

Hearing Loss in Adults



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5% of the world's population¹



HEARING LOSS AND AGEING



The prevalence in this age group is greatest in

South Asia, Asia Pacific and sub-Saharan Africa¹



HEARING LOSS AND WORK



Excessive noise exposure is a major avoidable cause of hearing loss worldwide¹



People living with hearing loss experience an unemployment rate that is

much higher



SPOTTING THE EARLY SIGNS

Turning up the volume on the TV



Regularly misunderstanding conversations



Early signs of hearing loss⁶

Often avoiding social situations



Regularly feeling tired or stressed



HEARING AND HEALTH

Exclusion from communication can have a significant impact on everyday life, causing

loneliness, isolation and frustration,

particularly among older people who have hearing loss⁴

Moreover, people with hearing loss are more likely⁵ to develop dementia by up to

five times



HEARING HELP

1 in 5 

people with hearing loss would benefit from a hearing aid or cochlear implant⁷

700

adults in the UK receive a hearing implant each year on average⁸



HearPeers Mentors provide a source of unbiased, real life stories, which give people an opportunity to truly understand the experience of living with a hearing implant.

Visit www.hearpeers.com/uk to get in touch with one of our Mentors.

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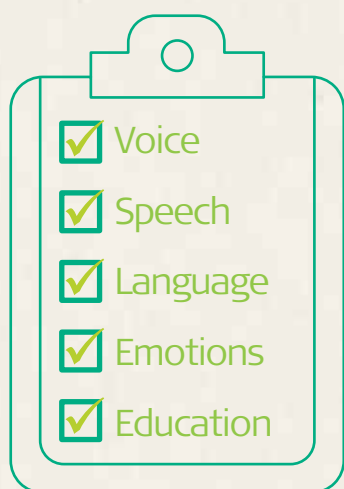
Hearing Loss in Children



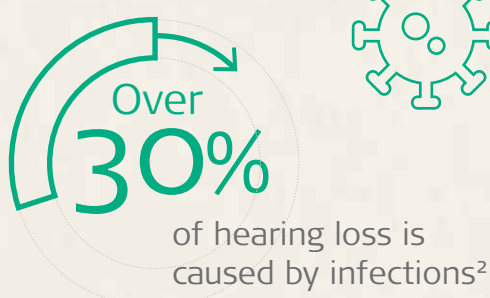
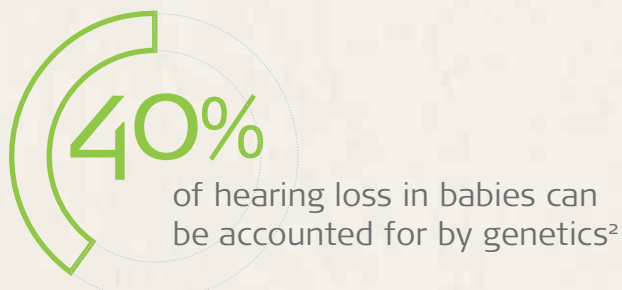
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Hearing health is an important factor in the development of:



CAUSES OF HEARING LOSS



KEY ELEMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH PERMANENT HEARING LOSS



DOES YOUR CHILD SHOW SIGNS OF HEARING LOSS?

Speak to your GP

Consult with an audiologist or ENT doctor

TREATMENT FOR HEARING LOSS

The sooner a child is identified as having hearing loss, the earlier he or she receives support²

Parents may choose to have their child use technology.

550 children in the UK receive a hearing implant each year on average³



The HearPeers Mentor Programme is an online support network. It enables parents struggling to decide what is best for their child to talk to hearing implant users whose children have undergone the process.

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