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This statistical bulletin presents information on hearing aid assessments and re-assessments by audiologists in Northern Ireland for the quarter ending 30 September 2007. Information has been derived from the quarterly collection AUD1 and monitors information on both adults and children fitted and assessed for hearing aids during the quarter, complaints received, and cost of aids issued. In addition, the return monitors complete and incomplete waits for assessment during the quarter and the length of time patients were waiting or had waited following referral to an audiologist (specified time bands).

Key Findings

Patients Fitted:

- 3,355 patients were fitted with a digital hearing aid or analogue hearing aid during the quarter ending 30 September 2007 (3,205 digital hearing aids and 150 analogue hearing aids).
- Of the 3,355 patients fitted during the quarter, three-fifths (2,025) were new patients.
- Belfast HSC Trust had the highest number of patients fitted with hearing aids during the quarter (1,101), 866 in the South Eastern HSC Trust, 552 in the Southern HSC Trust, 495 in the Northern HSC Trust, and 341 in the Western HSC Trust.
- During the quarter, 1,963 existing clients were issued with digital hearing aid replacements or fixes (*To avoid double counting, patients issued with replacement aids/parts or fixes are not included in the information above*).

Patients Assessed:

- 2,030 new and 1,199 existing patients were assessed for hearing aids during the quarter ending 30 September 2007. Of these, 63 adults were assessed as unsuitable for a hearing aid.

Cost of Hearing Aids:

- During the quarter ending 30 September 2007, 5,275 aids were issued across the four Boards at a total cost of £354,137.

Complaints Received:

- No complaints were reported by Audiology Departments in Northern Ireland during the quarter ending 30 September 2007.

Completed Waiting Times:

- 3,513 patients had their hearing aid assessment/ re-assessment¹ completed during the quarter ending 30 September 2007.
- Of these 3,513 patients, 87% had been waiting less than 3 months from referral to Audiology Department until the aid was fitted and 13% had been waiting 3 to 6 months. 11 patients had been waiting more than 6 months.

Incomplete Waiting Times:

- At 30 September 2007, 917 patients were waiting for their hearing aid assessment/ re-assessment² to be completed.
- The highest proportion (91%) of these patients were waiting less than 3 months and 9% were waiting for 3 to 6 months.

¹ Completed waiting times for hearing aid assessment/ re-assessments are counted from the date the referral is received by the Audiology Department until the aid is fitted.

² Incomplete waiting times refer to patients who have been referred to the Audiology Department who have not yet been fitted with their aid. Waiting times in this case are counted from the date referral is received until the end of the quarter.

Note to Editors

1. Data is collected on the AUD1 quarterly return, which provides the DHSSPS with aggregate data on children and adults assessed and re-assessed for hearing aids in Northern Ireland.
2. The information presented for the quarter ending 30 September 2007, is based on data reported by 12 audiologists, working in the following Hospital/ Community Trusts; Royal Group of Hospitals, Belfast City Hospital, Mater Hospital, Ulster Community & Hospital, Laganvalley Hospital, Downe Hospital, Causeway/ United Hospitals, Daisy Hill Hospital, Craigavon Area Hospital, Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust, Altnagelvin Hospital, and Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust.
3. The information in this bulletin is presented according to HSC Trusts, and is based on the location of the Hospitals/ Trusts, and not where the client lives, i.e. a client from Northern HSC Trust may be seen in the Royal but their details will be included in the Belfast HSC Trust.
4. Symbols used:

