**Children with Sensory Impairments:**

**Review of the services of the Allied Health Professions**

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**Overview**

We would be grateful to hear from you if you are:

* a young person with a hearing and/or visual impairment living in Northern Ireland (up to 18 years old)\*
* the parent or carer of a young person with a hearing and/or visual impairment living in Northern Ireland
* **a professional working with children and young people with hearing and/or visual impairment in Northern Ireland**

Please complete the following survey to tell us what you think of the support currently being provided by the Allied Health Professions. There are 10 questions in this survey, and it should take around 20 minutes to complete. If you are a child or young person, you can ask an adult to help you complete the survey if you wish.

The Public Health Agency (PHA) is carrying out a review of the services of the [Allied Health Professions](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/allied-health-professional-groups) (AHPs) for children and young people up to 18 years-old with visual, hearing or multisensory impairments. There are 13 Allied Health Professions in total, but those most directly involved in supporting children and young people with sensory impairment are Occupational Therapists, Orthoptists, Physiotherapists and Speech and Language Therapists.

**Why we are consulting**

The survey aims to ensure that the needs of children and young people who have a hearing or visual impairment are taken into consideration in this review of services provided to them.

The results of this survey will be incorporated anonymously into the review report which will be shared with the Department of Health and colleagues in the Health and Social Care Trusts with a view to improving services.

Completion of the survey is not compulsory and by completing it you consent to the information you provide being included in the review. Your information will only be held for as long as necessary to complete the review and will then be disposed of in accordance with our policy on records management and disposal (Good Management Good Records).

\*We are using the term ‘hearing impairment’ to refer to all types of hearing loss and deafness from mild to profound. We are using the term ‘visual impairment’ to refer to people who are partially sighted and who are blind.

**Who you are**

1. Are you...?

(Required – mark the appropriate box with an X)

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|  | Child or young person with hearing, visual or multisensory impairment. |
|  | Parent or carer of a child or young person with hearing, visual or multisensory impairment.  |
|  | Professional working with a child or young person with hearing, visual or multisensory impairment. |

**A bit more about you...**

2. This survey is anonymous, but the information below will help us to identify needs in different age groups and areas. (Required)

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| Age range of children worked with |  |
| Trust Area  |  |

3. What type of sensory impairment do the children you work with have?

(Required – mark the appropriate box with an X)

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|  | Hearing impairment  |
|  | Visual impairment  |
|  | Dual / multisensory impairment  |
|  | All of the above |

4. Do the children you work with have any other additional needs?

Please briefly state what these are, and provide any other background information that you think we need to know.

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5. What is your professional/work role? E.g. speech and language therapist, qualified teacher for visual impairment, class teacher, community and voluntary sector organisation family support worker, etc.

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**Your feedback on the services of Allied Health Professions**

Please answer the following questions on your experience of the services of [Allied Health Professions](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/allied-health-professional-groups) for children with hearing and/or visual impairments.

(For reference, the Allied Health Professions are Occupational therapists, Orthoptists, Physiotherapists, Speech and language therapists, Art therapists, Dramatherapists, Music Therapists, Dietitians, Orthotists, Prosthetists, Podiatrists, Radiographers, and Paramedics.

6. Do you have any comments or feedback on [Allied Health Professional](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/allied-health-professional-groups) services for children with sensory impairments?

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7. Do you feel anything could be improved about these services as provided to children with sensory impairments?

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8. Do you have any comments or feedback on any other health services provided to children with hearing and/or visual impairments?

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**Conclusion**

9. Is there anything else you would like to add?

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10. If you would like to discuss these services in person, please provide your name, contact email address and phone number below.

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| Name |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone number |  |

By completing this survey you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results anonymously. Information provided by respondents to this survey will be held and used for the purposes of the administration of this current exercise and subsequently disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation.