

The Centre for Hearing and Balance Disorders - Clinic 8

Transition to Young Adults Hearing Aid Clinic

What is the Transition Clinic?

We hold a Transition Clinic (Clinic 8) at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire.

All young adults have their hearing and hearing aid care transferred to the adult service from the age of 18.

At the Transition Clinic we will explain to you what will happen when you are transferred from the paediatric services to the adult audiology hearing aid services.

Your Teacher of the Deaf may have mentioned this to you or the Audiologist may have discussed this with you in clinic.

The transition appointment is available for people who have a hearing loss and who may or may not wear hearing aids. The following explains what will happen at your appointment, whether you are a hearing aid user or a non hearing aid user.



Your transition appointment (if you are a non hearing aid user)

Your first appointment will not be very different to previous appointments. There may be a Teacher of the Deaf present and you may meet a member of the adult Audiology Team.

The following will take place at this appointment:

- Hearing Test;
- An explanation of adult services;

Your transition appointment (if you are a hearing aid user)

Your first appointment will not be very different to previous appointments. There may be a Teacher of the Deaf present and you may meet a member of the adult audiology team.

The following will take place at this appointment:

- Hearing Test;
- Hearing aid check;
- Moulds (if necessary);
- An explanation of adult services;
- A discussion about extra programmes on your hearing aid.

As you get older and are thinking of going to university or starting work, we can offer you advice on equipment or benefits that are available to you.

We can also advise you on equipment for listening to music, TV, DVD, alarm clocks and other hearing devices.

Future Appointments/Repairs

If you need an appointment or repair before the planned review date, just call using the contact details in this leaflet and the receptionist will arrange this for you. If you require batteries you can collect them anytime.

Some Frequent Questions and Answers

Will I still receive an appointment for a yearly hearing test when I'm under the Adult Audiology Service?

Once you are under the Adult Audiology Services you will no longer receive a yearly appointment. You will be seen as and when required. Please note that patients who do not require hearing aids or with routine hearing losses may be discharged from adult services after being given appropriate guidance on future management.

Can I speak to an audiologist if I need advice or I'm worried about my hearing?

Yes – You are welcome to speak to your named audiologists, Stuart Hall (adult services) or Esther Tomkins (paediatric services) if you are worried or need to ask any questions.

Can I still have coloured earmoulds and hearing aids?

Yes – you have the same options for earmoulds and hearing aids as you did under the paediatric service. Don't be afraid to ask!

What service will I get when I leave school?

The same services as before, but there will be no Teacher of the Deaf present and no yearly reviews.

What do I do if I need an appointment with the adult services?

Just ring the Centre on 024 7696 6444 and they will give you an appointment to see an Audiologist.

Can I still bring someone to the appointments with me?

You can still bring someone to the appointment with you, but as you get older you may feel you want to come on your own.

Patient Information

Why would I want any extra programmes on my hearing aid?

Some colleges and places of further education have loop systems fitted in lecture rooms and a T programme may help you hear more clearly when in the loop system. Please see the information on loop systems in this information sheet.

How do I get to the hospital?



We are on Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry, CV2 2DX. Main switchboard telephone: 024 7696 4000.

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The Telecoil Loop System ('T')

The telecoil loop system is compatible with all NHS hearing aids. It is available in most public buildings, such as banks, building societies, post offices, theatres, cinemas and churches.

Patient Information

Anywhere you see the following symbol; you can use the loop system on your hearing aid:



This system allows the hearing aid user to hear sound directly from the source, cutting out the background noise.

The sound source/person talks into a microphone, this signal is amplified and transmitted through a loop of wire around the room. When the hearing aid is turned onto the loop the signal is received by the hearing aid.

Using the loop system with digital NHS hearing aids:

The loop is controlled through the button on the aid. Simply press twice until it beeps at you three times. You will then be able to use the loop system. When you have finished using the loop system, push the button once until it beeps again.

If you are unable to hear any sound when trying to use the loop system in a public building please ask a member of staff to check that their loop is turned on and working.

If their system is working correctly and you are still unable to hear, please attend one of our repair clinics for an audiologist to check the hearing aid for you.



Children, Learning & Young People's Directorate Sensory Support Service.

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Patient Information

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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