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	numbers												percentage
	Belfast HSC Trust		Northern HSC Trust		South Eastern HSC Trust		Southern HSC Trust		Western HSC Trust		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
Total Patients Fitted with a Hearing Aid During the Quarter													
All Patients Fitted	1,101	1,295	495	415	866	758	552	459	341	385	3,355	3,312	1%
Digital Hearing Aid	1,082	1,277	490	404	774	720	535	441	324	359	3,205	3,201	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	19	18	5	11	92	38	17	18	17	26	150	111	35%
Child Patients Fitted	63	57	4	10	4	4	4	13	4	4	79	88	-10%
Digital Hearing Aid	63	57	4	9	4	4	4	13	4	3	79	86	-8%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-100%
Adult Patients Fitted	1,038	1,238	491	405	862	754	548	446	337	381	3,276	3,224	2%
Digital Hearing Aid	1,019	1,220	486	395	770	716	531	428	320	356	3,126	3,115	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	19	18	5	10	92	38	17	18	17	25	150	109	38%
New Patients Fitted with a Hearing Aid													
New Patients Fitted	566	664	428	355	444	470	398	337	189	209	2,025	2,035	0%
Digital Hearing Aid	566	664	428	355	439	461	398	337	189	209	2,020	2,026	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	0	5	9	-44%
New Child Patients Fitted	10	9	4	9	2	4	4	11	3	3	23	36	-36%
Digital Hearing Aid	10	9	4	9	2	4	4	11	3	3	23	36	-36%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
New Adult Patients Fitted	556	655	424	346	442	466	394	326	186	206	2,002	1,999	0%
Digital Hearing Aid	556	655	424	346	437	457	394	326	186	206	1,997	1,990	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	0	5	9	-44%
Existing Patients Fitted with a Hearing Aid													
Existing Patients Fitted	535	631	67	60	422	288	154	122	152	176	1,330	1,277	4%
Digital Hearing Aid	516	613	62	49	335	259	137	104	135	150	1,185	1,175	1%
Analogue Hearing Aid	19	18	5	11	87	29	17	18	17	26	145	102	42%
Existing Child Patients Fitted	53	48	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	56	52	8%
Digital Hearing Aid	53	48	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	56	50	12%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-100%
Existing Adult Patients Fitted	482	583	67	59	420	288	154	120	151	175	1,274	1,225	4%
Digital Hearing Aid	463	565	62	49	333	259	137	102	134	150	1,129	1,125	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	19	18	5	10	87	29	17	18	17	25	145	100	45%
Patients Fitted with Digital Hearing Aid Replacements 1													
Patients Issued with Replacements 1	403	292	582	536	372	124	331	207	275	225	1,963	1,384	42%
Child Patients Fitted with Digital Hearing Aid Replacements	38	13	21	24	2	4	29	21	13	4	103	66	56%
Adult Patients Fitted with Digital Hearing Aid Replacements	365	279	561	512	370	120	302	186	262	221	1,860	1,318	41%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Table A.2: Patients Assessed for a Hearing Aid during Quarter, by Type of Aid, Patient Type and Outcome of Assessment

	numbers												percentage
	Belfast HSC Trust		Northern HSC Trust		South Eastern HSC Trust		Southern HSC Trust		Western HSC Trust		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Patients Assessed													
All Patients Assessed	1,095	1,294	489	621	886	733	495	520	264	309	3,229	3,477	-7%
All Adults Assessed for a Digital Hearing Aid	1,027	1,245	487	612	878	721	490	506	260	306	3,142	3,390	-7%
All Children Assessed for a Digital Hearing Aid	68	49	2	9	8	12	5	14	4	3	87	87	0%
New Patients Assessed													
New Patients Assessed	632	728	382	433	449	466	351	385	216	224	2,030	2,236	-9%
Adult Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	603	717	365	401	437	457	321	342	213	220	1,939	2,137	-9%
Child Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	15	1	2	9	2	4	4	12	3	3	26	29	-10%
Adult Patients Assessed as Unsuitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	14	10	15	23	8	5	26	31	0	1	63	70	-10%
Child Patients Assessed as Unsuitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-
Total Adult Patients Assessed for a Digital Hearing Aid	617	727	380	424	445	462	347	373	213	221	2,002	2,207	-9%
Total Child Patients Assessed for a Digital Hearing Aid	15	1	2	9	4	4	4	12	3	3	28	29	-3%
Existing Patients Assessed													
Existing Patients Assessed	463	566	107	188	437	267	144	135	48	85	1,199	1,241	-3%
Adult Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	410	518	107	188	433	259	143	133	47	85	1,140	1,183	-4%
Child Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	53	48	0	0	4	8	1	2	1	0	59	58	2%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Table B.1: Number of Aids Issued during Quarter, by Expenditure on these Aids

