

## Hearing Impaired Team

### What can you expect from the service area?

- Advice, guidance and INSET from the Qualified Teacher of the Deaf (QTOD) based on individual needs.
- INSET training is offered to schools, this can be delivered by the QTOD or Senior Support Officer.
- Tailor made INSET packs specific to the hearing loss.
- Liaison with the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo), class teachers and senior management teams.
- Support to upskill staff and build capacity in providing high quality teaching and ensure that children and young people can access the curriculum and learning.
- Advice to classroom teachers regarding classroom management, personal amplification, differentiation of work and preferred communication approach.
- Attendance at review meetings.
- Outreach support is determined using the NATSIP eligibility framework.
- Ongoing assessment of hearing is carried out at Children's Hearing Aid Clinic.
- QTODs provide feedback about aided pupils to schools after the child or young person has attended an appointment at the Children's Hearing Assessment Clinic.
- Advice on appropriate language based activities and communication development.
- Special arrangements – this may include in class support, the provision of specialist equipment, use of British Sign Language, examination access arrangements.
- Transition involves close liaison with the receiving school with extra visits.
- The local authority may provide specialist equipment – radio aids.
- Specialist staff provide ongoing support with a diagnosed hearing impairment, for example in class support, pre and post teaching, checking specialist equipment and ensuring access to curriculum.

## **How to access our expertise**

- The majority of children and young people will be known to the Hearing Impaired (HI) team due to early diagnosis by health professionals.
- Our team of specialist QTODs can be accessed via email or telephone.
- Parental consent is required before the HI team can become involved.
- Multi agency working with Health, Consultant Paediatrician, Cochlear Implant Team, Audiologist, specialist Speech and Language Therapist family and school is key to providing advice and support.
- QTODs are available to meet with parents and schools.
- Progress review meetings provide the opportunity for all professionals and families to plan together.
- If a pupil has a later onset hearing loss, schools can contact the QTOD for advice and guidance.
- HI team have links with charitable organisations such as National Deaf Children's Society – free resources are available.