

## Practice Service Briefing

### GP Direct Referral Audiology Clinic 16+ years Starts 5 January 2015

<b>What is it?</b>								
<p>It has been agreed to extend the scope of the 60 years + pathway for Bilateral hearing loss and rehabilitative treatment to include patients who are 16 years and above.</p> <p>This pathway is adapted from Map of Medicine Sensorineural hearing loss direct referral audiology pathway (16-60) years and follows the British Academy of Audiology guidelines for referral to Audiology of Adults with Hearing Difficulty (2009)</p>								
<b>What is NOT included?</b>								
<p>A set of contraindications (Red Flags) for adult direct referral to Audiology from either primary care or intra-hospital consultant pathways. These are:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>History</th> <th>Otoscopy</th> <th>Audiometry</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persistent pain affecting either ear</li> <li>Discharge</li> <li>Sudden hearing loss or deterioration</li> <li>Fluctuating hearing loss</li> <li>Unilateral/asymmetrical/distressing tinnitus</li> <li>Abnormal auditory perceptions (Dysacusis)</li> <li>Vertigo</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete or partial obstruction or ear canal or with wax</li> <li>External or middle ear infection</li> <li>Perforated eardrum(s)</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conductive hearing loss</li> <li>Unilateral or asymmetrical sensorineural hearing loss</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If any of these apply then the patient is not suitable for direct access audiology clinic and will need to be referred through to ENT.</p>			History	Otoscopy	Audiometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persistent pain affecting either ear</li> <li>Discharge</li> <li>Sudden hearing loss or deterioration</li> <li>Fluctuating hearing loss</li> <li>Unilateral/asymmetrical/distressing tinnitus</li> <li>Abnormal auditory perceptions (Dysacusis)</li> <li>Vertigo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete or partial obstruction or ear canal or with wax</li> <li>External or middle ear infection</li> <li>Perforated eardrum(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conductive hearing loss</li> <li>Unilateral or asymmetrical sensorineural hearing loss</li> </ul>
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<b>What is included – the scope of the service?</b>								
<p><b>In scope</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For IHT only</li> <li>▪ Patients 16 years and above</li> </ul>								
<b>How does it work?</b>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referral form to be completed</li> <li>• This referral form should be completed and submitted via Choose and Book</li> <li>• When referring a patient please ensure that the patients' ears are free of wax</li> <li>• The pathway will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial assessment and audiogram to confirm bilateral hearing loss</li> <li>○ Discuss hearing aids, environmental aids and assistive devices</li> <li>○ If hearing aid is needed, hearing aid will be fitted</li> <li>○ If hearing aid is not required, reassurance plus advice given and patient discharged</li> <li>○ A hearing aid review within 10 weeks</li> <li>○ Aftercare</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Locations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients can be seen at a number of locations which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ipswich Hospital</li> <li>○ Felixstowe Hospital</li> <li>○ Stowmarket Surgery</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Two further locations may become available shortly.</p>								
<b>Start date</b>								
This service will start on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015								
<b>Contact details</b>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alison Sadler <a href="mailto:Alison.sadler@ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk">Alison.sadler@ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk</a> Tel: 01473 770291</li> <li>▪ GP lead – Dr Imran Qureshi</li> </ul>								

**GP DIRECT REFERRAL AUDIOLOGY  
CLINIC 16+ years**

Patient Information		GP Information	
Name:		GP Name:	
Address:		Practice address:	
Tel (Home):		Tel:	Fax:
(Mbl):		Referral date:	
NHS no:	DoB:	Referrer name:	
Gender:	UBRN	Referrer signature:	

**If any questions below are answered Yes then the patient is not suitable for direct access audiology clinic. Please ensure that patients' ears are clear of wax  
This form should be completed and submitted via Choose and Book**

