

## Looking after hearing aids – where to buy things to help

Hearing aids need looking after or they won't work.

At least once a day, the hearing aids and ear moulds should be checked to make sure that:

- the battery in the hearing aid is still working
- the tubing is not blocked with wax or bubbles of water
- the tip of the earmould (the part that goes down the hole in the ear) is not blocked with wax
- the left earmould is connected to left hearing aid and the right earmould is connected to the right hearing aid. The right hearing aid will have a red marker on it, the left a blue marker and the earmould will only fit in the ear it has been made for.
- the earmould is clean all over and free from wax

Below are some things which could be used help check that the hearing aids are working and the ear moulds are clean. You may not want to buy anything at all as you already have a good way of looking after the hearing aids. You may want to talk to your Teacher of the Deaf before buying anything.

Unfortunately, you are not able to buy these things directly from EHV. A list of possible suppliers is shown over the page. Some suppliers can be found locally and many more can be found on the internet. If buying on line, please remember to think about postage and packing costs.



Air ball blower / puffer

To blow condensation out of the earmould tubing

*Approximate cost £5.00*



Hinged type stetoclip

To listen to the hearing aid to see if it is working

*Approximate cost £7.00*



Hearing aid batteries

These are provided free of charge to NHS patients. Families are given a list of all the places where they can get batteries from



or



Tub of 100 Wipes  
bactericidal cleansing tissues

To clean earmoulds and equipment. This type of wipe is more effective than normal antibacterial wipes

*Approximate cost: £6.00*

Box of 25 sachets  
bactericidal cleansing tissue

To clean earmoulds and equipment. This type of wipe is more effective than normal antibacterial wipes

*Approximate cost: £5.00*



Wax tool

To clean earmoulds

(can use a bent paperclip)

*Approximate cost: £2-£4*



Drying beaker  
(to be used with a drying capsule in the bottom)

Hearing aids are put in a beaker with a drying capsule to dry out the earmould and hearing aid

Approximate cost: £2-£3



Drying capsules  
(sit in the bottom of the drying beaker under the basket)

Approximate cost: £5 for 6 reusable tablets



Hearing aid care pack.  
Packs from different manufacturers will have different things in them. This particular pack does not include a stetaclip.

Approximate cost £12.00 +

Prices correct Sept 2021

There are lots of websites selling equipment for looking after hearing aids and for developing independence. Some are shown below. The EHV does not have any connection to any of the companies shown below and takes no responsibility for items ordered.

**Here are some websites which have things for looking after hearing aids:**

[www.connevans.co.uk](http://www.connevans.co.uk)

[www.amplifon.com](http://www.amplifon.com)

[www.phonak.com](http://www.phonak.com)

[www.bootshearingcareshop.com](http://www.bootshearingcareshop.com)

[www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/shop](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/shop)

[www.deafequipment.co.uk](http://www.deafequipment.co.uk)

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

**If you would like any help or more information, please speak to your Teacher of the Deaf.**