
Paediatric to adult transfer clinic

What Transfer support does Addenbrooke's provide for patients going from Paediatric to Adult Hearing Services?

From around the age of 15, most young people have their review appointments on the 'Transfer Clinic'. The aim of the clinic is to prepare the young person for the Adult Hearing Service and to provide support through the move to further education or employment; including sixth form education and University. The final transfer to the Adult Hearing Service will not take place until the person is ready, usually once they have started further education or full time employment.

Along side the Transfer Clinic the Transfer Team also runs a local Hearing Impaired Teenagers Support Group which brings together representatives from Addenbrooke's Audiology Transfer Team, Emmeline Centre for Hearing Implants, local Social Services, local NDCS, Connexions and local further education colleges. The Support Group organises an annual "Moving On" event which aims to provide teenagers aged 14-19 with a 'conference style' experience that will:

Develop awareness of services available before, during and after their transition (e.g. Access to Work, Disability Living Allowance)

Develop knowledge of Assistive Listening Devices and how to use them with their Hearing Aid

Give the opportunity for hearing impaired teenagers to get to know other hearing impaired peers. Often, hearing impaired children are educated in mainstream schools and have no chance to meet with other young hearing impaired people

Give the opportunity to find out about, and discuss, different types of amplification.

All 14 to 19 year olds under the Addenbrooke's paediatric/transfer audiology clinic will be automatically invited to this event.

What to expect at your appointment

Hannah Maycock is the current lead transfer audiologist. During the transfer period the young person will also be supported by other professionals in the Transfer team. They will ensure the young person has all the help and information they need about further education and starting work.

How to get an appointment / referral criteria

The paediatric audiology team regularly review every child's hearing and amplification needs. The paediatric service and transfer clinic will work closely with both the young person and their parents/guardians to develop an appropriate support package during this transition period (ages 14- 19).