

## Referring Children into Hearing Assessment Service

- The Hearing Assessment Service offers free hearing assessments in South Australia including Adelaide City, Noarlunga, Elizabeth and major country locations.
- In order to ensure that the most appropriate hearing assessment appointment is made for each child **we require a referral from a medical officer (e.g. General Practitioner, Ear Nose and Throat Specialist, Paediatrician, Neonatologist etc.)**.
- As our service is staffed by audiologists who are unable to medically treat any outer or middle ear infections, it is important that the child's outer and middle ear is assessed and managed as appropriate prior to making a referral for a hearing assessment
- In this way, families receive the most appropriate care in the simplest number of steps.
- Based on your assessment, families can then be referred to the most appropriate service. If you believe that their hearing needs assessment, completion of the attached referral form will ensure that children can be triaged appropriately with urgent cases seen quickly.
- As the majority of children currently seen for a hearing assessment, have normal hearing, we would like to provide a better match between need and a quick response. We greatly appreciate your opinion of the child's development and your advice to the parents/carers should you feel a hearing assessment not necessary. This enables HAS to see, the target population that potentially have a hearing loss.
- The hearing assessment service greatly appreciates the time spent following the new referral pathway and completing the attached referral form should a need for hearing assessment be indicated.

**Please Fax the completed referral from on (08) 8303 1640 or post to**

**Newborn and Children's Hearing  
295 South Terrace  
Adelaide SA 5000**

Should you have any questions please contact us on (08) 8303 1530

**Please Note:** Children who do not require a GP referral are those who have been referred from;

- Preschool hearing check
- Aboriginal Ear Health Projects
- CaFHS (country location only)
- Universal Newborn Hearing Screen
- Youth Training Centre
- External Audiology Services (i.e. FMC, WCH)

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### For more information

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