	numbers												percentage
	Belfast HSC Trust		Northern HSC Trust		South Eastern HSC Trust		Southern HSC Trust		Western HSC Trust		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Aids Issued													
Total Number of Aids Issued	1,252	1,484	1,073	951	1,238	882	1,096	956	616	610	5,275	4,883	8%
Adults receiving Digital Hearing Aids	1,170	1,409	1,047	907	1,140	836	1,056	909	582	577	4,995	4,638	8%
Adults receiving Analogue Hearing Aids	19	18	5	10	92	38	20	18	17	25	153	109	40%
Children receiving Digital Hearing Aids	63	57	21	33	6	8	20	29	17	7	127	134	-5%
Children receiving Analogue Hearing Aids	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-100%
Total Cost of Aids Issued													
Total Cost of Aids Issued during Quarter (,000's)	79.3	£98.9	£72.6	£56.4	£102.2	£76.7	66.3	£60.3	£33.8	£39.3	354.1	£331.5	-
Cost for Adult Digital Hearing Aids (,000's)	73.4	£94.5	£70.1	£51.4	£100.0	£73.5	64.2	£57.6	£32.1	£37.2	339.8	£314.2	-
Cost for Adult Analogue Hearing Aids (,000's)	£0.6	£0.6	£0.5	£0.9	£1.3	£2.2	£0.9	£0.8	£0.9	£1.5	£4.2	£6.0	-
Cost for Child Digital Hearing Aids (,000's)	£5.3	£3.8	£2.0	£4.0	£0.8	£1.0	£1.2	£1.8	£0.8	£0.5	£10.1	£11.1	-
Cost for Child Analogue Hearing Aids (,000's)	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.1	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.1	£0.0	£0.1	-
Average Cost of Aids Issued													
Average Cost per Aid	£63.3	£66.6	£67.6	£59.3	£82.5	£86.9	£60.5	£63.1	£54.9	£64.4	£67.1	£67.9	-
Average Cost of Adult Digital Hearing Aid	£62.7	£67.1	£67.0	£56.7	£87.8	£87.9	£60.8	£63.4	£55.1	£64.5	£68.0	£67.7	-
Average Cost of Adult Analogue Hearing Aid	£30.3	£32.5	£95.0	£89.0	£14.6	£57.2	£47.1	£46.2	£52.6	£60.0	£27.6	£54.9	-
Average Cost of Child Digital Hearing Aid	£84.1	£66.1	£95.0	£120.0	£132.0	£127.0	£58.1	£63.1	£49.8	£77.1	£79.5	£82.9	-
Average Cost of Child Analogue Hearing Aid	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£89.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£50.0	-	£69.5	-

Source: AUD1 Survey

Table C.1: Completed Waits for Hearing Aid Assessments and Re-Assessments during Quarter ending 30 September 2007¹

	numbers												percentage % Change since last quarter
	Belfast HSC Trust		Northern HSC Trust		South Eastern HSC Trust		Southern HSC Trust		Western HSC Trust		Northern Ireland		
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Completed Waits	1,082	1,277	486	395	1,137	867	484	496	324	359	3,513	3,394	4%
Less than 3 months	990	1,125	486	395	801	435	461	389	324	359	3,062	2,703	13%
3 to 6 months	83	143	0	0	336	358	21	85	0	0	440	586	-25%
6 to 12 months	9	9	0	0	0	52	2	22	0	0	11	83	-87%
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	22	-100%
Completed Waits for Children	63	57	0	0	5	8	4	9	4	3	76	77	-1%
Less than 3 months	63	57	0	0	5	8	4	9	4	3	76	77	-1%
3 to 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Completed Waits for Adults	1,019	1,220	486	395	1,132	859	480	487	320	356	3,437	3,317	4%
Less than 3 months	927	1,068	486	395	796	427	457	380	320	356	2,986	2,626	14%
3 to 6 months	83	143	0	0	336	358	21	85	0	0	440	586	-25%
6 to 12 months	9	9	0	0	0	52	2	22	0	0	11	83	-87%
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	22	-100%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Table C.2: HSC Trust Analysis of Completed Waits for Hearing Aid Assessments and Re-Assessments during Quarter ending 30 September 2007¹

