

## Patient information factsheet

# A visit to the hearing clinic at the Royal South Hants hospital

**This sheet provides information about the audiology clinic. It is a story you and your child can read together and talk about. Your child will play some of the games in the story, but not all of them. We hope this story will prepare you and your child for an enjoyable visit to our clinic.**

When baby Lucy had a hearing check, she did not seem to hear all the sounds that were played.

Richard's parents have to talk louder so he can hear them. He likes the TV turned up loud.

Sara has had lots of earaches. At pre-school she doesn't always hear what her teacher says.

Baby Lucy, Richard and Sara have each been invited to visit the hearing clinic. What will it be like?

A friendly team of audiologists will meet each of the children at the clinic when it's their turn to visit. Baby Lucy, Richard and Sara will all play special games that tell the audiologists how well they can hear.



*Sara is wearing headphones. She has to put a ball on the wooden peg every time she hears a whistle through the headphones. She has to listen very carefully because some of the whistles are very quiet. Sara gets all the balls on the pegs! Now she is ready for another game.*

*One of the audiologists puts some small toys on the table in front of Sara. The audiologist puts her hand over her mouth and quietly says the name of one of the toys. Sara must listen very carefully, and point to that toy. Next, the audiologist says the name of a different toy and Sara must point to that one. Sara has done lots of listening today!*



*When Richard visits the clinic he plays a different game. He has to put one of the little men in the boat every time he hears a whistling sound. This whistle comes from a speaker nearby. Sometimes children wear headphones to hear the whistles, like the ones Sara had on. Richard has fun playing this game.*

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*At baby Lucy's trip to the hearing clinic she sits on her mum's knee, watching the audiologist in front of her. She hears a whistling sound, and when she looks, she sees colourful lights or a toy dancing. Some older children, like Richard, still like this game. When they hear a whistling sound, they might see TV clips.*

*Some of the whistles will be loud, but others will be very quiet. The audiologist is watching to see which sounds baby Lucy turns to. When baby Lucy has finished playing the games the audiologist uses a special torch to see into her ears. Sometimes this tickles!*

*Then the audiologist tells Lucy's mum and dad how well she can hear, and lets them know if she will need to come back for some more games.*



*The audiologist will also check Sara and Richard's ears before talking to their parents at the end of each of their visits.*

*The children had lots of fun playing the games and they all did very well.*

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