



BATOD and BAEA

Joint policy statement on taking earmould impressions

Educational Audiologists and Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People may take earmould impressions subject to the following conditions:

- The task is clearly listed in a service level agreement between health and education (sensory service).
- This task is contained in their job description.
- The service/establishment which employs them has a current policy detailing guidance and procedures for the task.
- The service/establishment maintains an up-to-date risk assessment detailing potential risks associated.
- There is an established arrangement for processing and paying for the earmoulds.
- Their employer (local authority or other employer) has current appropriate insurance cover for this procedure.
- They have received and satisfactorily completed ear examination and age-appropriate impression training from an accredited otoscopy and impression training provider and conform to British Society of Audiology (BSA) standards and guidelines (see [the BSA website](#)).
- They have obtained written parental/carer consent to the procedure, and where the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) has been incorporated into domestic law (eg Scotland), the rights of the child with evolving capacity are considered and respected.

Professional associations membership

[BATOD](#) is the only professional association for QToDs in the UK and [BAEA](#) is the only professional association for Educational Audiologists in the UK. The associations advocate for the interests of QToDs and Educational Audiologists respectively, and the deaf babies, children and young people they support, engaging with governments and key agencies at national and regional levels. BATOD and BAEA provide ongoing professional support through continuing professional development (CPD) opportunities, as well as national and regional meetings. These initiatives ensure members have access to current information, resources, and best practice guidance. The associations offer a joint membership for qualified Educational Audiologists and those undertaking the Educational Audiology qualification.