

PATIENT INFORMATION

Bone Anchored Hearing Aid Assessment

How long will the appointment last?

The appointment for a bone anchored hearing aid assessment (BAHA) will last approximately **60 to 90 minutes**.

What will happen?

- You will see an Audiologist who will test your hearing. During the test you will be asked to listen to sounds through a pair of headphones and press a button when you hear them.
- After this you will have a speech test. Sets of words will be played through a bone conduction headband which is placed behind your ear and you will be asked to repeat what you hear.
- The words should start off at an easily audible level but will get quieter as the test progresses. Even if you only hear part of the word or what you hear doesn't make sense still repeat exactly what you hear.
- You will not hear all the words especially when they get very quiet so don't worry if you miss one; just keep listening for the next word. If you are unsure what you are expected to do at any point during the test please ask.

What happens next?

If the tests show that you are suitable for a bone anchored hearing aid the Audiologist will discuss this with you in more detail and will give you all the information you need to know. You may have the opportunity to try a bone anchored hearing aid on a headband and to take it home with you for a week to see how you get on with it. If you have any questions during the appointment do feel free to ask at any point.

Additional information

Please feel free to bring a family member or a friend with you.

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.

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

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