

Some of the other people who may be involved in your child's care are:

ENT Consultant: A doctor who specialises in ear, nose and throat. They are involved in the diagnosis of type of hearing loss and any ongoing medical treatment or investigations relating to the ears.

Advisory Teachers of the Deaf: They offer guidance on a range of issues appropriate for your child's age and needs from birth to 19 years of age. They provide regular support for children with a moderate, severe or profound hearing loss but they can also offer advice to others. They may visit you and your child at home, nursery, or school to provide regular support.

Speech and Language Therapist: They help children with communication skills – developing speech or other communication systems.

Paediatrician: A doctor who sees children and ensures they receive appropriate diagnosis and treatment. They help to identify the underlying cause of the hearing loss through examination and history taking and other appropriate investigations.

Ophthalmologist: A doctor who specialises in assessing the eye.

Geneticist: A doctor who specialises in investigating the genetic cause of a disability.

Social Worker: They can provide practical help and advice about counselling, transport, home help, obtaining equipment and other services.

School SENCo: They coordinate provision within a school for children with additional needs including hearing loss to help them access learning.