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# Hearing Support

Aberdeenshire Sensory Support Service

Educational Services for Children  
& Young People with a Hearing Loss



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Aberdeenshire Sensory Support Service is a peripatetic service staffed by:

- teachers who specialise in working with children and young people with a hearing loss. They are also qualified primary or secondary teachers
- support worker for early years who assists the hearing support teachers by working in the nursery
- communicators who support children and young people who use Sign to access the curriculum

### Who do we work with?

- babies, children and young people with a confirmed medical diagnosis of a hearing impairment, from birth to school leaving age
- parents/carers and families
- other agencies e.g. Health, Social Work, Cochlear Implant Team
- Third sector organisations



### Where do we provide support?

- in the home if the child is under three
- in nurseries and playgroups
- in any local authority school

### What do we do?

- assess and support the development of speech, language and communication skills
- assess a child's listening skills and then offer recommendations on how the child's needs can best be met
- provide information, practical help, and advice to promote inclusion
- provide support in the use of specialist resources to promote independence
- provide deaf awareness sessions
- support where a learner uses Sign
- monitor a learner's progress and provide reports
- attend meetings to review progress and plan for the future
- keep records while the child/young person is being supported by the service and, in line with legislation, for 7 years thereafter

### How do we do it?

- by providing specialised teaching and assessment
- by providing targeted teaching, where appropriate
- by supporting within the classroom
- by liaising closely with partners, including parents/ carers
- by keeping abreast of innovations and current legislation
- by promoting professional development amongst staff
- by raising awareness of what it means to be deaf
- by encouraging high expectations for our learners
- by contributing to pupil plans and risk assessments
- by sharing appropriate information with partner agencies



## Referrals to the Hearing Support Service

A referral can be made at any time by a parent/carer, Education or partner agency.

The manager of the service makes initial contact with parents/carers.

After parental consent has been received a member of the Hearing Support Team carries out an assessment to determine how the child's needs can be met.



All information concerning children/young people referred to the service is treated in strictest confidence.

### For further information please contact:

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<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/additional-support-needs/sensory-support-services/>

### Child Protection

In line with Authority policy, Sensory Support Service staff have a duty to share concerns regarding a child's safety with social work and/or the police.