Bone Conduction Implant (BCI) Assessment

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You have been referred for a Bone Conduction Implant (BCI); the assessment appointment will last up to 2 hours. You will be seen by an audiologist, who is a healthcare scientist specialising in hearing. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative to your appointment.

**What does the assessment involve?**

The BCI assessment will not cause any side effects. If you have any questions, either before or after your appointment, please contact us using the details on the back of this leaflet.

We start by asking you some medical questions about your ears and how any hearing problems affect your lifestyle. We may complete a questionnaire if needed.

We may also examine your ears. Please bring your hearing aids with you.

**Tests**

All tests will be fully explained before starting and will only be carried out with your consent.

You may receive some or all of the tests, depending upon which one the audiologist feels are appropriate.

**Hearing test**

This involves you pressing a button every time you hear a tone. A wide range of tones are presented through headphones. All tones you can hear are recorded, and from this any hearing loss, its type and nature are determined.

**Speech test**

This involves listening to a list of words; after each word you will be asked to repeat the word you have heard. This will help us to determine how well you can hear speech.
**Results**

The audiologist will look at all the results and discuss them with you. They will then discuss the options available. You may be given a type of hearing aid on trial to assess whether you would like to go ahead with a Bone Conduction Implant.

At the end of the appointment we will agree with you the next course of action, which may include a number of further appointments over the course of a year.

**Communication needs**

If you require an interpreter at your appointment please telephone 0121 371 4756 or email: interpreting.service@u hb.nhs.uk

**Students**

Please note that as this is a teaching hospital, a student may carry out some or all of your appointment under supervision of a qualified audiologist. If you do not wish to have a student present during your appointment please let reception know on your arrival.

**Patient Transport**

If you are eligible for patient transport, please contact West Midlands Ambulance non-emergency Patient Transport Service on 0800 035 6511. Please note that transport is only available for Monday to Friday.
The Trust provides free monthly health talks on a variety of medical conditions and treatments. For more information visit www.uhb.nhs.uk/health-talks.htm or call 0121 371 4323.

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