
- Developmental or psychometric assessment
- Medical assessment
- Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist assessment, as required.
- Psycho-social assessment
- Behavioural assessment

The team

- Specialist Paediatric doctors
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist
- Administrative staff

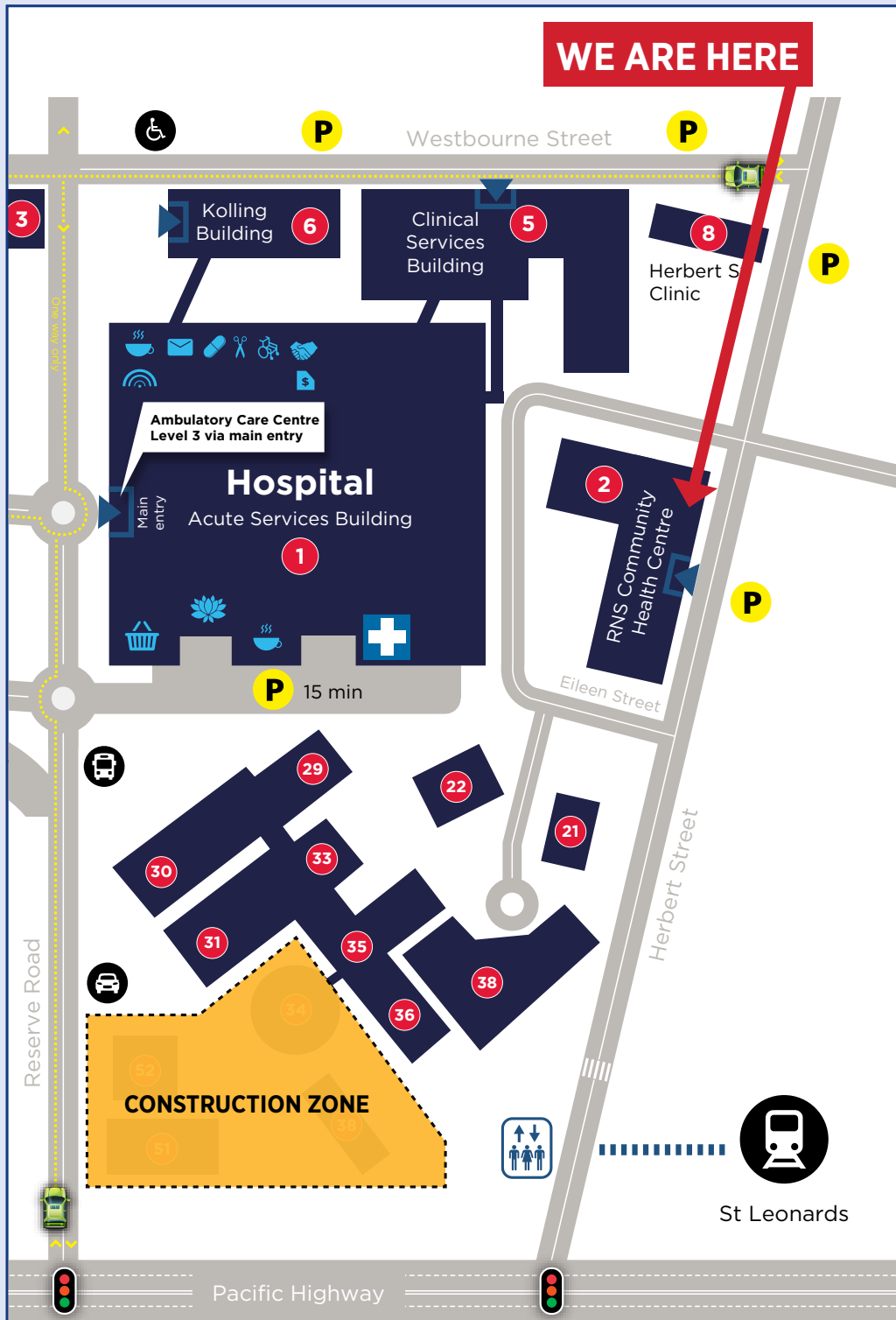
Services we offer

- Tertiary, diagnostic assessment of children under school age by a multidisciplinary team.
- Detailed explanation of our findings related to the child's and family's needs.
- Comprehensive written reports.
- Recommendations and referral to relevant services e.g. therapy, education, medical and community support
- Review assessments and ongoing contact by service staff where appropriate
- Collaboration with other professionals and resources for families of children with developmental disabilities.

How to arrange an assessment

- Completion of Referral form by health or education professional (form located on Child Development Service website www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/cyfh/cds)

This is a free Community Health Service.



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