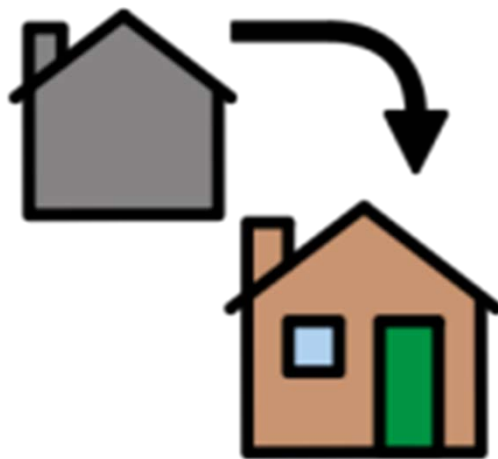
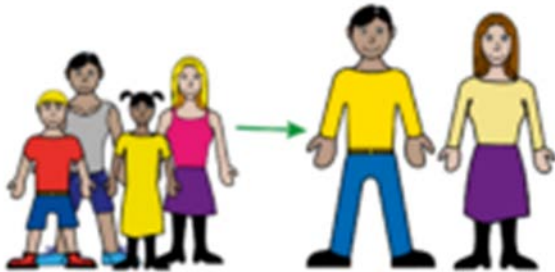


Moving from Children's Audiology Services to Adult Audiology Services



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What is transition?



Moving from the Children's Audiology Service at Fulwood to the Adult Audiology Service at Royal Preston Hospital / Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital.



Adult services are different from children's services, and you may have more choices.



When will it start?



Your Childrens Audiology Service may start to talk to you about Transition when they think you are ready, at around 14 years old or later.

Why do I have to move?



You are getting older and need to be cared for by the adult team.

What will be different?

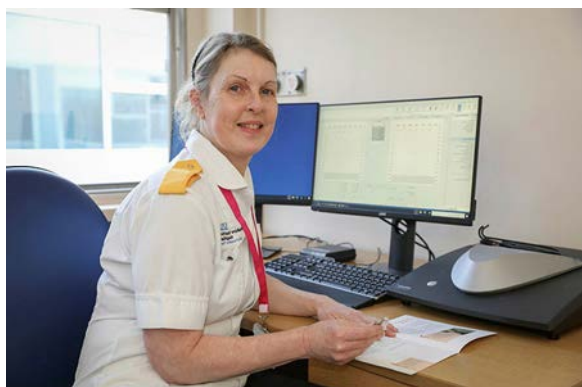


The departments you are treated in may look different to the ones you visited as a child.

You may notice a difference in the time spent with you by the hospital staff.



You might be given more responsibility and independence.



When you are moving from the children's audiology services to the adult audiology services, you will have a pre transition appointment in the children's service. At this appointment, you will meet a member of staff from the adult service team. You will be able to ask any questions you may have.

What if I do not feel ready?



We understand this may make you feel worried. It may help if you talk to the people that look after you.

About the Adult Audiology Department

After your final transition appointment in the adult service, we will not automatically send you appointments for hearing aid reviews anymore. If you have a problem with your hearing/hearing aids, contact us as soon as possible.

What should I do if I lose my hearing aid?

Please look after your hearing aids. If they are lost or damaged, you may be charged. If this does happen, you will need to contact the department to get the aid replaced.

Batteries



You will need to contact the department when you need more batteries.

Ear moulds



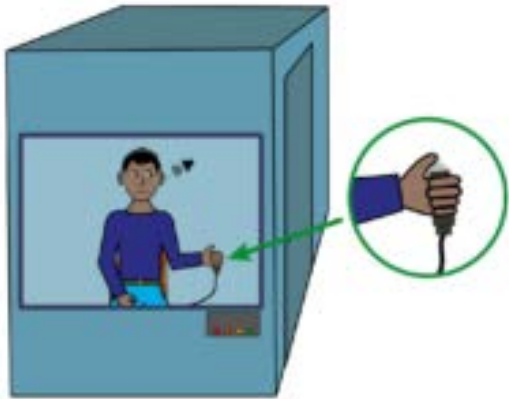
If your ear mould is broken or it does not fit well, please contact the department for an appointment.

Hearing aid tubing



Your hearing aid tubing will need replacing every 4-6 months. You need to contact us to book an appointment to have your tube/s replaced.

Hearing tests



We recommend a hearing test every two/three years. We will write to you to see if you would like a hearing test. If you think your hearing has changed before this, please contact us to book an appointment.

What to do if you have a build-up of ear wax



We recommend olive oil drops to help with wax build up. Wax removal appointments can be arranged by contacting your GP. They may have to refer you to a local service within your GP practice or to the ENT department at the hospital.

Common problems with hearing aids

Symptom	Possible cause	Solution
No Sound	Worn-out battery	Change Battery
	Blocked tube (wax/condensation)	Clean tube
Intermittent or reduced sound	Blocked tube (wax/condensation)	Clean tube
	Worn-out battery	Change Battery
	Build-up of wax in ear canal	Have ear checked by GP
Whistling/ Squealing noise whilst in ear	Earpiece not inserted correctly	Reinsert hearing aid
	Build-up of wax in ear canal	Have ear checked by GP
	Tubing split	Make appointment for replacement tubing

Any Questions?



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Sources of further information

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