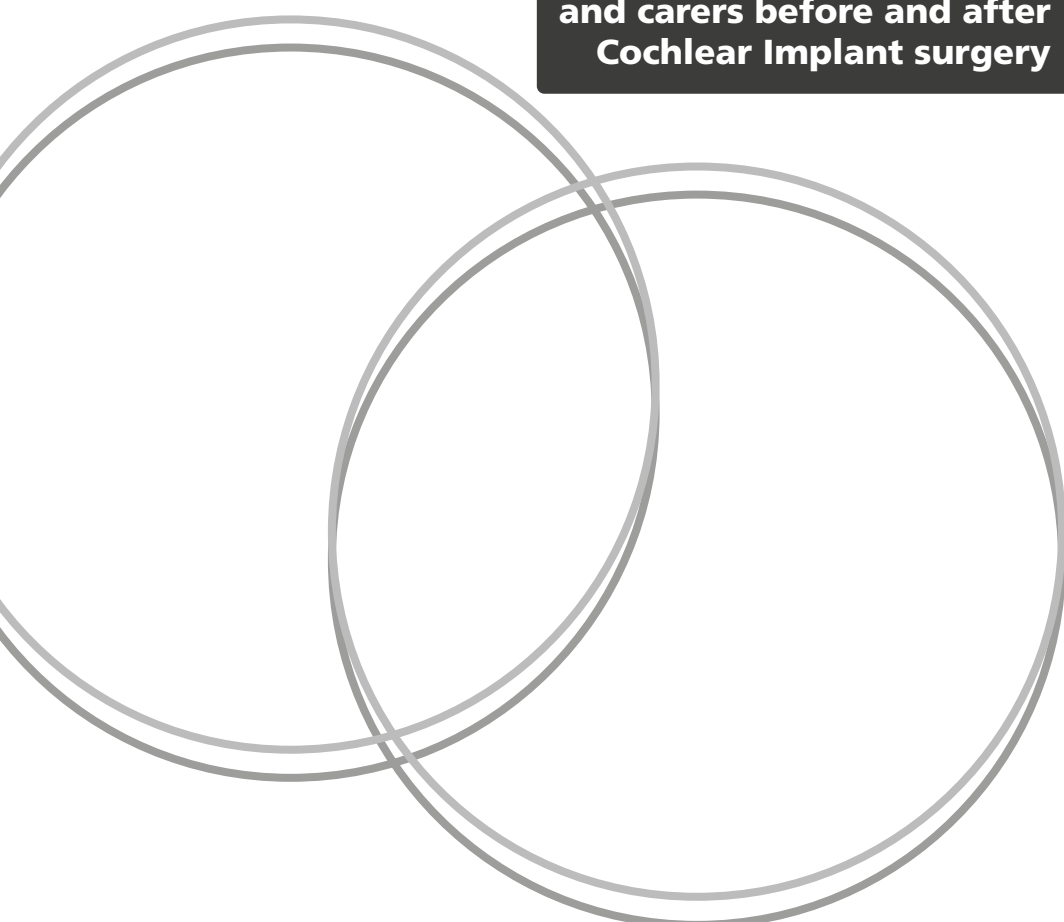


# What to Expect from the Cochlear Implant Rehabilitation Team

**Information for families  
and carers before and after  
Cochlear Implant surgery**



**John Radcliffe Implant Centre  
Cochlear Implant Rehabilitation Team**



## **Cochlear Implant assessment**

Before your child's appointment at our Pre-assessment Clinic, we will contact you and explain what to expect.

Our Cochlear Implant Teacher of the Deaf may have already visited your child at home or school. If appropriate we will also contact your local Teacher of the Deaf and Speech and Language Therapist, so we can begin to learn about your child.

At your child's assessment, a Cochlear Implant Speech and Language Therapist will assess your child's communication and listening skills.

Our Audiological Scientists will carry out hearing tests, so please bring your child's hearing aids, even if they are not currently using them.

A member of the Team will then discuss your child's assessment and our recommendations with you. You will also have the opportunity to look at different makes of Cochlear Implant.

You may have quite a few questions, so do feel free to bring family members with you for support.

## From assessment to surgery

When we have completed the assessment process, we will invite you to attend the Decision Clinic with an ENT Consultant who performs Cochlear Implant surgeries.

We may decide that Cochlear Implants are **not** the best option for your child at the moment; if this is the case, we will explain this decision to you.

Sometimes it is difficult to know if a Cochlear Implant would be the best option, so we may agree to monitor your child over a longer period of time.

If we decide that your child **should** have a Cochlear Implant, **we will discuss:**

- surgery
- choice of device
- scans
- additional vaccinations that may be required
- the timescale to surgery.

We will also give you a written summary of the Cochlear Implant process.

### **Nearer the time:**

- we will send a letter to invite your child to a Pre-operative Assessment at the hospital
- we will send you a letter about fasting before surgery, where to check in on the day, and what to bring with you.

## **After surgery and beyond**

Our Teacher of the Deaf will visit you at home between the surgery and the 'switch-on' appointment at Audiology. They will ensure you feel confident using the equipment.

A couple of weeks after surgery, we will invite your child to the Audiology Department to switch on the new processors.

We will send you a list of your child's 'tuning' appointments with the Audiologists for the next year.

After each tuning appointment, we will offer your child an appointment with one of our Cochlear Implant Speech and Language Therapists.

We will continue to assess your child and liaise with your child's local professionals.

## **Our aims**

### **We will:**

- give each child and their family the support they need to achieve their full potential
- help each child and their family with their communication
- take a 'family centred' approach
- work closely with local professionals
- work in partnership with families and carers to enable, support and encourage them on their child's hearing journey.

Our team comprises specialist Cochlear Implant Speech and Language Therapists and Teacher of the Deaf, working together to support children and their families through the Cochlear Implant process.

We work closely with the Audiology Team.

# Contact us

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## Further information

If you would like an interpreter, please speak to the department where you are being seen.

Please also tell them if you would like this information in another format, such as:

- Easy Read
- large print
- braille
- audio
- electronic
- another language.

We have tried to make the information in this leaflet meet your needs. If it does not meet your individual needs or situation, please speak to your healthcare team. They are happy to help.

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