	numbers											
	Belfast HSC Trust		Northern HSC Trust		South Eastern HSC Trust		Southern HSC Trust		Western HSC Trust		Northern Ireland	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Completed Waits	1,082	100	486	100	1,137	100	484	100	324	100	3,513	100
Less than 3 months	990	91	486	100	801	70	461	95	324	100	3,062	87
3 to 6 months	83	8	0	0	336	30	21	4	0	0	440	13
6 to 12 months	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Completed Waits for Children	63	100	0	-	5	100	4	100	4	100	76	100
Less than 3 months	63	100	0	-	5	100	4	100	4	100	76	100
3 to 6 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
12 months or more	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Completed Waits for Adults	1,019	100	486	100	1,132	100	480	100	320	100	3,437	100
Less than 3 months	927	91	486	100	796	70	457	95	320	100	2,986	87
3 to 6 months	83	8	0	0	336	30	21	4	0	0	440	13
6 to 12 months	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: AUD1 Survey

¹ Completed waiting times for hearing aid assessment / re-assessments are counted from the date the referral is received by the Audiology Department until the aid is fitted.

Table C.3: Incomplete Waits for a Hearing Aid Assessment/ Re-Assessment at 30 September 2007¹

	numbers												percentage
	Belfast HSC Trust		Northern HSC Trust		South Eastern HSC Trust		Southern HSC Trust		Western HSC Trust		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Incomplete Waits	266	300	87	99	290	397	176	224	98	147	917	1,167	-21%
Less than 3 months	258	294	86	70	227	171	162	216	98	147	831	898	-7%
3 to 6 months	7	6	1	24	63	127	14	8	0	0	85	165	-48%
6 to 12 months	1	0	0	4	0	56	0	0	0	0	1	60	-98%
12 months or more	0	0	0	1	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	44	-100%
Incomplete Waits for Children	6	3	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	12	5	140%
Less than 3 months	6	3	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	12	5	140%
3 to 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Incomplete Waits for Adults	260	297	87	99	288	396	174	223	96	147	905	1,162	-22%
Less than 3 months	252	291	86	70	225	170	160	215	96	147	819	893	-8%
3 to 6 months	7	6	1	24	63	127	14	8	0	0	85	165	-48%
6 to 12 months	1	0	0	4	0	56	0	0	0	0	1	60	-98%
12 months or more	0	0	0	1	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	44	-100%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Table C.4: HSC Trust Analysis of Incomplete Waits for a Hearing Aid Assessment/ Re-Assessment at 30 September 2007¹

	numbers											
	Belfast HSC Trust		Northern HSC Trust		South Eastern HSC Trust		Southern HSC Trust		Western HSC Trust		Northern Ireland	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Completed Waits	266	100	87	100	290	100	176	100	98	100	917	100
Less than 3 months	258	97	86	99	227	78	162	92	98	100	831	91
3 to 6 months	7	3	1	1	63	22	14	8	0	0	85	9
6 to 12 months	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Completed Waits for Children	6	100	0	-	2	100	2	100	2	100	12	100
Less than 3 months	6	100	0	-	2	100	2	100	2	100	12	100
3 to 6 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
12 months or more	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Completed Waits for Adults	260	100	87	100	288	100	174	100	96	100	905	100
Less than 3 months	252	97	86	99	225	78	160	92	96	100	819	90
3 to 6 months	7	3	1	1	63	22	14	8	0	0	85	9
6 to 12 months	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: AUD1 Survey

