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**Hearing Impairment
Team**

Sign Up



Who are we?

The Hearing Impairment Team (part of Social & Community Services) is a centrally funded, countywide support service comprising Hearing Impairment specialist workers.

We provide advice and training to children and young people and their parents on a range of issues that are relevant to hearing loss.

What's important to us (our values)?

We work in partnership to secure good outcomes and positive futures for children and young people.

Our aim is that children and young people with a hearing impairment make good progress, achieve well and develop physical, practical and social skills to promote enjoyment of

school, family and community life.

What is Sign Up?

Sign Up is designed to help families develop the sign communication they need to support their child's language and communication development.

Sign Up sessions are family focussed, fun and friendly. Emphasis is on developing the family's sign language skills appropriate to the age and needs of the child.

Who is Sign Up for?

Sign Up is intended for children with a hearing impairment and their families, along with their formal and informal carers.

What do we do?

Once we receive a referral we will contact you to talk through what

types of sign communication your family would like and if there are any particular topics you would like included.

A tutor is identified to provide the family's preferred signing approach. Other family and friends can be included in this.

We work jointly with the child or young person, taking their views, wishes and experiences into consideration.

How do we do it?

The initial aim is for a family to receive 10 hours of support, usually arranged in 10 separate visits. Times are negotiated to meet the needs of the family and the tutor. A resource pack will be provided to the family.

After a family has time to consolidate learning we will offer a review where more sessions can be considered.