

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 on to 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 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.

For how long will I be seen on the transfer clinic?

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 two to four years but the 'transfer time' is different for everyone.

Who will I see?

The **transition Audiologist who is** at present, is Rachel Knappett – see contacts. During the transfer period you will also be supported by other professionals (the transition team). 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 at different stages throughout the year. There are two group appointments that may be helpful, covering the following topics:

- 1) Learning to use hearing aids independently and moving to sixth form/ University or employment.
- 2) Moving on to University: applying for disabled student’s living allowance, support in lectures and equipment to use in lectures/in halls of residence.

The group appointments are run by the transition Audiologist and other members of the transition team.

The transition team also may also organise larger events for all teenagers with hearing loss in Cambridgeshire. These are useful for finding out more about benefits and services and also provide an opportunity to meet with many other hearing impaired teenagers.

Transfer Clinic check-list

Which of the following would be helpful for you?

- Attending a large event for teenagers
- Attending a group appointment to learn about how to look after your hearing aid(s), how to cope with your hearing loss as you move in to sixth form College/ University or work, Benefits etc.
- Referral to Genetics Service
- Referral to ENT
- Other Referral (please state).....
- Attending a group appointment to discuss moving on to University, how to obtain additional support/equipment, Disabled Student’s Allowance etc.

List anything else you need support with before you transfer to the adult Service.

Useful Contacts/Transition Team

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Speak to transition Audiologist



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