¹ Incomplete waiting times refer to patients who have been referred to the Audiology Department who have not yet been fitted with their aid. Waiting times in this case are counted from the date referral is received until the end of the quarter.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Patients Fitted with Hearing Aids during Quarter, by Type of Aid, Patient Type and HSS Board ¹

	numbers										percentage
	EHSSB		NHSSB		SHSSB		WHSSB		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
Total Patients Fitted with a Hearing Aid During the Quarter											
All Patients Fitted	1,967	2,053	495	415	552	459	341	385	3,355	3,312	1%
Digital Hearing Aid	1,856	1,997	490	404	535	441	324	359	3,205	3,201	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	111	56	5	11	17	18	17	26	150	111	35%
Child Patients Fitted	67	61	4	10	4	13	4	4	79	88	-10%
Digital Hearing Aid	67	61	4	9	4	13	4	3	79	86	-8%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	-100%
Adult Patients Fitted	1,900	1,992	491	405	548	446	337	381	3,276	3,224	2%
Digital Hearing Aid	1,789	1,936	486	395	531	428	320	356	3,126	3,115	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	111	56	5	10	17	18	17	25	150	109	38%
New Patients Fitted with a Hearing Aid											
New Patients Fitted	1,010	1,134	428	355	398	337	189	209	2,025	2,035	0%
Digital Hearing Aid	1,005	1,125	428	355	398	337	189	209	2,020	2,026	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	-44%
New Child Patients Fitted	12	13	4	9	4	11	3	3	23	36	-36%
Digital Hearing Aid	12	13	4	9	4	11	3	3	23	36	-36%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
New Adult Patients Fitted	998	1,121	424	346	394	326	186	206	2,002	1,999	0%
Digital Hearing Aid	993	1,112	424	346	394	326	186	206	1,997	1,990	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	-44%
Existing Patients Fitted with a Hearing Aid											
Existing Patients Fitted	957	919	67	60	154	122	152	176	1,330	1,277	4%
Digital Hearing Aid	851	872	62	49	137	104	135	150	1,185	1,175	1%
Analogue Hearing Aid	106	47	5	11	17	18	17	26	145	102	42%
Existing Child Patients Fitted	55	48	0	1	0	2	1	1	56	52	8%
Digital Hearing Aid	55	48	0	0	0	2	1	0	56	50	12%
Analogue Hearing Aid	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	-100%
Existing Adult Patients Fitted	902	871	67	59	154	120	151	175	1,274	1,225	4%
Digital Hearing Aid	796	824	62	49	137	102	134	150	1,129	1,125	0%
Analogue Hearing Aid	106	47	5	10	17	18	17	25	145	100	45%
Patients Fitted with Digital Hearing Aid Replacements ¹											
Patients Issued with Replacements ¹	775	416	582	536	331	207	275	225	1,963	1,384	42%
Child Patients Fitted with Digital Hearing Aid Replacements	40	17	21	24	29	21	13	4	103	66	56%
Adult Patients Fitted with Digital Hearing Aid Replacements	735	399	561	512	302	186	262	221	1,860	1,318	41%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Appendix 2: Patients Assessed for a Hearing Aid during the quarter, by Type of Aid, Patient Type and HSS Board

