

## Trying out tests to check your implant and hearing at home

We are doing a project to find out if we can use new tests to work out if you need to come to the cochlear implant centre or not. You would do these tests before you saw the audiologist next time, and we would ask you what you thought of the tests.

What is the study about?

Coming to the cochlear implant centre can cost a lot, and can mean time off school. We would like to have some tests that you could do at home. You could then send the results to the audiologist to check if you needed to come to the clinic or not.



The tests are like the ones you do in clinic: a hearing test, listening to numbers and saying what you hear, and checking your implant by connecting it to the computer. We would also ask you how you feel about your hearing, and take a photo of where your implant is, behind your ear. Some of the tests would be done on an iPad, and some on a computer.

When would I do the new tests?

You would do the new tests next time you come to the cochlear implant centre, just before you see the audiologist. It takes about half an hour, so you would need to come half an hour earlier than usual.

Do I have to do it?

No! You don't have to do the project at all – it is totally up to you and your parent/carer. Talk about it together. Even if you start the tests, you can stop any time without saying why. If you find any of the hearing tests too loud, just tell us.

How can I find out more?

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