

Adult audiology department

Open-fitting hearing aids

Information for patients, relatives and carers

This leaflet is aimed at patients who have been fitted with hearing aids with a thin tube. Please read the information below to help you to look after your hearing aids.



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- The tube should **never** be used without a dome (the grey part on the right-hand side of the hearing aid above) attached
- **Do not** remove the dome from the thin tube when cleaning
- The dome must be properly attached to the sound tube (this is the clear hollow pipe) before inserting it in your ear
- If you think that the dome has come off inside your ear **do not** try to remove it yourself - please go to an urgent care centre, or seek medical attention from your GP.
- The cleaning wire should only be used for cleaning the thin tube when this is detached from the hearing aid
- Do not use hearing aids with thin tubes in ears with excessive wax or infection
- Do not share your hearing aids or any of the parts with others
- Make sure your hands are clean when inserting or cleaning the thin tube

Contact details

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