

**Primary care Guidelines**

**Hearing Problems in Children**

Concern about child’s hearing



**Management tips for children with grommets**

* Child can swim but no deep diving
* No difference in infection rates between swimmers and non-swimmers
* Persistent perforation occurs in <1% cases and further surgery may be required at a later stage
* Grommets should fall out in 6 to 9 months and the perforation heal concurrently

No

Yes

Normal tympanic membranes?

Refer to Local Paediatric Audiology Service

Health visitor/school testing not sufficient

Refer to ENT



Yes

No

Hearing test failed?

Reassure

Yes

No

Reassure

Refer to ENT

Hearing test failed?

Yes

No

Repeat hearing test will be arranged

Child aged <4 years?

Consider early referral to ENT if;

* Neonatal test was not done
* Definite or suspected delayed development milestones
* Parental concerns

Otherwise repeat hearing test will be arranged

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