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Children's Hearing Clinic

(Paediatric Audiology)

Information for you and your child



Information about the Service

The Children's Hearing Clinic is part of the Audiology Service and specialises in the assessment and management of children's hearing.

What is the aim of the Service?

The aim of the service is early identification, timely management and effective multidisciplinary intervention resulting in a socially functioning individual with the ability to fulfil their potential.

The Children's Hearing team provides hearing assessment and Audiological care for children from birth until school leaving age. The team includes:

- * Specialist Audiologists
- * Paediatric doctors
- * Audiology Screeners
- * Administrative staff

Why are children seen at the Clinic?

There are different reasons why children may require a hearing test.

Some attend because of hearing problems, others because they have speech or other difficulties and need to rule out hearing as a cause of these.

The Children's Hearing Clinic runs a paediatric wax and foreign body removal service.

The Clinic is also responsible for the Screening of all new-born babies' hearing.



What will we do during your visit?

History:

We will ask you some questions about your child's hearing, medical history and any family history of hearing problems.

Hearing Test:

Depending on your child's age we will try to test their hearing by getting them to respond to sound in some way.

There are several different tests your child may undergo depending on their age and stage of development.

Not all children will have the concentration to sit still for long periods of time so many of the tests are play based to help maintain attention. It is therefore important that your child is awake.

The hearing test needs to be carried out in a quiet room, so if possible it may be better to attend with only the child to be tested. It is not possible to leave children unsupervised in the waiting area but they are welcome to wait there if they are accompanied by an adult.

We will also look in your child's ears and we may do some other tests if required.

None of the tests are invasive and most children enjoy their visit with us.



Hearing Tests and children with additional or complex needs:

It should be possible to test children at all stages of development, but it may take a little longer and several different tests may have to be carried out to get a result.

Some children with additional needs may need to be tested using techniques that are normally used with younger children.

Results:

The results will be explained to you at the end of the appointment by a member of the Audiology Team.

Reports may be shared with other professionals with parental consent.

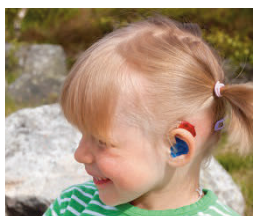
How long will it take?

Appointments usually take about 30 minutes to an hour. Sometimes we may need to bring you back for a second appointment.

What happens if a hearing loss is detected?

Most children are found to have normal hearing or a temporary hearing loss associated with colds and middle ear congestion. Some of these children may require onward referral to other specialities such as Ear, Nose and Throat.

For the small number of children who are found to have a permanent hearing loss we provide a specialised hearing aid service with ongoing assessment and support.



Where are we based?

The Children's Hearing Clinic is based in the Central Community Health Centre on Westmoreland Road, in Douglas.

Nearly all children will be seen here as we have a specialised paediatric assessment unit within the building. Occasionally some children may also be seen within the main hospital or their own home.

How to access the Service:

Children can be referred by many different professionals, including:

- * General Practitioner
- * Health Visitor
- * School Nurse
- * Hospital Consultant
- * Speech Therapist
- * Teachers

If you can't attend an appointment:

Please contact us as soon as possible so that we can offer the appointment to another child.

If your child has a cold on the day of their appointment but is generally well in themselves it is fine to attend.

Where can I get further information?

If you would like more information or have any questions please contact-



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Views on our Service:

If you are satisfied we are providing a good service please let us know. If you are dissatisfied or feel we could improve the service we would value your comments.

Feedback forms are available in the waiting room.

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