

The Team for Hearing Impairment

We work closely with parent/carers, the child or young person and a range of professionals including health professionals and educational professionals

Qualified Specialist Advisory Teachers

Qualified Advisory Teachers of the Deaf support hearing impaired children and young people from birth to 25 years.

The Advisory Teacher of the deaf can:

- Provide advice and support to families / carers of newly diagnosed deaf babies, children and young people
- Assess, monitor and support language development
- Advise on specific listening and language programmes including the use of sign language
- Provide, check and monitor radio aids, check and monitor hearing aids, cochlear implants and auditory brainstem implants
- Give advice on specialist resources / equipment available on loan or to purchase
- Supporting children and young people through the Gloucestershire Graduated Pathway to ensure appropriate provision, interventions and outcomes
- Liaison with national and local voluntary/charity organisations including National Deaf Children's Society and Gloucestershire Deaf Association

Specialist Speech and Language Therapists

The Specialist Speech and Language Therapists work with children and young people who have a diagnosed severe to profound sensori-neural hearing loss.

They deliver specifically focussed work in order to develop receptive and expressive language and communication skills.

The Specialist Speech and Language Therapists liaise closely with Community Speech and Language Therapists.



Training

The HI Team offer a range of bespoke and traded specialised training for;

- Early Years Staff
- School SENDCos, teachers and teaching assistants.
- College Teaching and support staff
- Staff and coaches from out of school clubs e.g. brownies, swimming
- Other professionals e.g. student teachers, health teams

The Advisory Teacher of the Deaf can also deliver on-site training to schools and settings to support meeting the needs of a named child or young person

Please go to GCC Plus to book your place:

<https://www.businesssupportservices.org/Services/1050>

Early Years Sensory Group

The Qualified Advisory Teachers of the Deaf and Multi-Sensory Impaired run a support group for parents / carers of babies and pre-school children diagnosed with a hearing/multi-sensory impairment

This provides a regular opportunity for parents / carers to meet with the Advisory Teachers of the Deaf, Audiologists, Specialist Speech & Language Therapists and other specialists, as well as each other. Speakers are invited to the group to discuss a range of topics.



Referral Pathways

Early Years:

Early Years referrals are made via Audiology, Health Visitor or Early Years Setting using the Advisory Teaching Service Referral Form.

School Age and Post 16:

School age and Post 16 referrals are made via Audiology or the school/FE college SENDCo using the Advisory Teaching Service referral form.

Children and Young People are referred if:

- They have been diagnosed with a hearing loss
- They have hearing aids, cochlear implants or an auditory brainstem implant
- There is concern that the child or young person is not progressing through the National Curriculum
- There is evidence to suggest that the child or young person is unable to access teaching and learning as a direct result of hearing loss
- The child or young person displays increasing learning and interaction difficulties which are not alleviated by using the Strands of Action for Hearing Impairment

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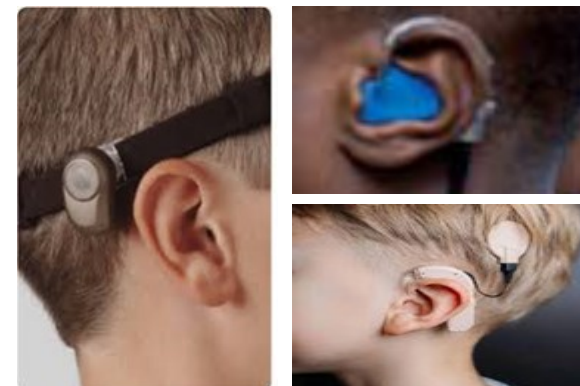
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