## **Local University/College Disability Officers**

**Liverpool Hope** 0151 291 3427 **University of Liverpool** 0151 794 5863 **Liverpool John Moore** 0151 231 3164/3165 **Edgehill University** 01695 584190 **Hugh Baird College** 0151 353 4444

# **Useful Post 16 Education** information is available on the internet from Voluntary **Organisations such as:**

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) www.ndcs.org.uk

Offers a host of information, advice and guidance ranging from communication devices to social groups for various age ranges.

Action on Hearing Loss (RNID) www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/

#### Merseyside Society for Deaf People

Provide support and guidance to promote independent living and offer help and advice from social service support, interpreter services and various courses.

#### **Contact Details**

Queens Drive Retail Park West Derby, Liverpool L13 0DJ Telephone No: 0151 228 0888 Email: reception@msdp.org.uk

#### Work

#### **Access to Work Adviser**

The Access to Work scheme provides support for you and your employer. The scheme is run by JobCentre Plus and provides funding to assist with the extra support costs which may arise because of your needs. Support can include assessment and advice on special aids or adaptations to the workplace such as text phone or amplified phones, vibrating fire alarm pagers, radio aids, etc.

#### **Contact Details Telephone:**

0800 121 7479

Texttalk: 0800 121 7579

www.jobcentrenearme.com/access-to-work/atwosu.

london@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

A Disability Employment Adviser can offer an assessment of occupational skills and abilities; help with job applications and approaches

to employers; training and employment opportunities. They are based in your local job centre.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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**Paediatric to Adult Audiology Transition Leaflet** (Alder Hey)

Are you...

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When you reach 18 we will no longer provide care for your hearing and hearing devices at Alder Hey, you will be transitioned to your local adult audiology service who will continue your care.

This pack has been put together so you have all the relevant information you will need to help you as you transition to adult services with this process.

# The Transition process, what will happen next?

Around your 16th birthday when you attend for your annual review the Audiologist will start to talk with you about the transition preparation and what this entails so you are confident and ready to move to the adult service when you are 18 years of age. Over the next few years the audiologist or Doctor will discuss the cause of your hearing impairment (if known), the details of your hearing impairment and the possible future impact this may have on working and learning. We will discuss which adult audiology department could provide your care. Once you have turned 18 we will refer you to your chosen adult service and you will receive an appointment with them. A member of the Alder Hey audiology team will be in attendance at your first appointment, to support you. Until you have been seen by the adult service you will remain under the care of Alder Hev.

## **Local Adult Audiology Departments**

**Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundations Trust** 

Audiology Department Elective Care Centre Lower Lane

Liverpool L9 7AL **Telephone:** 0151 529 0328

The Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen Hospitals NHS Trust

Audiology Department Broadgreen Hospital Alexandra Wing Liverpool L14 1QB

Telephone: 0151 706 2533

**Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust** 

Audiology Department
Southport and Formby District General Hospital
Town Lane, Kew
Southport, PR8 6PN

**Telephone:** 01704 547471

# Differences between Adult & Paediatric Audiology departments

The main difference when attending the adult service is there will be no routine/annual appointment for hearing tests and hearing aid checks. It is up to yourself to contact the hospital and arrange an appointment to attend for maintenance of the hearing aid, repairs, new impressions or if you feel your hearing has changed. You will be informed how to do this and given contact details at your initial appointment at the Adult service.

### **The Future**

Leaving school is a big life change and sometimes problems can arise. Remember you are not on your own. There are many sources of support available, some of which are documented in this leaflet.

Think ahead about what might make life easier if you meet any challenges at home, work or in further education.

### **Going to University or College?**

Contact your local College/University learning support team who will be able to advise and assess you for additional equipment and any support you might need such as Radio aid, FM systems, note taker, lip speaker, sign language interpreter, and communication support worker.

This may help with lectures, small group work, tutorials etc.

