



Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

NHS Audiology &
Adult Hearing Services

What to Expect



Information for Patients

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What to expect from your hearing aid(s):

- Most hearing aids are designed to reduce (but not remove) certain kinds of background noise, such as the rumble of traffic or a whurr of a fan.
- In noisy places such as pubs and restaurants, you may still find it difficult to follow what people are saying to you.
- Please remember that a hearing aid, regardless of its type, is not a replacement for natural hearing.
- There are different types of hearing aids available. From the NHS the majority of hearing aids are BTE's (behind the ear). This means that the hearing aid will sit at the top of the ear with a tube leading down to an earpiece that sits in the ear. The size of the hearing aid and earpiece is dependant on the needs of the wearer and will be discussed at the assessment appointment.
- All new BTE hearing aids currently prescribed are digital. These hearing aids are programmed to your hearing loss, providing a level of sound specific to the wearer.

Getting used to you hearing aid(s):

- It will take time to get used to wearing a hearing aid and become accustomed to the sound. Remember that your brain has become used to not hearing many sounds and will take time to adjust to new situations.
- If after a few months, you are not happy with your hearing aid then you should go back to your audiologist. However, please bear in mind that the sound from the hearing aids will always sound different to natural hearing.
- Your hearing aid(s) may sound loud to begin with. They should never make sounds uncomfortably loud for you. If it does, you should make an appointment at the hearing aid clinic.
- Your hearing may seem 'dull' when you take your aid off, that is just because you have become used to hearing much better with it. Using a hearing aid will not make your hearing worse.

How often should you have a hearing test?

- It is recommended that you have your hearing checked every 3 years.
- If you are concerned your hearing has changed ask a member of staff for advice when you attend your next appointment.

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