



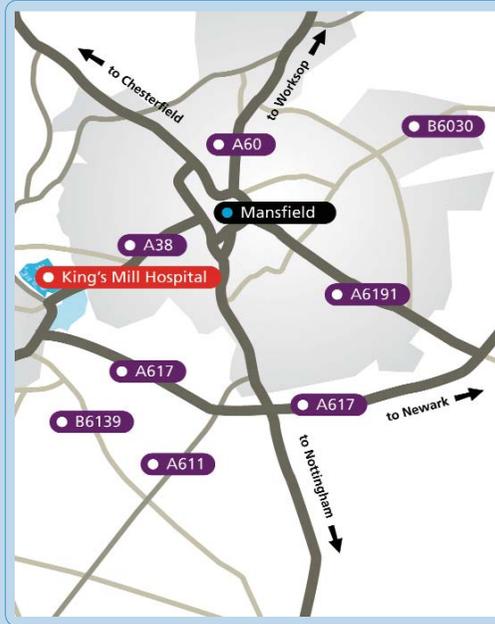
Direct Access to Audiology Services

Our department offers a direct access service for adults of all ages, paediatric patients with suspected hearing problems and adult patients with tinnitus.

- Adults with suspected hearing loss are assessed by fully qualified audiologists, who will recommend hearing aids where appropriate or other management if necessary. Referrals directly into ENT, MRI, Clinical Psychology can be arranged where necessary, providing a seamless service.
- Children with suspected hearing loss are assessed by the paediatric audiology team using evidence based, age appropriate assessment strategies. A seamless rehabilitation service is available to children identified with hearing impairment, comprising of multidisciplinary input from Audiology, ENT, Paediatrics, SaLT, Social Services and Education (through the Inclusion Support Service), where appropriate needs are identified.
- Adults with tinnitus can now be directly referred into our clinic following a recent pilot project run in conjunction with NHS Improvement. Historically, patients with tinnitus were referred into ENT, which often caused delays in access to the tinnitus clinic, impeding the management of the tinnitus. The new protocol-led direct access audiology tinnitus service pathway is for those patients who do not meet the red flag criteria for ENT referral. Modern tinnitus techniques, including counselling, provision of hearing aids or white noise generators and information on distraction techniques can be very effective and patients can learn to live with their condition.



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*Information guide to our services
for GPs*



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Introduction to our service

Our vision as a Trust is to provide the Best Care, by the Best People in the Best Place for all our patients. High quality care is our priority and Audiology Services provided by Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are delivered by well trained and enthusiastic audiologists who are keen to ensure that their patients receive the individual care they need. Services are offered at both King's Mill and Newark hospitals.

Our Audiology Services

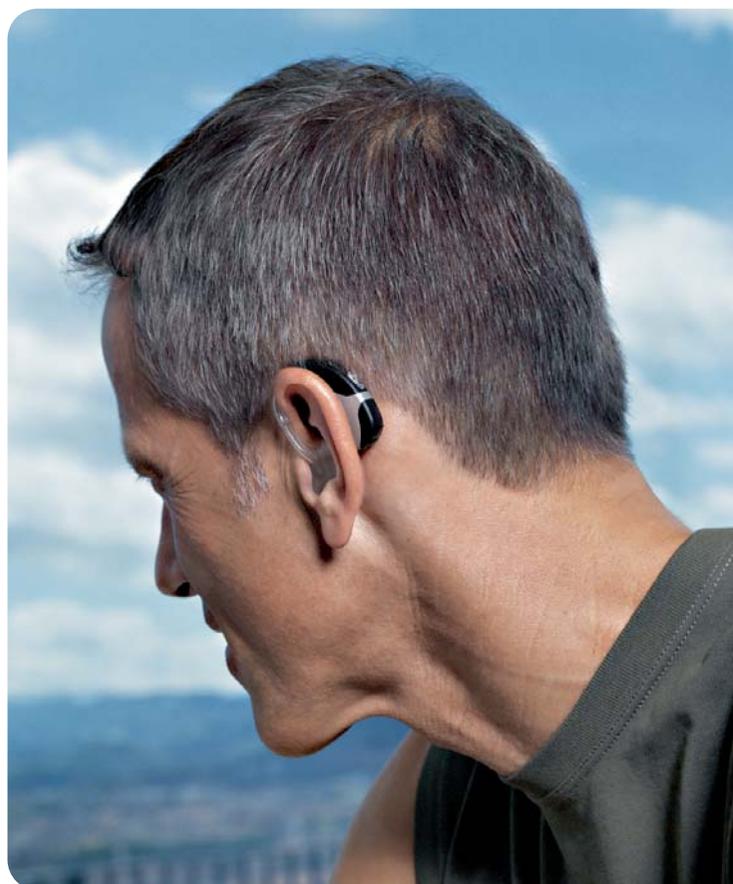
We offer a comprehensive audiology service for patients of all ages, with quality at the core of all our care pathways.

What we offer:

- A comprehensive NHS audiology service
- Waiting times of under 4 weeks for new assessments and reassessments
- Priority repair service for hearing aid breakdowns
- Lifetime aftercare and free batteries
- Proven high quality clinical outcomes and high patient satisfaction
- Seamless management of patients requiring additional services, including:
 - ENT services
 - Tinnitus management
 - Vestibular management
 - Complex hearing loss clinic
 - Service for adults with learning disabilities
 - Comprehensive paediatric service from neonatal screening to hearing aid provision and aftercare
 - Transition from paediatric to adult audiology service
 - Domiciliary visiting service

Choose and Book

All our direct access hearing services for both adult and paediatric patients are available on Choose and Book, as is our new direct access tinnitus service. This reduces the time between the decision to refer and assessment allowing patients to receive high quality care in the right place, by the right person and at the right time.



Hearing Aids

In the past few years, the quality of hearing aids offered on the NHS has improved significantly and NHS aids now offer technology to rival many aids available in the private hearing aid sector. Most models of hearing aid available on the High Street are easily matched by our NHS aids for technology and cosmetic appeal, all free of charge to the patient.

NHS hearing aids are fitted according to National Standards and are matched to the individual patient's hearing loss using Real Ear Measurement (REM) to ensure maximum benefit for the patient.



Nathos Micro in Silver



Yuu Moxi in Beige



Nathos M/SP

Actual sizes. Other colours available.