

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Trial of a Hearing Aid for your Child

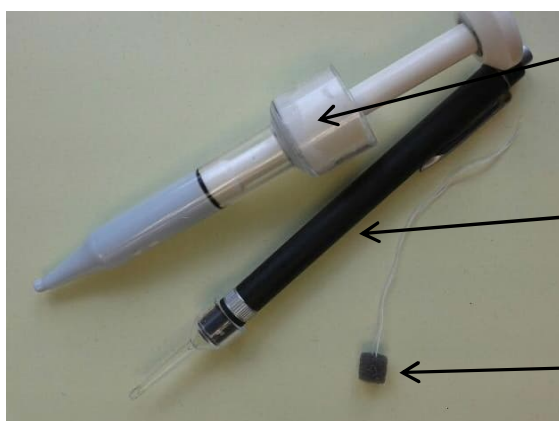
### What is this appointment for?

Your child has been referred to us to discuss having a trial of a hearing aid. Depending on the levels of hearing this may be to have an aid in each ear.

### What will happen at the appointment?

An impression will need to be taken of your child's ear. This will involve inserting a small sponge with a string attached into the ear canal. A soft putty like material, will be gently inserted into the ear. This hardens in a few minutes and is then removed giving us an identical shape of your child's ear.

The impression is sent away to be made into an ear mould to which the aid attaches. It fits into the ear to make sure that all the amplified sound from the hearing aid travels into the ear. The ear mould can be made in variety of colours, including clear, or small pictures can be inserted. The audiologist will discuss this further with you.



Syringe with impression material in

Otolight to put sponge in the ear

Sponge with string attached



Impression of ear



Examples of finished ear moulds

### **What type of hearing aid will we be provided with?**

The type of hearing aid that is needed will also be discussed with you. At the fitting appointment, once the moulds are ready, we will issue the hearing aids(s). If necessary we may have to retest your child's hearing levels again at this appointment before we issue the hearing aids. If it is found that the hearing levels have improved the fitting of the hearing aid(s) may be deferred.

The aids we will issue are based on digital technology and are programmed to the individual hearing test results. We may also take some measurements whilst your child is wearing the hearing aids- more information about how we do this will be given at the next appointment. The procedures taking place will be discussed fully with you throughout the appointment.

### **Will we be shown how it works?**

We will also show you how to manage the hearing aid, discussing how to change the batteries, where to obtain more batteries free of charge, clean the earmould, how to turn it on and off, how to insert it into your child's ear and tips on how to encourage them to wear their hearing aids(s). We may also ask your permission to refer you to our local advisory teacher for the hearing impaired, for support at school or at home. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to us and we will endeavour to help you as much as we can.

### **Further Information**

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

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