Audiology Department

What happens on the Transfer Clinic?

This leaflet is for all teenagers who are about to start having their Audiology review appointments on the ‘transfer clinic’. The leaflet explains what happens on the clinic and aims to answer frequently asked questions.

Introduction

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 Audiology service and also to provide support through the move to sixth form education and into University or employment. The final transfer to the adult service will not take place until the person is ready, usually once they have started University or work.

Will my hearing aids be changed?

Your hearing aid(s) may be changed if you have been wearing them for a long time and they are no longer current/up-to-date. If this is the case, upgrading them should prevent you from having to be reassessed immediately after you start out under the adult service. Before any changes are made, there will be a chance for you to discuss any concerns you may have.

How long will I be seen on the transfer clinic for?

You will be reviewed on the transfer clinic at least once every 24 months until you are ready to go to the adult service. This usually takes 2-4 years but the ‘transfer time’ is different for everyone.

Who will I be seen by?

The transfer Audiologists. At present, these are Rachel Knappett and Hannah Maycock – see contacts.

During the transfer period you will also be supported by other professionals from the Hearing Impaired Teenagers (HIT) Working Group. They will ensure you have all the help and information you need about further education and starting work. See the contacts page for a list of those involved.
Other transfer clinic activities

The transition Audiologist may organise group appointments as different stages throughout the year. One large group event is called ‘Moving On’. It covers many topics including:

- Learning to use hearing aids independently
- Local d/Deaf youth groups
- Moving to sixth form/employment
- Moving on to University: applying for disabled student’s living allowance, support in lectures and equipment to use in lectures/in halls of residence
- Access to Work
- Equipment for your home
- Benefits and services
- Fun activities

The Moving On event is jointly organised by the HIT (Hearing Impaired Teenagers) Working Group.

Useful Contacts/HIT Working Group

See the HIT group website: www.hitgroupcambridge.co.uk

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(Please note you need to have completed an ‘email consent’ form in order to get in touch with Addenbrooke’s staff via email)

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