

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the clinic or are unsure or concerned about any aspect, please contact us.

Contacting us

For further information, please contact us by:

- Telephone: 0161 232 4214/4215
- Mobile: 07870 986 972

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 08:30 - 16:30. Phone lines close at 15.30.

Out of these hours, you can leave a message on our answerphone

Our office is based at:

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Dr. Colm Madden is responsible for your child's care.

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Other languages

This leaflet can be produced in other languages on request. We can also provide the information in other formats including Braille, large print and audio CD. Please contact us if you require help.

Compliments and complaints

The **Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)** is a confidential service that provides help, advice and information for patients, families and carers. General information and advice about local NHS services are also available here.

We welcome all your feedback about the service and you can contact PALS at:

- **Email:** pals@mft.nhs.uk
- **Telephone:** 0161 276 8686

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Auditory Processing Disorder Clinic

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Your child has been referred to the Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) clinic

Some children have difficulties with listening or masking sense of the sounds they have heard. They usually struggle more when it is noisy around them or when spoken to at a distance.

It usually becomes more obvious when they start at school and struggle to listen in the classroom.

They will usually have seen us in a different clinic beforehand and their ears and hearing were tested and found to be normal.

Is there a cause for APD?

The cause in most children is unknown. There is no known cure for APD. It is a complex problem and is different in every child

Is APD associated with other issues?

Some children with APD can also have difficulties with other problems such as language impairment, dyslexia or ADHD.

Can the appointment be done closer to home?

We see children with APD at the Royal Manchester childrens hospital

We may not be able to change the venue for this appointment

How long will it take ?

We allow 90 minutes for the appointment – some children may be quicker; it depends on what needs to be done.

What will happen during the appointment?

We will take a detailed history about your child's listening and any other symptom associated with the problem.

We will ask you and your child to fill in a questionnaire to tell us how you feel about your child's listening and how APD affects them.

We will examine your child's ears and hearing to ensure that your child's hearing and ears are healthy and normal before starting testing.

APD tests depend on the age of the child and how much information we can get about their listening in different environments.

They usually involve your child wearing headphones and trying to make out what has been said to them.

What happens next?

We will discuss the results of the procedures/tests with you. We will write to you with this information and send a copy to anyone else involved in your child's care.

You will be able to go home afterwards.

Complications /Risks

Sometimes, children can find the testing difficult and get upset or struggle to complete the testing.

Further tests

Depending on results of the appointment, we may need to organise further tests for your child.

APD testing is quite long and it is better to do the tests over a few appointments to ensure that your child is happy and that the responses are accurate.

We will send a questionnaire to your child's school so we can get feedback from teachers as to what your child's listening is like in the classroom.

Outcomes

We may need to see you back in a future APD clinic to assess your child's progress or to go through the results of any feedback.

We may send advice sheets to school to help with listening in the classroom.

We may suggest different strategies to help with their listening and understanding

We may look at using technology such as personal FM systems or speaker systems in the classroom to help your child listen better in the presence of background noise.