

## Southwark community learning disability health team

# Audiology (hearing) service



## An easy read guide

## Why do I need a hearing test?



Lots of people with learning disabilities have problems with their ears or their hearing.

You might not know whether or not your ears are working as they should.



If you have a learning disability, you should have a hearing test to make sure your ears are working properly.

## What does the audiology team do?

We can help you to look after your ears and keep them healthy.

We can test your hearing if:



- your ears hurt
- your ears leak
- your ears itch
- your ears make funny noises
- you have never had a hearing test before.

# How can the audiology team help me?



- We can talk to you and your carers about the best way to look after your ears.



- We can help you to see a special doctor at the hospital about your ears.



- We can help you to get a hearing aid from the hospital.



- We can help you to get special equipment so you can hear things better at home, like your doorbell or telephone.

# Who will I meet at my appointment?



This is BJ Martin. She is a member of the audiology team.

You can call the team.

**Phone:** 020 3049 7518

If you prefer, you can ask a friend, carer, or health professional to call the team for you.

## Other helpful information



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