

## **Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) Clinic at Great Ormond Street Hospital Referral Criteria & further information**

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### **Who is suitable to be referred?**

1. Minimum Age: Developmental, cognitive, speech and language age 7 yrs at least.  
Maximum age: 16 yrs at the time of the appointment i.e. should not be older than 15 ½ yrs at the time of referral (for older patients: Contact Dr Doris Bamiou at the Neuro-otology Department, Royal National Throat, Nose & Ear Hospital, 330 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8DA).
2. There should be suspicion of APD by Educational & Healthcare professionals such as teachers, speech and language therapists, educational or clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, ENT surgeons, Paediatricians or audiologists or the GP (please refer to BSA APD information & Guidelines (<http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-groups/group-apdi/>)).
3. The child should have normal hearing thresholds in both ears with normal middle and inner ear functions – demonstrated by audiology assessment within 3 months of referral (please attach results with referral)

**Exclusions:** We do not accept children with

- Untreated ADD/ADHD
- Autism except Asperger's
- Severe speech and language disorder
- Cognitive delay (e.g. Down syndrome, certain chromosomal abnormalities) (Non verbal IQ should not be below 85)

### **Who can refer:**

1. Patients from England and Wales
  - **GPs:** GPs can refer if they attach a copy of the report suggesting an assessment by an audiologist, ENT surgeon, psychologist or speech & language therapist, with evidence of normal hearing (please see additional notes below).
  - **Hospital or Community Consultants:** We also accept tertiary referrals as long as there is a suspicion of APD, and there is evidence of normal hearing and normal peripheral auditory system (please see exclusions)
2. Patients from Scotland, Northern Ireland and Channel Islands:
  - Only Consultant referrals are accepted when other criteria mentioned in the document are met.

### **Please note:**

4. If there is language, phonological, cognitive or other developmental problems these must be assessed first and relevant reports must be attached to the referral as the above can adversely affect the outcome of the APD tests making interpretation difficult.
5. It is a prerequisite for children referred to the APD clinic that these children have reached a developmental age, language abilities and maturity adequate to complete the complex audiological test battery.

**We reserve the right to accept or reject referrals based on the information provided by the referrer.**

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