

Important Safety
Information

Listening equipment can be very loud. Always start at a lower volume and gradually increase it. Avoid having it louder than you need it to be.

If you are concerned about your hearing, talk to your GP or audiologist.

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Assistive Listening
Devices
(ALDs)

Personal
Listeners

The Royal Wolverhampton 
NHS Trust

There are a range of devices specifically designed to assist individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

They are sometimes referred to as personal listeners or conversation aids

They are designed to amplify sounds so that you can hear conversations in a variety of situations e.g.

- At home
- At work
- Watching TV
- Using a telephone

Appearance

You can wear personal listeners whether or not you wear hearing aids. The type of equipment you choose will depend on the level of your hearing loss.



A basic model will include

1. An amplifier
2. A volume control
3. A microphone
4. Headphones or a hearing aid

However depending on what it is used for, the appearance of a personal listener might differ somewhat to the basic model.

Headphones

A range of different headphones can be used in conjunction with your personal listener:

- Earphones
- Stetoclips-look like normal earphones but are more powerful
- Neckloops- a loop of wire that connects to the headphone socket on your ALD to be worn with hearing aids on the Loop setting
- Earhooks- similar to a neck loop, except positioned alongside the hearing aid instead