

## Notes:

Please use this space to write down any questions you may want to ask us about your hearing when you come to your appointment:

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### Data Protection

Any personal information is kept confidential. There may be occasions where your information needs to be shared with other care professionals to ensure you receive the best care possible.

In order to assist us improve the services available your information may be used for clinical audit, research, teaching and anonymised for National NHS Reviews. Further information is available in the leaflet Disclosure of Confidential Information IL137, via Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust website or the PALS Service.

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# Adult Audiology

## Your Appointment



Provided by Gateshead Health  
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## Thank you

Thank you for choosing Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust to provide your hearing care. We have received your referral from your GP and are pleased to be able to offer you the enclosed appointment.

We at Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust strive to provide world class hearing care to our many patients. To achieve this, we will work together at a number of appointments to ensure that your hearing needs are met.



## Your hearing assessment

To begin we will assess your hearing. To do this we will discuss the problems that you have with your hearing. We will then examine your ears using a special light called an otoscope. Following this, we will assess your hearing using a test called Pure Tone Audiometry. For this test you will be asked to listen to, and respond to some sounds played to you through some headphones. This test allows us to identify your hearing levels.

Depending upon what your hearing test shows we may wish to carry out further assessments. If we do, they will be explained fully at your appointment.

We will use the results of your hearing assessment to help you to decide the best way to help with your hearing problems.

If you opt to use hearing aids, these may be fitted on the same day or may be fitted at a later date depending upon the severity of your hearing problem and your wishes.

We will explain fully how to use your hearing aids and will arrange to check how well you are doing. You will be offered the choice of a questionnaire follow up or a hospital appointment.

## Aftercare

When you have had your hearing aids fitted you will be able to access our aftercare services.

We have appointments for hearing aid repairs or advice daily at a number of sites across the Gateshead area.

We will provide more details of these services when you get your hearing aids.