	numbers										percentage
	EHSSB		NHSSB		SHSSB		WHSSB		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Patients Assessed											
All Patients Assessed	1,981	2,027	489	621	495	520	264	309	3,229	3,477	-7%
All Adults Assessed for a Digital Hearing Aid	1,905	1,966	487	612	490	506	260	306	3,142	3,390	-7%
All Children Assessed for a Digital Hearing Aid	76	61	2	9	5	14	4	3	87	87	0%
New Patients Assessed											
New Patients Assessed	1,081	1,194	382	433	351	385	216	224	2,030	2,236	-9%
Adult Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	1,040	1,174	365	401	321	342	213	220	1,939	2,137	-9%
Child Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	17	5	2	9	4	12	3	3	26	29	-10%
Adult Patients Assessed as Unsuitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	22	15	15	23	26	31	0	1	63	70	-10%
Child Patients Assessed as Unsuitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-
Total Adult Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	1,062	1,189	380	424	347	373	213	221	2,002	2,207	-9%
Total Child Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	19	5	2	9	4	12	3	3	28	29	-3%
Existing Patients Assessed											
Existing Patients Assessed	900	833	107	188	144	135	48	85	1,199	1,241	-3%
Adult Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	843	777	107	188	143	133	47	85	1,140	1,183	-4%
Child Patients Assessed as Suitable for a Digital Hearing Aid	57	56	0	0	1	2	1	0	59	58	2%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Appendix 3: Number of Aids Issued during Quarter, by Expenditure on these Aids and HSS Board

	numbers										percentage
	EHSSB		NHSSB		SHSSB		WHSSB		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Aids Issued											
Total Number of Aids Issued	2,490	2,366	1,073	951	1,096	956	616	610	5,275	4,883	8%
Adults receiving Digital Hearing Aids	2,310	2,245	1,047	907	1,056	909	582	577	4,995	4,638	8%
Adults receiving Analogue Hearing Aids	111	56	5	10	20	18	17	25	153	109	40%
Children receiving Digital Hearing Aids	69	65	21	33	20	29	17	7	127	134	-5%
Children receiving Analogue Hearing Aids	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	-100%
Total Cost of Aids Issued											
Total Cost of Aids Issued during Quarter (,000's)	£181.4	£175.5	£72.6	£56.4	£66.3	£60.3	£33.8	£39.3	£354.1	£331.5	-
Cost for Adult Digital Hearing Aids (,000's)	£173.4	£168.0	£70.1	£51.4	£64.2	£57.6	£32.1	£37.2	£339.8	£314.2	-
Cost for Adult Analogue Hearing Aids (,000's)	£1.9	£2.8	£0.5	£0.9	£0.9	£0.8	£0.9	£1.5	£4.2	£6.0	-
Cost for Child Digital Hearing Aids (,000's)	£6.1	£4.8	£2.0	£4.0	£1.2	£1.8	£0.8	£0.5	£10.1	£11.1	-
Cost for Child Analogue Hearing Aids (,000's)	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.1	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.1	£0.0	£0.1	-
Average Cost of Aids Issued											
Average Cost per Aid	£72.9	£74.2	£67.6	£59.3	£60.5	£63.1	£54.9	£64.4	£67.1	£67.9	-
Average Cost of Adult Digital Hearing Aid	£75.1	£74.8	£67.0	£56.7	£60.8	£63.4	£55.1	£64.5	£68.0	£67.7	-
Average Cost of Adult Analogue Hearing Aid	£17.3	£49.3	£95.0	£89.0	£47.1	£46.2	£52.6	£60.0	£27.6	£54.9	-
Average Cost of Child Digital Hearing Aid	£88.3	£73.6	£95.0	£120.0	£58.1	£63.1	£49.8	£77.1	£79.5	£82.9	-
Average Cost of Child Analogue Hearing Aid	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£89.0	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	£50.0	-	£69.5	-

Source: AUD1 Survey

Appendix 4: Completed Waits for Hearing Aid Assessments and Re-Assessments during Quarter ending 30 September 2007 by HSS Board ¹

