A 24 hour hotline will be launched at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka (NHSL) to provide information to the public about its services. This is the first 'Information Hub' to be launched in a state hospital in Sri Lanka, National Hospital Director Dr. Anil Jasinghe said.

Dr. Jasinghe said the public can obtain information on clinical services offered by the NHSL such as clinics, special patient care units, investigations and preparations for procedures etc, health education and health tips, information regarding poisoning and first aid by calling 1959. The service is available on week days from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8.00 a.m. to noon.

If the caller wants to connect directly with a ward or any other extension, they have the option to connect with the hospital telephone operator who is available 24 hours a day, all seven days of the week. Dr. Jasinghe said the new hotline will provide first hand information quickly and effectively.