

Altrincham Hospital

Information for Patients

Altrincham Paediatric Audiology Service

The Paediatric Audiology Department specialises in the assessment and management of children's hearing.

Who you will see

You will see one or two members of our Audiology team who are specially trained to assess your child's hearing in an enjoyable and engaging manner.

What will we do

History

We will ask you some questions about your child's hearing, speech and language development, medical/birth history and general development. This helps us understand your concerns and/ or reason for referral as well as helping us decide on the most appropriate test strategy.



Hearing Test

The type of hearing test performed depends upon the age of your child, but we do try to make this as fun as possible. We will also look in your child's ear.

Results

We will inform you of the results of the hearing test on the day and will write a report back to the referring professional and yourselves.

Please note that the hearing test is performed in a sound proof room and so wherever possible it is helpful if you attend only with the child being tested. Children cannot be left unsupervised in the waiting area but are welcome to wait if they are accompanied by an adult.

How long will my appointment take?

Appointments usually take between 30-45 minutes, on occasion we may need you to come back for a second appointment.



What happens if my child has a hearing loss?

Most children referred to the Paediatric Audiology Service have normal hearing or temporary hearing loss associated with coughs and colds.

For the small number of children with a permanent hearing loss we provide a highly specialised hearing aid service with ongoing assessment, management and support.

What to do if you can't attend the appointment?

Please contact us as soon as possible if you cannot attend so that we can offer the appointment to another child. If your child has a cold on the day of the appointment but is generally well in themselves then it is fine to attend. If you require an interpreter then please contact the department and we can arrange this for you

Parking

Altrincham is a busy town centre location and has no designated car parking facilities. If you choose to travel by car please allow extra time for traffic and finding nearby public parking. Disabled patients can secure an underground car parking space in advance by calling the hospital prior to their appointment on 0161 413 7700.

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