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| **Community Paediatric Audiology Service Referrals Guidance - Luton** |

The Audiology Service offers a range of subjective and objective audiological assessments for children from three months to 18 years of age (and older for young adults still in a Special Educational setting). Assessments are carried out within sound treated test facilities at our sites in Liverpool Road Health Centre Luton and Redgrave Gardens Children Centre Luton.

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| **Where do I send Referrals?** |

All referrals to the Community Paediatric Audiology Service must be made on the

Referral Form and emailed to the Health HUB or via electronic referral on SystmOne.

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| **By secure email** | **ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net** |
| **By SystmOne** | **Electronic referral** |

Please use the generic referral form available on the Cambridgeshire Community Services website: [www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk](http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk)

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| **Who Can Refer?** |

Any of the following can refer to the Community Paediatric Audiology Service:

* Newborn hearing screener
* GPs
* Health Visitors
* School Nurse/Child Health Advisor
* Speech and Language Therapists
* Acute or Community Consultants/Paediatricians
* ENT
* Nurse specialist

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| **Who do we see?** |

Children with a Luton GP and one of the following:

* Any child failing a hearing screen (School screen)
* Initial professional, parental and school concerns regarding hearing and/or speech.
* Part of a multi-disciplinary assessment where there are concerns regarding communication
* Speech and language delay
* Long Term Monitoring for Ototoxity and conditions/ syndromes with associated hearing loss.
* Newborn Screening Targeted Follow ups
* Surveillance/ monitoring of established non-amplified hearing losses.
* All children over the age of three months for audiological assessment or children who require Visual Reinforcement Audiometry (VRA)

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| **Who do we not see?** |

We do not see children where there are:

* Continuous ear infection, wax and other ENT related problems. Refer to ENT
* Sudden hearing losses – Refer urgently to ENT
* Children who need aetiological investigations for hearing loss. Refer to ENT/Paediatrician
* Children who are using or need amplification and other technologies. Refer to Acute Audiology Luton and Dunstable Hospital
* Balance or dizziness concerns. Refer to ENT
* Children with hearing-related disorders (including Tinnitus, Hyperacusis, Misophonia). We can assess hearing and then arrange a referral to support services/ENT if age appropriate.

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| **Sources of Information for parents/carers** |

If parents/carers are concerned and want additional information prior to being seen please refer them to useful information available on the Audiology Services page on the Cambridgeshire Community Services website, link below:

<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/luton/childrens/services/hearing/paediatric-audiology---children's>

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| **Contact Details** |

For any further advice regarding referrals to the Community Audiology Service please contact the Children’s Community Health HUB:

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| **Health HUB ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net** | **0300 555 0606** |

Services are provided 9.00 am – 5.00 pm on Monday – Fridays; weekend clinics when available.