

Centre for Hearing and Balance Disorders

Your Child's Hearing Aid Fitting Appointment: Information for You and Your Child

Your child has been invited to The Centre for Hearing and Balance Disorders today for a hearing aid fitting. Please feel free to bring a friend or relative to this appointment but if possible, it would be advisable not to bring other young children to avoid any distractions for the child who is being fitted with hearing aids.

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust is a teaching centre and there maybe a health professional trainee present in the clinic. If you do not wish them to attend then please inform the clinic staff when you arrive.

At your child's hearing aid fitting you will be seen by one or two paediatric audiologists depending on the age of the child and they will explain everything that will happen and answer any questions you may have. If you have agreed, the Teacher of the Deaf may also be present at the appointment.

At the fitting we will programme your child's hearing aids to the most recent hearing test and perform a range of tests to ensure your child's hearing aids are providing them with the correct level of amplification. The audiologist will then ensure the sound is at a comfortable level and clear. You will be shown how the hearing aid works and how to insert the hearing aid. You will be given plenty of time to practice this at the appointment.

The appointment may take up to an hour and a half. The tests that are performed are painless and do not have any side effects.



Patient Information

An explanation of each test which may be performed is included with this information sheet. The range of tests may include the following:

- Hearing aid testing
- Real ear measurement

Hearing aid Testing

In order to check that the hearing aids are mechanically sound we run the hearing aids through a test box. This checks that they are working satisfactorily and to their specification.

Real Ear Measurement

This is performed to enable us to fine tune your child's hearing aids. After examining your child's ears a small tube is placed into your child's ear canal. It may tickle the ear a bit! A measurement is then taken of the size of your child's ear canal. It takes seconds. Using this information we can now fine tune your child's hearing aids to ensure that the hearing aids work optimally for your child's hearing loss.

If you need any further information please contact the Hearing Centre on 024 7696 6444

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 6444 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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