

# Going to the Hearing Clinic



You can phone Audiology if you need any help with your hearing.

The number is -

**Audiology**

North Manchester General Hospital

**0161 720 2678**

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The Hearing Clinic is also called the **Audiology Department.**



You need your ears tested every two years.

Use this page to write the dates of your hearing tests, and the dates you got new batteries and tubes.

It is at North Manchester General Hospital.



The hearing aid clinics are at:

Harpurhey Clinic

Tel: 0161 861 2400

Victoria Mill

Tel: 0161 205 6111

Openshaw Resource Centre

Tel: 0161 301 1480

Newton Heath Clinic

Tel: 0161 684 9696

The Cornerstone Centre

Tel: 0161 230 2200

Clayton Clinic

Tel: 0161 231 1151

Charlestown Clinic

Tel: 0161 740 7955

You need to go into the hospital at the main entrance.



You then walk through past the café.



Go through this door, just past the café.



You can go back to Audiology, or a hearing aid clinic, when you need new batteries for your hearing aid. You must bring back your old batteries.



You need to go to the lift and go up to floor 1.



You need to get a new tube on your hearing aid every 3 or 4 months. You can call into Audiology or a hearing aid clinic when you want this done.



Now you go home.

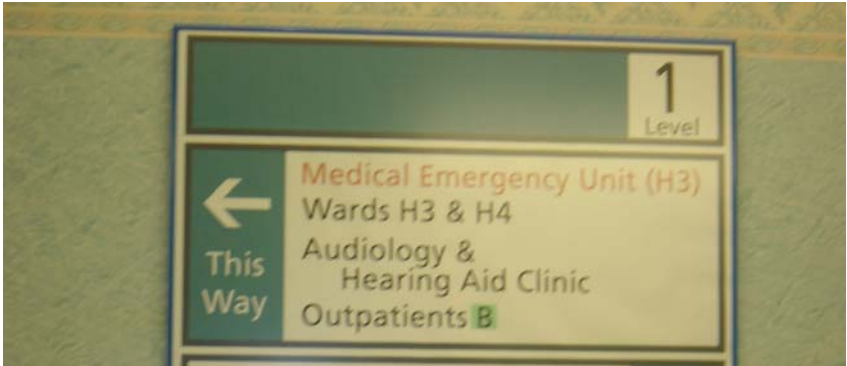
You might have to wait up to 4 weeks to get your hearing aid. It will look like this.



The audiologist will show you how to put your hearing aid in. They will also tell you how to look after it.



Get out of the lift and turn left. Follow the signs for **Audiology**.



Go to reception and tell them your name. They might ask you for your address.



You will be asked to sit in the waiting room.



The **audiologist** will call your name.



He or she will take you into another room. The audiologist will do your hearing test.



The audiologist will then put something in your ear called **impression material**. It is like soft putty and stays in your ear for a few minutes. It will go hard.



When it is taken out, it will look like this. This mould is used to make your hearing aid.



If you need a hearing aid, the audiologist has to take a mould of your ear.

They will put a piece of sponge in your ear.



This is a special tool called an **otoscope**.

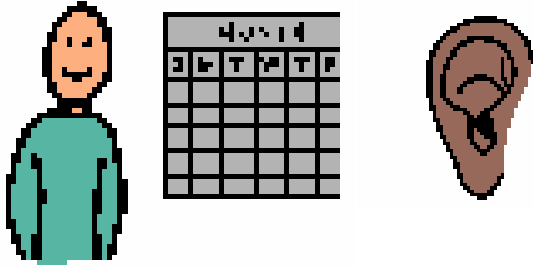


The audiologist will use it to look in your ears.



The audiologist might tell you that you have some wax in your ears.

This might mean he or she has to do your hearing test another day.



You can ask your clinic about removing wax. There are some clinic phone numbers at the back of this book.

The audiologist will tell you about your hearing. He or she might say you need a hearing aid.



The noises are easy to hear at first, but then they go very quiet.

You need to tell the audiologist when you hear these quiet noises.

The audiologist will tell you when the test has finished. You can then come out of the quiet room.



The audiologist might do a test called **tympanometry**. This is to find out how well your ear is working.

The audiologist puts the tip of a wire in your ear. It is attached to a machine, which tells the audiologist how healthy your eardrum is.



You will then have your hearing test. You will sit in a quiet room on your own. You will wear some special earphones.



The audiologist can see you through a window.



You will hear some noises through your earphones. When you hear a noise, you have to tell the audiologist.

You can do this in the way that is best for you.

This could be:

- by putting your hand up
- by pressing a button
- by saying “yes”
- by tapping on the window

