



Inclusion and Equality

Deaf Education and Hearing Support Service

Argyll and Bute Deaf Education and Hearing Support Service is staffed by a peripatetic teacher who specialises in supporting children and young people who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.

Who do we work with?

- babies, children and young people with a confirmed medical diagnosis of a deafness or hearing impairment from birth to school leaving age
- parents/carers and families
- staff in schools and nurseries
- other agencies e.g. Health, Educational Psychology, Social Work
- voluntary organisations e.g. NDCS, Deaf Action

Where do we provide support?

- in the home if the child is under three
- in nurseries and playgroups
- in any local authority school



What do we do?

- assess a child's hearing - make recommendations
- monitor a child's language - provide support and advice
- assess a child's acoustic environment
- provide support in the use of hearing assistive technology to promote independence and curriculum access
- advise and support staff in how to promote inclusion
- attend meetings to review progress and plan for the future
- deaf awareness training for class teachers, staff and pupils

How do we do it?

- by supporting within the classroom
- working one-to-one with a child
- liaising closely with staff and other agencies
- communicating with parents and carers
- keeping abreast of innovations and current legislation
- promoting professional development amongst staff
- sharing appropriate information with partner agencies

Referrals

Most of our referrals come from audiology with a parent/carers agreement. We then make initial contact with parents/carers and school to ascertain how we can best support and take action accordingly.

Referrals can be accepted from school. In such cases, a check is made to establish that there is a requirement for intervention.

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