



Interpreting for Health

Doctors Priority Line

Would you prefer to speak to the Doctor in your language?

Ask your GP to call the Doctors Priority Line 1300 131 450

The Doctors Priority Line is a free telephone interpreting service which helps Doctors communicate with their non-English speaking patients. In some cases, a translator can be pre-booked online at tisonational.gov.au

Interpreting in NSW Public Hospitals

Free interpreting services are available to all patients using NSW public health care services. All patients and their families have the right to request a health care interpreter, even if they are not offered one.

**To access a professional health care interpreter, ask the health staff to call -
Health Care Interpreter Service on 1800 674 3000**

General Interpreter enquiries: Translating and Interpreting service (TIS) call: 131 450 24

Local Contacts -

Centrelink Multilingual Call (8am– 5pm Monday– Friday) - 131 202

Migrant Settlement Project Worker - 6553 5121

Public Dental Service - 1300 651 625

Multicultural Contacts - Hunter New England Multicultural Health Service:

Health Care Interpreter Service 4924 62856 (Business hours) 4921 3000 (after hours)

NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service (MHCS): Provides health resources in over 55 languages. Contact - HNELHD-MulticulturalHealth@health.nsw.gov.au or Phone 4924 6285

Hospitals


Taree Base Hospital -(02) 6592 9111


Gloucester Soliders Memorial Hospital - (02) 6538 5000


Community Mental Health Service

- Intake - 1800 011 511
- Taree - 6592 9217
- Forster - 6539 6300
- Gloucester - (02) 6558 1011

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Local Contacts

Community Health Services

Provide a range of health care services including; methadone clinic; sexual health; mental health, family health nurse (milestone checks), immunisation, paediatric speech pathology, paediatric physiotherapy, and sexual assault counsellors.

- **Forster** - 6555 1800
- **Taree** - 6592 9315

General Contacts

Beyondblue: Produces and refers people to up to date and easy to read information on depression, anxiety and related disorders. 1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au

BreastScreen NSW: Is free to eligible women. The program priorities women aged 50 to 74 years olds. All women 40 years and older are eligible for free screening mammograms. 13 20 50 www.breastscreen.nsw.au

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre - Mid North Coast - Provides respite services and information for anyone caring for someone with a mental illness, disability or frailty due to aging. 1800 052 222

NSW Refugee Health Service: Provides direct services to refugees including health information and education and health assessments 8778 0770 www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/refugee

Family Planning NSW Health Line: Are experts on reproductive and sexual health and provide clinical services and health information to people throughout NSW. 1300 658 886
•www.fpns.org.au

NSW Cervical Screening Program: Provides information and resources on cervical screening. 131 556 www.csp.nsw.gov.au

Health Women NSW: Work with other agencies, community organisations and inter-governmental networks to ensure a fairer and more equal outcome for all women. 9461 7100 www.women.nsw.gov.au

For further support please contact -

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More Contacts

Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre: Provides multilingual services, such as training, research and information on drugs and alcohol. 87060150 (Liverpool) 1800422599 www.damec.org.au

Multicultural HIV/AIDS & HepC Service: Provides HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C information in a range of community languages. 1800 108 098 or 9515 1234 www.mhahs.org.au

Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association: Provides advocacy services and projects for people from non-English speaking backgrounds with a disability, their families/carers, and service providers in NSW. 1800 629 072 or 9891 6400

Multicultural Problem Gambling Service: Provides free counselling, information and advice, as well as telephone and face to face counselling in a preferred language. 99123850 www.dhi.health.nsw.gov.au

Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation for Torture & Trauma Survivors (STARTTS): Provides services for people who have been tortured or traumatised, either in their country of origin, or while fleeing those countries travel to Australia. 02 9794 1900 www.startts.org

Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing: Provides training, consultancy and translation services to the aged care sector. Also supports culturally and linguistically diverse communities to better understand the aged care services available in Australia. 03 8823 7979 www.culturaldiversity.com.au



Transcultural Mental Health Centre (TMHC): Provides mental health services to people from a non-English speaking background. 1800 648 911 or 99123850 www.dhi.health.nsw.gov.au/tmhc

NSW Education Program on Female Genital Mutilation: This service aims to prevent female genital mutilation through providing community education, information and support. 9840 3877

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