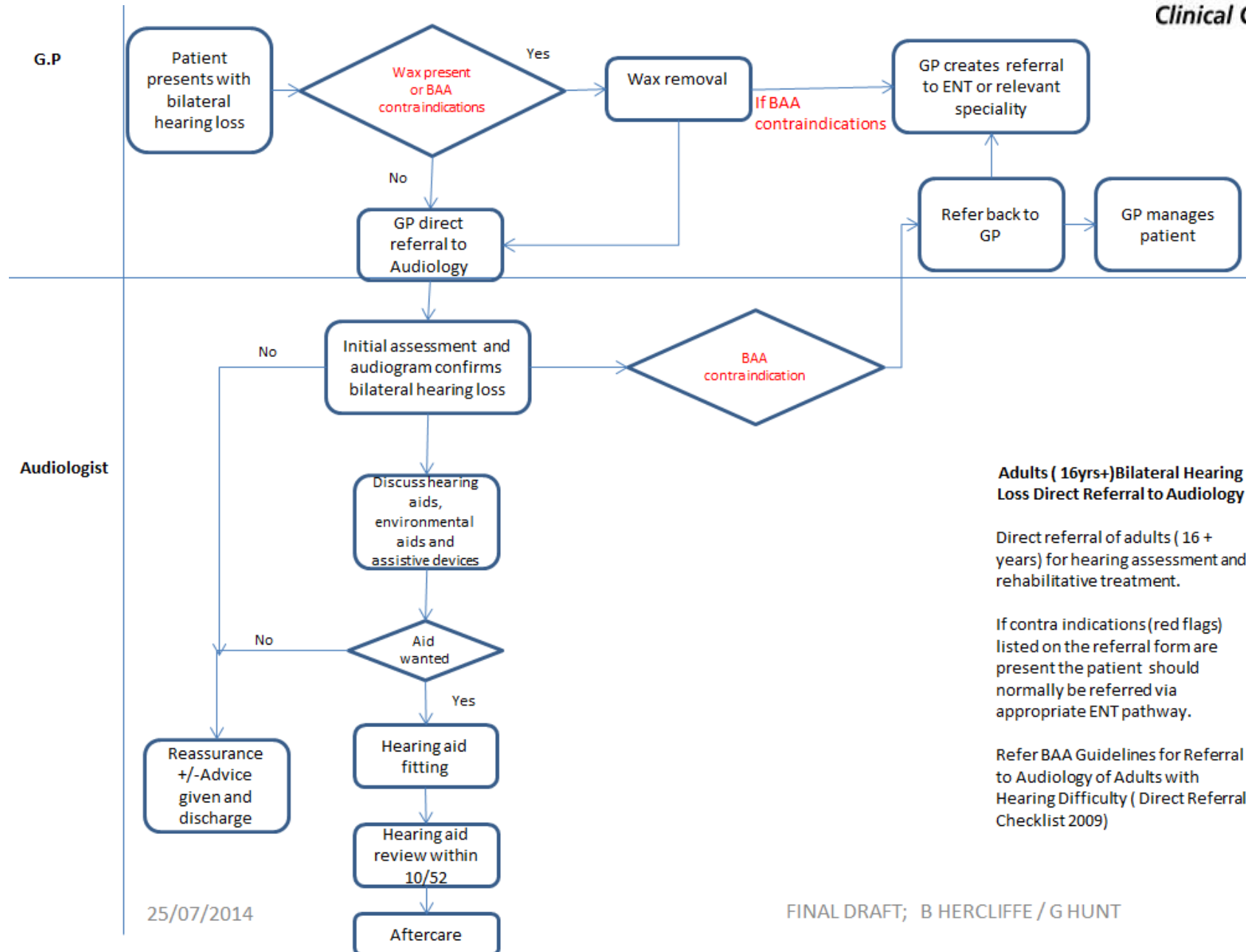
<b>History</b>	
Persistent pain affecting either ear	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sudden hearing loss or deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fluctuating hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unilateral/asymmetrical/distressing tinnitus	<input type="checkbox"/>
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External or middle ear infection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perforated eardrum(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Audiometry</b>	
Conductive hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unilateral or asymmetrical sensorineural hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please tick if none of the above apply**

	<b>Ipswich Hospital</b>
	<b>Felixstowe Hospital</b>
	<b>Stowmarket Surgery</b>

Interpreter required

Language needed .....



**Adults ( 16yrs+)Bilateral Hearing Loss Direct Referral to Audiology**

Direct referral of adults ( 16 + years) for hearing assessment and rehabilitative treatment.

If contra indications (red flags) listed on the referral form are present the patient should normally be referred via appropriate ENT pathway.

Refer BAA Guidelines for Referral to Audiology of Adults with Hearing Difficulty ( Direct Referral Checklist 2009)