

Community Paediatric Audiology Service Referrals Guidance- Bedford

The Audiology Service offers a range of subjective and objective audiological assessments for children from three months to 18 years of age (and older for young adults still in a Special Educational setting). Assessments are carried out within sound treated test facilities at our sites in CDC Kempston and Houghton Regis Health Centre.

Where do I send Referrals?

A referral form is available on the Audiology Website and all referrals are to be directed to Community Audiology Service. See below.

By secure email	ccs.lutonaudiology@nhs.net
By Post	Audiology, Liverpool Road Health Centre, 9 Mersey Place, Liverpool Road, Luton LU1 1HH
By System One	Electronic referral

Please use the generic referral form available on the Cambridgeshire Community Services website www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk

Who Can Refer?

Any of the following can refer to the Community Paediatric Audiology Service:

- Newborn hearing screener
- GPs
- Health Visitors
- School Nurse/Child Health Advisor
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Acute or Community Consultants/Paediatricians
- ENT
- Nurse specialist

Who do we see?

Children with a Bedfordshire GP and one of the following:

- Any child failing a hearing screen (School screen)
- Initial professional, parental and school concerns regarding hearing and speech.

- Part of a multi-disciplinary assessment where there are concerns regarding communication
- Speech and language delay
- Long Term Monitoring for Ototoxicity and conditions/ syndromes with associated hearing loss.
- Newborn Screening Targeted Follow ups
- Surveillance/ monitoring of established non-amplified hearing losses.

Who do we not see?

We do not see children where there are:

- Continuous ear infection, wax and other ENT related problems. Refer to ENT
- Sudden hearing losses – Refer urgently to ENT
- Children who need aetiological investigations for hearing loss. Refer to Paediatrician
- Children who are using or need amplification and other technologies. Refer to Acute Audiology
- Balance or dizziness concerns. Refer to ENT
- Children with hearing-related disorders (including Tinnitus, Hyperacusis, Misophonia and Auditory Processing Disorder)
- Second opinion

Sources of Information for parents/carers

If parents/carers are concerned and want additional information prior to being seen please refer them to useful information available on the Audiology Services page on the Cambridgeshire Community Services website, link below:

<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/luton/childrens/services/hearing/paediatric-audiology---children's>

Contact Details

For any further advice regarding referrals to the Community Audiology Service please contact one of our main base:

Audiology Liverpool Road Health Centre

01582 708154

Services are provided 9.00 am – 5.00 pm on Monday – Fridays; weekend clinics when available.