

Audiology

The East Lancashire Hearing and Balance Service comprises of Adult and Paediatric Audiology. This well established department operating from modern, high quality facilities provides hearing and balance care for the local population.

What we do

We provide services for testing your hearing and fitting digital hearing aids, including aural rehabilitation where appropriate. We offer complex services including the investigation and rehabilitation of dizziness/balance problems and we also provide specialist care in tinnitus (noises in the head) and rehabilitation.

We have a specialist paediatric (children's) unit to assess hearing, diagnose hearing problems and look after children with a hearing problem.

Paediatric Audiology specialises in the assessment of hearing of babies and children from Newborn up to leaving full time education, the age of the latter depending on the needs of the young person.

We undertake a range of hearing tests depending on the age of the child. For children with a temporary hearing problem, that requires a medical opinion, onward referral to our Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) colleagues will be arranged.

Management of a hearing problem that requires hearing aid provision will be arranged locally, with onward referral to our Paediatrician for investigation in to the possible cause of the hearing loss.

Children with hearing aids will be seen at regular intervals for assessment and management. This well established, modern department has always been at the forefront of innovative ways of working and has been recognised by the Department of Health Action on ENT and Action on Audiology programmes. Examples of Innovation in practice include:

- Audiologist led grommet follow-up clinics
- Audiologist led wax removal with micro-suction
- Patient focus groups

Opening times

Monday	08:00 - 18:00
Tuesday	08:00 - 18:00
Wednesday	08:00 - 17:30
Thursday	08:00 - 18:00
Friday	08:00 - 18:00
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Additional information

Opening Times: The Audiology Department at Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital is open from 8.00am until 6.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and until 5.30pm on Wednesday.

The Audiology Department at St Peter's Centre, Burnley is open from 8.30am until 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

How to get an appointment

Adult Audiology

We have low waits for outpatient appointments. Your GP can arrange an appointment through the Choose and Book service for your hearing test.

*** Please note we do not offer hearing tests for age related hearing loss to patients 50 years and over.**

Paediatric Audiology

Referrals are accepted from any professional who has concern regarding a child's hearing. We also accept referrals from parents who have concerns about their child's hearing.

Referrals can be emailed to Paediatric Audiology via the secure departmental email system or via post.

Where to find us

Audiology Department, level 2 Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital

Audiology Department, level 6 St Peter's Centre, Burnley

Accrington Victoria Hospital Community Clinic

Barbara Castle Way Health Centre – Paediatric Audiology only

Darwen Health Centre – Adult Audiology only

Clitheroe Health Centre – Adult Audiology only

Yarnspinners Health Centre Nelson – Adult Audiology only

Great Harwood Health Centre – Adult Audiology only

Haslingden Health Centre – Adult Audiology only

Bacup Clinic – Adult Audiology only

The two main Audiology Departments are at the Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital and St Peter's Centre, Burnley.

Contact Us

For any general enquiries or advice about our services please telephone: 01254 734043 or 01282 805901