

## Information for new clients

**Description of the service:** Mobile speech pathology service for children aged 0-8 years who have a significant developmental disability. Services addressing both communication and mealtimes.

**Staff:** Alison Moorcroft

**Appointments:** Fridays 7am – 6pm and Saturdays 7am – 12pm

**Location of Practice:** Mobile practice servicing the Northern suburbs of Brisbane (including Gordon Park, Kedron, Carseldine, Aspley, Chermside, Chermside West, McDowall, Hendra, Nundah, Geebung, Virginia, Wavell Heights, Zillmere, Bald Hills, Bracken Ridge, Strathpine, Bridgeman Downs, Everton Park, Stafford, Stafford Heights, Fitzgibbon, Taigum, Alderley, Grange, Newmarket, Wilston, Windsor, Herston, Kelvin Grove, and Enoggera)

**Phone number:** 0431 995 949

**Referrals:** Written referrals are not required. However, for use of the Medicare Chronic Disease Management Scheme a referral from a General Practitioner is required.

**Cancellations:** If you cancel an appointment less than 24 hours prior to your appointment time or fail to attend an appointment without due cause there is a charge of 50% of the session fee. Cancellation fees must be paid privately as they are not eligible for payment through any funding options.

### Fees:

Initial Consultation (60min) = \$180

Subsequent Intervention Session (60min) = \$180

- Session fees include letters, basic progress reports, follow up emails and phone calls (with teachers, medical team, other therapists etc), and general session resources as required.

Personalisation & Application for final PODD = \$360

- PODD files are then submitted to a separate organisation for printing and laminating which incurs an additional fee payable to this organisation.

**Payment of fees:** Fees are to be paid in full via direct deposit within 7 days of the session.

**Rebates:** Speech pathology usually does not receive a Medicare rebate. Some children are eligible for a Medicare rebate through the Chronic Disease Management program and/or HCWA or Better Start Initiative. Access to these programs is through your child's GP or Paediatrician. Information sheets are available from the clinician. Some private health insurance "extras" packages will provide a refund for speech pathology services. Please advise the clinician which health fund you are with so that she can provide you with the appropriate receipt.

**Initial Consultation:** The initial or first consultation is for one hour. This consultation allows the clinician to gain background information about the child and to screen the child's current communication and/or feeding skills. Information is gathered by discussing the child's birth, developmental and medical history, as well as the parent's observations of the child's development. How the clinician screens the child's current skills depends on the child's age, however is likely to involve observing the child playing with his/her parent. Based on the gathered information, the clinician will support the family to set goals for intervention in the form of a Family Centered Plan. If no other assessment consultations are required a copy of the Family Centered Plan is provided free of charge to the parent.