	numbers										percentage
	EHSSB		NHSSB		SHSSB		WHSSB		Northern Ireland		% Change since last quarter
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Completed Waits	2,219	2,144	486	395	484	496	324	359	3,513	3,394	4%
Less than 3 months	1,791	1,560	486	395	461	389	324	359	3,062	2,703	13%
3 to 6 months	419	501	0	0	21	85	0	0	440	586	-25%
6 to 12 months	9	61	0	0	2	22	0	0	11	83	-87%
12 months or more	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	-100%
Completed Waits for Children	68	65	0	0	4	9	4	3	76	77	-1%
Less than 3 months	68	65	0	0	4	9	4	3	76	77	-1%
3 to 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Completed Waits for Adults	2,151	2,079	486	395	480	487	320	356	3,437	3,317	4%
Less than 3 months	1,723	1,495	486	395	457	380	320	356	2,986	2,626	14%
3 to 6 months	419	501	0	0	21	85	0	0	440	586	-25%
6 to 12 months	9	61	0	0	2	22	0	0	11	83	-87%
12 months or more	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	-100%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Appendix 5: HSS Board Analysis of Completed Waits for Hearing Aid Assessments and Re-Assessments during Quarter ending 30 September 2007 ¹

	numbers									
	EHSSB		NHSSB		SHSSB		WHSSB		Northern Ireland	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Completed Waits	2,219	100	486	100	484	100	324	100	3,513	100
Less than 3 months	1,791	81	486	100	461	95	324	100	3,062	87
3 to 6 months	419	19	0	0	21	4	0	0	440	13
6 to 12 months	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Completed Waits for Children	68	100	0	-	4	100	4	100	76	100
Less than 3 months	68	100	0	-	4	100	4	100	76	100
3 to 6 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
12 months or more	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Completed Waits for Adults	2,151	100	486	100	480	100	320	100	3,437	100
Less than 3 months	1,723	80	486	100	457	95	320	100	2,986	87
3 to 6 months	419	19	0	0	21	4	0	0	440	13
6 to 12 months	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: AUD1 Survey

¹ Completed waiting times for hearing aid assessment / re-assessments are counted from the date the referral is received by the Audiology Department until the aid is fitted.

Appendix 6: Incomplete Waits for a Hearing Aid Assessment/ Re-Assessment at 30 September 2007, by HSS Board ¹

	numbers										percentage % Change since last quarter
	EHSSB		NHSSB		SHSSB		WHSSB		Northern Ireland		
	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	
All Incomplete Waits	556	697	87	99	176	224	98	147	917	1,167	-21%
Less than 3 months	485	465	86	70	162	216	98	147	831	898	-7%
3 to 6 months	70	133	1	24	14	8	0	0	85	165	-48%
6 to 12 months	1	56	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	60	-98%
12 months or more	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	-100%
Incomplete Waits for Children	8	4	0	0	2	1	2	0	12	5	140%
Less than 3 months	8	4	0	0	2	1	2	0	12	5	140%
3 to 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Incomplete Waits for Adults	548	693	87	99	174	223	96	147	905	1,162	-22%
Less than 3 months	477	461	86	70	160	215	96	147	819	893	-8%
3 to 6 months	70	133	1	24	14	8	0	0	85	165	-48%
6 to 12 months	1	56	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	60	-98%
12 months or more	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	-100%

Source: AUD1 Survey

Appendix 7: HSS Board Analysis of Incomplete Waits for a Hearing Aid Assessment / Re-Assessment at 30 September 2007 ¹

	numbers									
	EHSSB		NHSSB		SHSSB		WHSSB		Northern Ireland	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All Incomplete Waits	556	100	87	100	176	100	98	100	917	100
Less than 3 months	485	87	86	99	162	92	98	100	831	91
3 to 6 months	70	13	1	1	14	8	0	0	85	9
6 to 12 months	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incomplete Waits for Children	8	100	0	-	2	100	2	100	12	100
Less than 3 months	8	100	0	-	2	100	2	100	12	100
3 to 6 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
6 to 12 months	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
12 months or more	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Incomplete Waits for Adults	548	100	87	100	174	100	96	100	905	100
Less than 3 months	477	87	86	99	160	92	96	100	819	90
3 to 6 months	70	13	1	1	14	8	0	0	85	9
6 to 12 months	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
12 months or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: AUD1 Survey

¹ Incomplete waiting times refer to patients who have been referred to the Audiology Department who have not yet been fitted with their aid. Waiting times in this case are counted from the date referral in received until the end of the quarter.

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