

Hearing Assessment

Information for Parents/Carers

Why am I receiving this appointment?

The Paediatric Audiology has received a referral from a Health Professional, requesting that your child has a hearing assessment.

If you have no concerns about your child's hearing and feel you do not require an appointment, please contact us on **0131 312 1407** to remove your child's name from our waiting list.

What to expect:

You have been sent an appointment to be seen in our department. Please pay close attention to the date, time and location of the appointment.

***If this is not suitable then please contact our Administration team on the number above who will re-arrange the appointment. ***

In the appointment, you will see one or two members of our team of Paediatric Audiologists who specialise in the assessment and management of children's hearing.

To begin with, we will ask you some questions about your child's hearing, medical history, and any family history of hearing loss.

Depending on your child's age and development, we will then test their hearing by getting them respond to sound in some way. This may include head-turning, some form of play, or have them pressing a button. As such, it is important that your child is awake during the appointment.

We will also carry out some other tests if required.

If you need further information about the testing involved, We have the following webpage with a child friendly video on some of the tests that we may undertake.

[Audiology: Coming for a VRA test at the Royal Hospital for Children & Young People on Vimeo](#)

If you need any further information, please contact the department and we will send you an information leaflet. Our contact details are at the top of the page.

Who can attend the appointment?

The hearing assessment requires to be carried out in a quiet room, so it is best to try to attend with only the child being tested if possible.

None of the assessment are painful, and most children enjoy their visit with us.

How long will it take?

The hearing assessment may take up to 45 minutes.

Sometimes it is not possible to gather all the results during one appointment, if this is the case you will be invited back to finish the assessment.

What next...

The Paediatric Audiologist will then decide a management plan according to the results of the hearing test and discuss this with you.

Depending on the results you may be discharged from our service or receive a follow up appointment.

You will receive a copy of the assessment report in post.

If you required further information about any of the tests we undertake, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can send you this information out to you.

Interpretation and Translation

This leaflet may be made available in a larger print, Braille or your community language.

Further information

Contact Telephone Number 0131 312 1407