

Audiology - The Hearing Centre



Information for Patients

Why Does
My Aid
Whistle?



Why does my aid whistle?

Whistling hearing aids can be very annoying and upsetting. The high pitched sound is feedback from the hearing aid, caused by amplified sound escaping from your ear canal.

What makes it worse?

Wax (most common cause)

- Blocking the ear canal prevents sound from travelling into the ear
- Needs to be removed - see your Audiologist or GP

Ill-fitting earpiece (mould or slim tube)

- Earpiece not inserted correctly
- Earpiece loose - see your Audiologist

Tubing

- Blockage of tube
- Tubing coming loose or very hard - see your Audiologist

Volume

- Aids on full volume can create feedback
- Turn the volume down or see your Audiologist to why you need it so high

Aid covered

- A cap or covering the aid can cause feedback

Notes



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If you require an interpreter, please ask an appropriate person to contact our department on **0161 922 6381** to arrange this for you

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