

Specialist Educational Inclusion Service

Hearing Impairment Service

Supporting Children with a Hearing Impairment



Who are we?

The Hearing Impairment Education Team consists of qualified Teachers of the Deaf, Specialist Teaching Assistants and a Deaf Support Worker who support children with hearing difficulties across Dudley.

What is our role?

- To work in partnership with families offering support and information regarding hearing difficulties.
- To provide information, advice and training to college, school and nursery staff.
- To provide specialist teaching and support to children with a hearing impairment.
- To assess functional hearing.
- To support and advise on the use of specialist equipment e.g. hearing aids, cochlear implants and FM radio systems.
- To develop listening and language skills.
- To give advice on the modification of teaching materials and access arrangements for examinations.
- To contribute to individual communication programmes
- To liaise with other professionals in Social Care, Audiologists at the Hearing Centre, ENT Consultants, Speech and Language Therapists and Educational Psychologists and Voluntary organisations.

What age group do we see?

From birth to 16 years (or to 19 by arrangement)

Where do we see your child?

At Home, Nursery or Early Years Setting, Playgroup, School, at College (by arrangement).

Which children should be referred?

Any child with a diagnosed hearing impairment.

Who may refer?

- Parents/Carers
- School staff
- Nursery/Early years setting
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Hearing Centre
- ENT Consultants
- School Health Advisor

If you think your child may have a problem
contact The Audiology Department
Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre
01384 321266
and ask for a hearing test appointment.

Useful Links

Dudley Deaf Children's Society

07912 795 930

Membership Secretary, Mrs Shelagh James

01902 887195

National Deaf Children's Society

15 Dufferin St

London

EC1Y 8UR

London

Helpline@ndcs.org.uk

www.ndcs.org.uk

**Dudley Special Educational Needs and Disability Information
Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)**

formerly Dudley Parent Partnership

Saltwells Education Centre, Bowling Green Road, Dudley,

DY2 9LY, 01384 817373

For more information please contact:

The Hearing Impairment Service

The Mere Education Centre, Lawnswood Road,

Wordsley, Stourbridge

DY8 5PQ

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