

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the procedure 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: 07870986972

Email: mft.communityaudiology@nhs.net

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 08:30 - 16:30. Our phone lines close at 15.30pm.

Out of these hours, you can leave a message on our answerphone or send us an email

Our office is based at:

**Moss Side Health Centre,
Monton Street,
Moss Side,
Manchester,
M14 4GP**

Dr. Colm Madden will be 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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Your child has been referred to the Microsuction clinic

What is microsuction?

Microsuction is the removal of wax/infection/debris/foreign body from the ear using a suction tube/instrument while the doctor/audiologist uses a microscope to check that this is safe and successful. Sometimes, we use water to syringe/flush out the ear canal.

Why does my child need microsuction?

Your child is troubled by wax / infection / debris / foreign body in his/her ear. It has been recommended for this to be treated.

My child is using ear drops – Should I continue?

If it has been recommended for your child to use ear drops (olive oil or sodium bicarbonate for example), please continue to use them until you are seen in the clinic

How long will it take?

We allow 40 minutes for the appointment – some children may be quicker; it depends on what needs to be done.

Can it be done closer to home?

Unfortunately, Withington Hospital is the only centre that has all the necessary equipment and facilities.

What will happen during the appointment?

We will meet you in the Children's Outpatients in Withington Community Hospital.

Your child will be brought to a room with a microscope and a couch to lie on.

The doctor/audiologist will sit on one side and the parent will sit on the other, facing their child.

The doctor/audiologist will examine each ear with the microscope. He/she will then discuss with you and your child what treatment needs to be done.

We will then swop sides to examine and treat the other ear.

It's very important for your child to stay still during the procedure, to avoid being hurt.

What happens next?

After the procedure, your child may need to have a hearing test done. This will be done straight away. We will discuss the results of the procedure/tests with you.

If your child needs a prescription to treat their ears, this will be provided to you at the appointment.

If your child needs new ear moulds (for hearing aids or swim moulds), this will be done at the same time.

You will be able to go home straightaway afterwards.

Outcomes / Complications / Risks

Some children may find the noise distressing and may not be able to tolerate the procedure fully.

If your child becomes distressed during the procedure, we will stop it straightaway and only resume if you and your child are happy to proceed.

Sometimes the wax is too hard to remove successfully and you may need to come back.

Some ear infections may need to be treated regularly until the infection has gone.

Very occasionally, some children may feel a little bit dizzy afterwards for a short period of time. Your child will rest on the couch until everything has come back to normal.