

Hearing Impairment

Professional Guidance

Physical and Sensory Support (PSS) accepts referrals for children and students aged 0 – 25 years. Beyond 25 years referrals may be made for education courses in an educational setting.

The acceptance of a referral to the PSS Hearing Impairment team is based on the following criteria:

- Children / students have been diagnosed with a hearing loss.
- Children / students who have had a fluctuating conductive loss continually present for 12 months or more
- The child or student has been issued with hearing aids.

When DSA (disabled student's allowance) or college disability teams have agreed support needs.

The level of support required is identified on an individual basis by using Eligibility Criteria prior to post 16 transition, when support levels are agreed individually.

The Eligibility Criteria are recognised nationally and apply to children and students in a variety of educational settings.

Reasons for ceasing involvement

- The child or student is discharged by the audiology clinic with hearing within normal limits (HWNL).
- The child or student has not attended the audiology clinic for more than 18 months / 2 years and there is no current audiological information.
- The impact on access of the child or student's hearing impairment is stable, and previous advice given by the Advisory Teacher for Hearing Impairment (ATHI) remains relevant.
- It has been agreed between school or educational placement / parents / student that ongoing intervention is no longer required.
- The child or student leaves school, college or university.

Re-referral should it become appropriate can take place at any time.