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Message

1. The current capacity and capability of the NSW Health workforce to meet the current needs of patients and staff.

2. Its sustainability to meet future demands.

Potential areas to comment:

- High demand for speech pathology services evidenced by long waiting times
- Challenges in recruiting and retaining speech pathologists evidenced by low response to job ads and high turnover of staff especially early career
- Solutions – study support, incentives to work in rural areas, support for new and early career speech pathologists

3. The way NSW Health funds health services delivered in public hospitals and community settings

- Decreased access to outpatient speech pathology services in public hospitals and community settings due to lack of sufficient staffing and/or prioritisation of acute services over community services
- Decrease in speech pathologist positions in public outpatient clinics and community health

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