



Direct referral for hearing aid

A guide for GPs

ENT & Audiology Departments NCUH

Direct Referral Hearing Aid Clinic

- Audiology led clinic
- Separate from ENT clinics
- ENT opinion usually not available
- For straightforward age-related deafness

- Please use this guide to help you refer
- If uncertain please discuss with audiology staff 01228 814422

Criteria for referral



- Age 60 or over
- Ears clear of wax (syringed if need be)
- Normal tympanic membranes
- Rinnes test positive (AC>BC both sides)

Exclusion criteria



- Unilateral deafness or tinnitus
- Excessive wax despite attempts to clear
- Perforated ear drum
- Active discharge/discharge within past year
- Sudden hearing loss
- Rinnes test negative ($BC > AC$)
- Vertigo
- Fluctuating hearing loss
- Associated facial palsy