

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Hearing Assessment for your Child

### How long will the appointment take?

They have been referred to Audiology department to assess their hearing. This appointment will last approximately 45 minutes.

### What will happen?

Your child will see a Paediatric Audiologist who will discuss with you any concerns you have with your child's hearing.

- They will then have a hearing test and the type of test taking place will depend on your child's age and ability.
- Tests involving toys and play are used as part of the assessment and it involves your child listening for a variety of different sounds as part of a game.
- They will listen to the sounds through a pair of headphones or from a sound box.
- If they are too young to do this we will make some noises using speakers and sometimes inserts (small foam headphones) to see if they turn.
- Depending on their hearing levels tympanometry would then be done. This is a quick test to check how well the moving parts of the middle ear are working and involves a small earpiece being gently held in your child ear canal.

Once the test is completed the Audiologist or a member of the Ear, Nose and throat team will explain the results to you and your child and then will discuss what further action to be taken. If you have any questions during the appointment do feel free to ask at any point.

If possible it would be advisable not to bring other young siblings to this appointment as it does need to be quiet for the hearing test to take place.



Testing with headphones



Testing with speakers and inserts



Testing a younger child in readiness for headphones



Performing a Tympanogram

### **Is an interpreter required?**

Please let us know before your appointment if you need an interpreter or any special assistance.

If you do need interpretation we would advise you to use one of our interpreters rather than a family member or friend.

If you have problems reading small print please let your Audiologist know at your appointment.

### **Further Information**

If you have any questions about your appointment you can contact us by phone, or email.

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