

## How to contact us

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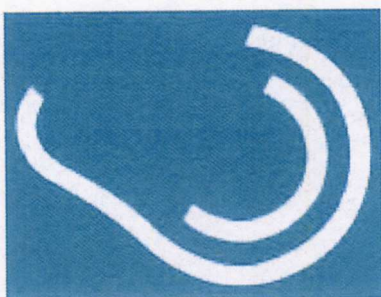
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South Eastern Health  
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## SENSORY SUPPORT SERVICE

## DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SUPPORT



**Promoting Independence**

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The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service provides a range of support to improve the quality of life for individuals who:

- Have a diagnosed hearing loss
- Are profoundly deaf
- Are sign language communicators (BSL or ISL)
- Have a dual hearing/visual loss.
- Have tinnitus.

The service is for people of all ages who are deaf or hard of hearing and their carers.

The Service is made up of:

- Team Leaders
- Social Workers
- Equipment Officers
- Community Support Workers.

### What sort of services are available?

- Advice and assistance about your hearing loss
- Develop contacts in the community to reduce isolation
- Provide opportunities to communicate in BSL or ISL
- Specialist equipment on the basis of assessed need
- Access to communication support eg. sign language, lip speaking, speech text
- Promote deaf awareness
- Support about employment, education and training needs
- Carer's Assessment
- Referral to other services.