

**Assistive technology**Child follow up form: Programmable hearing aids

1. Information ab	out the	person									
First name: P			Famil	Family name: P Gender:						Female	Other $\square$
Age: 5-10 □ 11	-17 🗆	Children	under f	ive 👉 R	Refer to an e	ear a	and heari	ng profes	sional		
Telephone: Address:			ess: 🛭								
2. Follow up inter											
Hearing aid comf	ort and	experience	e Tick b	ox in the	column ma	atch	ing the fo	llow up a <sub>l</sub>	ppointmer	nt.	
	2 weel		eks	2 mont		nonths		1 year		<b>e</b> p	
<b>Ask:</b> Are your hea aids comfortable?	iring	Yes	No	Yes	No No		Yes	No	If Yes and child/caregiver is satisfied with their experience  → Continue		
											xperience
If No and/or child/caregiver is											
<b>Ask:</b> How is your 6	experien	ice with yo	ur hearin	ıg aids?				experiencing problems  → Write response in notes.			
Hearing aid use 7	Tick box	to select o	ne answ	er.						- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Ask: Think about h	now muc	 ch you hav	e used y	our							
hearing aids over t day, how many ho					2 weeks	2	2 months	1 year	Next step		
	urs did y	- Jou use yo	ui iicaiii	ig alus :							
None									If any → Ask why and write		nd write
Less than 1 hour a day									response in notes  If any → Continue		
1-4 hours a day											
4-8 hours a day											
More than 8 hours a day											
Hearing check											
				onths		1 year					
	Teach this test to the caregiver		the A		aregiver to this test		Carry out in person test		Next step		
Check: Tick		ah □			n □		ah □		Decord worshow of Line counds		
each Ling sound	ee □				e □		ee □				
the child hears.		оо 🗆		00	o 🗆	oc			Record number of Ling sounds ticked in notes. → Continue to the Follow up plan.		
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Notes Record resp	oonses i	n sections	below.								
2 weeks: 🖉											

2 months: ₽							
1 year: Ø							
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3. Follow up plan							
					ver decide next actions. Encourage the caregiver to ee any difficulties with their hearing or hearing aids.		
return to the service with the	ien cima e	at arry tirrie	п шеу е	хрепенс	e any unnountes with their nearing of nearing alds.		
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Two weeks and two mon	2 weeks		2 months		пе топом ир арропшпепи.		
Check: Is the child:	Yes	No	Yes	No	Next step		
	163	140	163	NO			
Satisfied with their hearing aids?					If Yes to all → Child is fully benefitting. Book next follow up.		
Using hearing aids more					If No to any → Child is not fully benefitting. Check notes and problem solving table. If this does not help,		
than 4 hours a day?		Į.			do an in person follow up to carry out ear health and product check.		
Hearing 5-6 Ling sounds?					If solution not possible → Discuss with mentor and if needed 👉 Refer to ear and hearing professional.		
Fallers and date.					il fleeded (3) Refer to ear and flearing professional.		
Follow up date:		Ø		_			
Six months (Hearing aid	only) Ask	caregiver	to bring	hearing a	aids for check in after six months.		
Check: Yes		No No		Next step			
	1.00				If Yes → Plan one year reassessment		
Are <b>both</b> hearing aids					If No → Clean hearing aid and replace any worn or		
clean and working?					damaged parts. If this does not help discuss with mentor and if needed 🖨 Send to manufacturer		
Follow up date:	D						
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One year Complete ear he	l		aring test.	. Adjust <sub>l</sub>			
Check: Is the child: Yes		No		Next step			
Satisfied with their hearing aids?					If Yes to all → Child is fully benefitting. Reassess in one year (repeat ear health screen and hearing test).		
Using hearing aids more than 4 hours a day?					If No to any → Child is not fully benefitting. Check notes and problem solving table.		
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Hearing 5-6 Ling sounds?		If solution not possible → Discuss with mentor and if needed ☐ Refer to ear and hearing professional.
Product check: Hearing aids are clean and working.		If Yes → No action.  If No → Clean and replace any worn or damaged parts. If this does not help discuss with mentor and if needed, send to manufacturer.
Follow up date:	0	

Problem solving table If person is not satisfied after possible solutions, discuss with your service mentor.						
Problem	Possible causes	Possible solutions				
Feedback or whistling sound from hearing aid	Volume too high when putting on hearing aid	Put volume on lowest setting before putting on hearing aid. Increase volume gradually.				
	Problem with earmould fit	Check fit and position. Correct if necessary.				
	Damaged/dirty ear hook/earmould	Clean/replace ear hook/earmould/earmould tube.				
	Blocked ear wax in ear canal	Check inside person's ear with otoscope. Perform ear washout if necessary.				
Ear hurts	Problem with earmould fit	Check fit. Change earmould size if necessary.				
	Damaged earmould	Check earmould. Replace if necessary.				
	Ear health problem	Carry out ear health screen.				
Hearing aid/s keep falling off	Incorrectly putting in hearing aid	Check person is putting on their hearing aid correctly. Correct technique if necessary.				
	Incorrect earmould fit	Check fit of earmould. As children grow the earmould size may no longer fit correctly and the earmould tube may become too short.				
Discomfort from very loud sounds	Very loud noise in environment	Advise the person to remove their hearing aids when in very loud environments such as construction sites or factories.				
	Hearing aid volume turned up too high	Advise the person to reduce the volume to a comfortable level.				
Difficulty hearing conversations	Background noise in environment	Advise the person on tips to improve hearing in noisy environments. Consider a personal remote microphone system (if available).				
	Problem with hearing aids	Check their hearing aids. See problem solving solutions for 'hearing aid not as loud as before'.				
Hearing aid not working / sometimes not working or not as loud as before	Hearing aid switched off	To switch on the hearing aid, make sure the battery is inserted correctly, and the battery door is closed.				
	Low battery power	Replace battery if necessary.				
	Hearing aid is dirty	Clean the hearing aid, earmould and/or battery compartment.				
	Damaged earmould	Replace earmould/earmould tube if necessary.				
Difficulty hearing when using a phone	Phone is covering their hearing aid	Advise to use the phone on loudspeaker or try positioning the phone two centimetres away from the hearing aid.				
	Volume setting is set too high or low	Adjust the hearing aid volume as needed.				