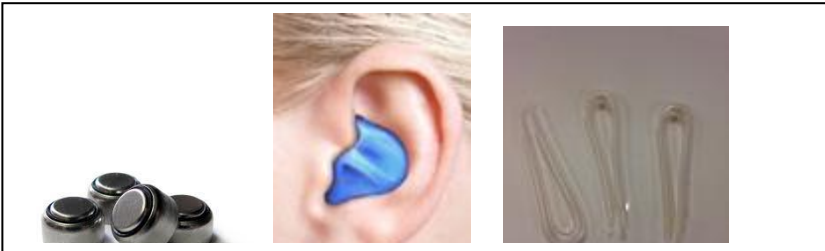


For further help and advice about the functioning and maintenance of a hearing aid, including supply of batteries, tubing and the replacement of ear moulds, please contact

Audiology Department at Torbay Hospital

01803 656325



For educational support and advice please contact

Torbay Hearing Support Team

Tel: 01803 208248

Email: leefullwood@torbay.gov.uk

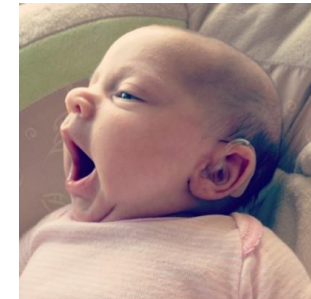
Further information can also be obtained from the NDCS (National Deaf Children Society) at

www.ndcs.org.uk



Hearing Aids

Why do they Matter?



The facts

The better you hear, the better you learn...

*'Children with hearing loss require three times the exposure to learn new words'*ⁱ

*'Children spend up to 70% of their school day Listening'*ⁱⁱ If children can't hear well, how can they learn?

*'90% of learning is from incidental learning/hearing'*ⁱⁱⁱ A hearing impaired child often misses incidental learning.



- Children need to have their hearing aids checked on a daily basis.
- Batteries normally last two weeks but need checking to ensure they are functioning.
- Earmoulds need to fit well, be clean and tubing should be renewed every six weeks.
- In order to make the best use of their hearing, children should wear their hearing aids during all waking hours.
- Hearing aid users are affected by the impact of background noise, such as TV or busy environments.
- Extra care should be taken when crossing roads as listening is difficult in traffic noise.



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