

Hearing checks in residential special schools and colleges

About the project

Children and young people with a learning disability and/or who are autistic don't always have access to hearing checks or the checks are not always appropriate to meet their needs. We want to change this.



As part of the [NHS Long Term Plan](#) NHS England & NHS Improvement is starting to look at ways to provide hearing checks for every child.

Co-Production Collective are working with NHS England & NHS Improvement to put on a series of Sharing Ideas events to gather views and advance ideas about how to develop more acceptable hearing checks for children and young people with a learning disability and/or who are autistic in residential special schools and colleges.

What are the Sharing Ideas events about?

- Who will attend? – a mixture of people will attend, including children, young people and adults with a learning disability and/or who are autistic, parents/carers, school staff such as teachers and assistants, people working in healthcare such as audiologists, school nurses and speech and language therapists.
- What will happen? – together at the event we will generate ideas to conduct hearing checks and work on developing a pilot project that will be tested locally.

Why is this event important?

- A chance to share your perspective and expertise so that together we can create more acceptable hearing checks and improved access for children in residential special schools and colleges.
- Discuss your current practice related to hearing or associated areas.
- Contribute to meeting the NHS Long Term plan's commitment of creating equal access to hearing checks and feed into a nationwide programme.
- Work towards reducing health inequalities for children and young people with a learning disability and/or who are autistic.

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