



**SCOTTISH
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Cochlear Implant Adult Switch On

Information about your
switch on appointment



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Key Facts:

- You can bring a friend or family member to your appointment.
- If you need an interpreter please tell us so we can arrange one.
- If you have any questions you can ask them at your appointment, or contact us directly.

Before your appointment:

- Please read the information in the switch-on pack.



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“Switch on” is when your cochlear implant is activated and your equipment is set up. It is the first time you hear sound through the implant.

What to expect?

A switch on appointment is with a Clinical Scientist and takes 2-3 hours.

First we check your wound and a magnet is fitted.

Your processor is connected to the computer but you will not hear anything at first.

Quiet beeps will start to be played and you will be asked to say when you hear them. Louder beeps will then be played and you will be asked to say when they are loud. This will be repeated many times. If you hear nothing at first do not worry.

When the measurements are finished the Scientist will switch the processor on. They will tell you before this happens. It may sound very strange and it may take a long time before the sounds start to make sense. You can find out more about experiences of switch on our website.



At the end of the appointment you will be shown how to look after the equipment and how to charge/change the batteries. You will be asked to wear your processor all waking hours and will be given advice on how to get the most benefit from your implant (this is known as rehabilitation).

Adult Rehabilitation

- Learning to listen with your cochlear implant can take time. Some people may gain benefit straight away, particularly with lip reading, others may require more time and dedicated practice.
- To help you adjust and achieve your listening goals you will receive Rehabilitation support from a specialist Speech and Language therapist.
- At the end of your switch on appointment you will receive a 'Rehabilitation Starter Pack'. This pack encourages you to listen to a variety of different sounds and wear your processor as much as possible to support your early listening progress. It also includes communication strategies which you may find helpful when speaking with others.
- You will have a minimum of two individual rehabilitation appointments. The first one will be one week after your switch on



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What happens next?

Your next appointment will be 1 week after your switch on. It will include programming (checking your cochlear implant settings and also rehabilitation).

If you have any problems with your settings or your equipment please contact us before your next appointment.



Additional Information

Getting to Crosshouse Hospital

For information about travel to Crosshouse Hospital, please visit www.nhsaaa.net/services/hospitals/university-hospital-crosshouse/

Finding the Cochlear Implant department

We are located on the ground floor of Crosshouse Hospital. Follow signs for the Cochlear Implant Department (not Audiology). As you enter the main door of the hospital, turn left and then right (you pass the shop, then a café). You will get to a corridor that looks like a picture gallery. We are on the left side of this corridor. There is a sign at the door - 'Raj Singh Cochlear Implant Unit'.

Travel expenses

You may be entitled to help with travel costs for your appointments. Please contact us before your appointment if you would like more information. Please keep your appointment letter and any travel tickets/receipts if you plan to apply for reimbursement of travel costs.

Accommodation

If you need to travel a long way to reach Crosshouse we may be able to provide hotel accommodation. Please contact us to find out more about this.



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