SCHN – Child Hospital at Westmead Related Child Development services

The Disability Specialist Unit (DSU) is a tertiary, multidisciplinary diagnostic and assessment team. DSU provides a diagnostic service for children suspected to have a significant developmental delay/disability.

Children who live in the relevant areas, and have been seen by a general paediatrician, can be referred directly to DSU. Limited, consultancy services will also be provided to older children, and adults, with a developmental disability where their needs aren’t being met by other services.

The DSU provides services for individuals who live in the Inner West area of Sydney, as defined by the Ashfield, Burwood, Canterbury, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville, & Strathfield Local Government Areas.

DSU is not staffed to take enquiries from parents who have not already been referred for assessment by a paediatrician. Paediatricians are encouraged to send the referral letter and a completed DSU referral form to DSU for intake consideration, and then the family will be contacted.

The Parramatta Early Childhood Assessment Team (PECAT) provides a Multidisciplinary, Diagnostic & Assessment service for children under 6 years of age and prior to commencement at school.

Developmental, intellectual, functional and health assessments are conducted for children who have, or are suspected of having, a global developmental delay or intellectual disability.

PECAT provides services for individuals who live in the Western area of Sydney, as defined by the Parramatta, Holroyd, Auburn, Blacktown, Hills, Hawkesbury, Penrith and Blue Mountains Local Government Areas.

PECAT intake and referral number: (02) 9891 7200, Doctor’s referral required.