



**SCOTTISH  
COCHLEAR IMPLANT  
PROGRAMME**

# **Cochlear Implant Child Switch On**

Information about your child's  
switch on appointment



# Your Child's Switch On

## Key Facts:

- Both parents can attend the 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.
- You are welcome to film and take photos at the switch on.

## Before your appointment:

- You will complete a video call with your Rehab Advisor to talk about what to expect and go through the equipment.
- Have a look at the YouTube videos that will have been sent over so you have an idea of how the equipment works.
- Download the app and create an account.



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

## What to expect?

A switch on appointment is with your Rehab Advisor and a Clinical Scientist. It will take around 2 hours.

First we will check your child’s wound and fit a magnet. There is no sound.

A yellow pod may be attached to the processor so that it can be connected to our computer via bluetooth. The child will not hear anything yet.

Quiet beeps will start to be played. You may hear these in the room. The sound you hear is not the same sound your child can hear. It is there to let the Rehab Advisor know when the implant is being stimulated. The beeps will gradually get louder for your child. If you can hear them in the room the volume will not change. We look for a sign that your child has heard the beep. This can take some time. They may hear nothing at first, do not worry this is normal. This process will be repeated many times.



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When the measurements are finished the Scientist will switch the processor on. They will tell you before this happens. You are allowed to take pictures or videos. 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 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 encourage your child to wear their processor/s for all waking hours and will be given advice on how to get the most benefit from the implant.

You can look at our website for advice on things to do to practice listening at home.

### **What happens next?**

The next appointment is a programming appointment and will be 1 week after switch on.

If there are any problems with the settings or the equipment please contact us before the next appointment.



# Additional Information

## Getting to Crosshouse Hospital

For information about travel to Crosshouse Hospital, please visit [www.nhs.uk/services/hospitals/university-hospital-crosshouse/](http://www.nhs.uk/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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