



Giving James a voice

LEDA boy James Lohse has benefited from the skill of speech pathologists at Princess Margaret Hospital, who taught him how to communicate after a tracheotomy left him unable to speak.

The two-year-old visits a speech pathologist at Princess Margaret Hospital each week to help him learn the Makaton sign and speech language, which helps his parents learn how to communicate with him better.

James' mum Christine said speech pathology had made her life and James'

life easier, as he would not be able to talk to her without it.

"Life would be a lot more difficult if we were not able to communicate with James," she said. "The speech pathologists have helped us a lot with our communication techniques."

Speech Pathology Week is from August 24 to 30 to help raise awareness about the work of speech pathologists with those who are unable to speak or have severe speech difficulties.



Christine Lohse with her son, James (2) who had a tracheotomy and is unable to speak.

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