

## The BAHA System: How and Why is it fitted, a Multi-Disciplinary Approach.

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### Objective

- To share the MDT pathway of BAHA Service Delivery
- Who and why we fit BAHA at RNENT & ED
- How our service delivery communicates with local specialist teams to support families

### Discussion

Over 150 patients have trialled the BAHA on a softband. They have varied aetiology. The Multi-disciplinary team see the patients at the initial and the follow-up appointment.

In most cases the children are still using the softband BAHA system. All children in showed benefit of aided responses.

A high percentage of local authorities in London use NatSIP eligibility criteria in order to classify needs of children with a sensory impairment in their area. Contact with local services supports this. It also ensures that families, young people and schools are supported:

- To manage, maintain and care for the device appropriately
- To Ensure retention of the device
- And most importantly ensure children wear their BAHA system throughout their school day

Feedback from parents, patients and local specialist teams are generally positive.

### Conclusions

Sensory teams have different policies for children who receive softband BAHA devices, in some cases have limited experience of the range of devices and why they have been fitted. A discussion about who we fit aims to support ToDs and QToDs in their understanding. It also enables us to hear from local services the challenges they face with such devices.