

Learning on TAP

1. Information about the person					
First name: 🖉	Family name: 🖉				
Age: 18-39 🗆 40-54 🗆 55-64 🗆 65+ 🗆	Gender: Male $\Box$ Female $\Box$ Other $\Box$				
Address: 🖉	Telephone: 🖉				

2. Follow up interview								
Hearing aid comfort and experience Tick box in the column matching the follow up appointment.								
	2 weeks 2		2	months	2 уе	ars	Next step	
<b>Ask:</b> Are your hearing aids comfortable?	Yes	No Ye		s No	Yes	No	If Yes and person is	
							satisfied with their experience → Continue	
							If No and/or person is experiencing problems → Write response in notes	
Hearing aid use Tick box to s	select one	answer.						
<b>Ask:</b> Think about how much y hearing aids over the past two how many hours did you use	o weeks. C	On a normal d	ay,	2 weeks	2 months	2 years	Next step	
None								
Less than 1 hour a day						If any → Ask why and write response in notes		
1-4 hours a day								
4-8 hours a day						If any -> Continuo		
More than 8 hours a day							If any → Continue	
Hearing aid helped Tick box	to select o	one answer.			-			
<b>Ask:</b> Think about a situation v better, before you started usir the past two weeks, how muc helped in that situation?	ng your he	aring aids. Ov	/er	2 weeks	2 months	2 years	Next step	
Helped not at all							If any $\rightarrow$ Ask why and write	
Helped slightly							response in notes	
Helped moderately								
Helped quite a lot						If any → Continue		
Helped very much								
Notes Record responses in s	ections be	low.						
2 weeks: 🖉								

2 months: 🖉		
2 years: 🖉		

## 3. Follow up plan

Use this part of the form to help you and the person decide next actions. Encourage the person to return to the service at any time if they experience any difficulties with their hearing or hearing aids.

Two weeks and two months Tick box in the column matching the follow up appointment.						
Check: Is the person:	2 weeks		2 months			
	Yes	No	Yes	No	- Next step	
Satisfied with their hearing aids?					If Yes to all → Person is fully benefitting. Book next follow up.	
Using hearing aids more than 4 hours a day?					If No to any → Person is not fully benefitting. Check notes and problem solving table. If this does not help, do an in person follow up to carry out ear health and	
Benefitting moderately or more?					product check. If solution not possible → Discuss with mentor and if needed	
Follow up date:	Ø		Ø			

Two years Complete ear health screen and hearing test. Adjust programme if necessary.				
Check: Is the person:	Yes	No	Next step	
Satisfied with their hearing aids?			If Yes to all → Person is fully benefitting. Follow up in two years to repeat ear health screen and hearing test.	
Using hearing aids more than 4 hours a day?			If No to any $\rightarrow$ Person is not fully benefitting. Check notes and problem solving table.	
Benefitting moderately or more?			If solution not possible → Discuss with mentor and if needed G Refer to ear and hearing professional.	
<b>Product check:</b> 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:	Ø	1		

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 /	Hearing aid switched off	To switch on the hearing aid, make sure the battery is inserted correctly, and the battery door is closed.		
sometimes not working or not as loud as before	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 is covering their hearing aid	Advise to use the phone on loudspeaker or try positioning the phone two centimetres away from the hearing aid.		
phone	Volume setting is set too high or low	Adjust the hearing aid volume as needed.		