



Transition Year 10 Equipment

What is Transition?

Transition is a planned process to help you prepare for adulthood. All young people go through transition; this includes careers guidance in school and anyone who helps you to make decisions about what to do when you are sixteen. Have you thought about your options?

Transition also includes health care, as a young person it is likely your parent/guardian help you by making appointments on your behalf or reminding you to wear your hearing aids. As you get older you may need to begin to take more responsibility for your care. Within Audiology, Transition focuses on your hearing and communication needs.

Why is Transition important?

Transition is important to help you achieve your goals. It is important you are aware of the support available to you in the future if you decide to stay at school, attend college/university or enter employment. Support is available and may include communication support (someone to help take notes in classes or meetings), equipment to help alongside your hearing aids and/or financial support.

What Happens next?

As you get older it is important to take more responsibility for your hearing and hearing aids. Do you change your own batteries, clean and retube your ear moulds?

Each year you will have a review of your hearing and hearing aids. At each review you will be given more information as it is needed. We will also begin encouraging you to take care of your

own hearing aids – don't worry we will show you what to do and if you ever feel unsure or worried speak to your audiologist!

When you are sixteen you will be invited to a Transition appointment with the Hearing Therapist. The Hearing Therapist will provide information and support as you begin the transition into Adult Audiology Services.

Equipment

Although the NHS does not supply equipment it can be helpful to know what types of equipment are available to support your hearing. This is particularly important when you are making decisions about what to do when you leave school. For example if you are concerned about hearing in a university lecture hall or hearing in the workplace.

You may already use equipment alongside your hearing aids to support your hearing. The most commonly used equipment in schools are FM systems. These are designed to improve hearing in difficult listening environments. In a classroom environment sound travels throughout the room and will bounce off hard surfaces such as tables, floors and walls. Classrooms can also be noisy and you may need to be able to hear the teacher from a distance.

An FM system helps by the teacher speaking into a microphone which then sends this information to your hearing aids, so it sounds as if you are beside your teacher rather than a distance away. FM systems can also help to reduce background noise. There are many different types of FM systems available, one example is the Phonak Roger Pen.



Equipment can not only be helpful in school, it can also support your independence or help you to keep in touch with your friends/family!

If you have difficulty hearing conversation on your mobile phone, you could use a Bluetooth neckloop or a streaming device paired with your mobile. You are also able to use ear hooks which look as though you are wearing headphones rather than wearing a loop around your neck. You could even have a device which connects to the back of your mobile phone and sends the phone conversation directly through your hearing aids! Below are a few examples.



Similar equipment will also help you to listen to music or hear videos from your phone, I-pad, laptop or tablet.

Equipment can also help you hear the TV, phone, doorbell, smoke alarm and alarm clock! If you are interested in equipment please ask your audiologist for more information.

You could visit Soundbase or Chime Hearing Centre to view equipment with your parents. Equipment is usually self-funded (purchased by patients or their families) or can be funded by government schemes such as Disabled Students Allowance (18 years+ only) or Access to work when you begin employment.

Sound Base

Sound base can show you equipment and you can ‘try before you buy’. Please Note: Sound base does not sell equipment themselves and is a free service provided by Devon County Council.

Sound base is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10am to 1pm for a walk-in service. Appointments for other times of the week are available by arrangement.

Address: Bull Meadow Clinic, Bull Meadow Road, Exeter, EX2 4JF

Tel: 01392 424018

Email: soundbase@devon.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/care-and-health/disabilities/physical-sensory/sound-base/>

If you find it difficult to travel to Exeter The Outreach Sensory Service may be useful to you – Staff run clinics in locations around West Devon, Torridge, Dartmouth and Kingsbridge on a regular timetable. Details of places they visit and their timetable can be found online.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/care-and-health/disabilities/physical-sensory/sensory-disability-services/>

Action on Hearing Loss

From 1st May 2020 AoHL will stop selling products.

Website statement: **'Will continue to give impartial information and advice on the range of products available to customers and make recommendations about those items that they consider to be the best'**

Telephone: 0808 808 0123

Website: <https://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/>

Connevans

Equipment can be viewed online or you can request a catalogue via phone, email or letter.

Address: Connevans Limited, Bridge House, 1 Nutfield Road, Merstham, Surrey, RH1 3EB

Telephone: 01737 247571

Textphone: 01737 644016

Email: info@connevans.com

Website: <http://www.connevans.co.uk/catalogue/11/Deaf-Equipment>

Gordon Morris

Equipment can be viewed online or you can request a catalogue via phone, email or letter.

Address: Gordon Morris Ltd, Unit 21 Wessex Park, Somerton Business Park, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 6SB

Telephone: 01458 272121

Fax: 01458 274545

Email: info@gordonmorris.co.uk

Website: <http://www.gordonmorris.co.uk>

Chime Hearing Centre

You can arrange an appointment for information about equipment specifically designed to work with your Phonak hearing aids, such as:

- TV
- Personal Communication Device (for use in meetings, groups and noisy environments).
- Hear mobile phone calls through your hearing aids
- Stream audio to your hearing aids from any Bluetooth enabled device. Listen to music or watch videos.

Address: Chime hearing centre, Harlequins Shopping Centre, Paul Street, Exeter, EX4 3TT

Tel: 01392 953060

Email: chc.exeter@chimehealth.co.uk

Website: <http://www.chimehealth.co.uk>

Further information on technology and how it can help you is available from the NDCS <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/products-and-technology/>

Reference: Successful transitions to adulthood for deaf young people in England. Published by the National Deaf Children's Society © March 2016

Address: Chime Social Enterprise, Audiology Department, Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (Wonford), Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 5DW

Tel: 01392 402223

E-Mail: cse.audiology@nhs.net

www.chimehealth.co.uk

Chime provides NHS Audiology Services for NHS Devon - Mid, East and Exeter areas. From 1st May 2011 the existing audiology department including staff and equipment transferred to Chime - the new Social Enterprise Company. Chime is located at the RD&E Foundation Trust (but is separately managed).