

A visit to the audiology clinic: over 4 years

Information for parents & carers
Audiology Services



This sheet aims to explain what might happen when your child is brought to the audiology clinic.

We hope this information will answer some of the questions you may have.

Your child will be seen by a doctor or an audiologist, who will ask questions about your child's birth history, general development, speech, illness and whether any family members suffer from a permanent hearing loss.

Children aged 4 and over

If your child is four years old or over, their test may involve wearing headphones. They will be asked to press a button or drop a brick whenever they hear a sound. The hearing level of each ear is tested separately and using different frequencies of sound. Sometimes the test is modified if they are unable to do this.

Your child may also perform either the toy test or a word list test. In the toy test the audiologist will play a game where they ask them to show where the toys are in a low voice. This will ascertain your child's hearing level. The word list test is used to see how well your child can hear the spoken word using a list of well-known but random words.

The doctor or audiologist will look in your child's ears and use a machine to test for catarrhal fluid behind the eardrums (glue ear) which is a common condition in young children.

Many children do not pass their hearing test for a number of reasons which can always be discussed with staff at the clinic.

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