



Bone Conduction Hearing Implant (BCHI) Assessment

You have been referred for a Bone Conduction Hearing Implant assessment. Please refer to your appointment letter for location of your appointment and contact details of the department. The appointment may last up to two hours. You will be seen by an Audiologist, who is a healthcare scientist specialising in hearing and balance. You are welcome to bring someone for support.

What does the assessment involve?

We will ask you some medical questions about your ears and how your hearing problems are affecting your lifestyle.

We will examine your ears and we may conduct some tests to assess your hearing ability.

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 on what your audiologist decides is appropriate.

Hearing test

This involves you pressing a button every time you hear a tone. A wide range of recorded tones will be presented through headphones. From this task, any hearing loss, including its type and nature, will be 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

Results of the hearing tests will be discussed and the Audiologist will offer information and guidance regarding options available to you.

You may be issued a hearing aid on a trial basis to assess whether you would like to go ahead with a Bone Conduction Hearing Implant.

Important information

Please ensure your ears are clear of wax before attending your appointment with us. It may be helpful if you bring any hearing aids and/or moulds with you to the appointment. Please ensure you are not exposed to very loud noises (e.g. at a concert) within the 24 hours before your appointment, as this can affect the hearing test results.

Communication needs

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

Audiology

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