



A Hearing Implant Audiological Assessment

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You have been referred for an assessment for a cochlear implant or other type of hearing implant. You will be seen by Hearing Implant specialists and the appointments may last several hours. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative to your appointment. Please ensure you bring your hearing aids with well-fitting earmoulds to this appointment.

Please note that the Audiology centre is not at the new QEHB hospital. Nuffield House is opposite the Heritage Building (Queen Elizabeth Hospital), and to the left hand side of the block.

Cochlear implants for severe to profoundly deaf people

We have made a video which will show you all about cochlear implants. The video has subtitles and will explain about all aspects of the assessment, surgery, risks and benefits of cochlear implants. You can also access the video online at:

www.uhb.nhs.uk/services/audiology/cochlear-implants/i-am-interested-in-an-implant/

Or via the QR code at the end of the leaflet.

Please ensure you have watched the video before you attend. If this is not possible, we can arrange for you to view it at the department.

What to expect at your assessment

We will start by reviewing information regarding your hearing and medical history. We will discuss aspects such as your hearing, use of hearing aids, tinnitus, balance and communication issues and how your deafness affects your work and home life. We will also examine your ears and then give you a hearing test to evaluate your ability to hear tones, in a conventional hearing test.

We will then do some tests of your ability to hear speech. Using your current hearing aids, you will be asked to listen to a recorded voice saying words and sentences. You will be asked to repeat what you hear.

Once this has been completed, we may re-fit you with alternative hearing aids. This may be done at the same appointment or on another occasion.

What happens next?

The results of the assessment will be reviewed with you. If appropriate, the next steps of the assessment will be discussed with you. However, if today's results indicate that a cochlear implant is not appropriate for you, or at least not at present, then arrangements for continued management of your hearing aids will be agreed. We will write to your GP and audiology department to let them know the outcome.

Communication needs

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

Information for Patients

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 appointments.

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