

The Hearing Loss and Deafness Alliance

Position statement: Action Plan on Hearing Loss

The Alliance is committed to working with all government departments and the NHS in England to successfully deliver the enduring goals set out in Action Plan on Hearing Loss, published by NHS England and the then Department of Health in 2015.

The Action Plan sets out a clear case for tackling the rising prevalence and personal, social and economic costs of uncorrected hearing loss and the variation in access and quality of services experienced by people with hearing loss.

The Plan also acknowledges that addressing the needs of people with hearing loss requires an integrated approach across a range of government departments, nondepartmental public bodies and stakeholder organisations across the public, private and third sectors, including children, young people and adults with hearing loss themselves.

Key priorities in the Action Plan include:

- Prevention
- Early diagnosis
- Patient centred, integrated management
- Ensuring those diagnosed do not need unscheduled care or become isolated
- Ability to partake in every-day activities including work.

The Hearing Loss and Deafness Alliance has worked with system partners to develop [resources to help achieve goals set out in the Action Plan](#).

Since the Action Plan on Hearing Loss was originally published there has been further evidence on the impact of hearing loss and the links between untreated hearing loss and conditions such as depression and dementia. We also know that the Covid pandemic and backlogs in NHS services have created new challenges for the delivery of NHS audiology services and we believe new processes, technologies and models of delivery can be utilised to improve the treatment provided to patients with hearing loss.

The Hearing Loss and Deafness Alliance will continue to develop these further so that we respond to the needs and wishes of people with hearing loss, their families and carers.

To work with us and learn more about the work we do [please contact us](#).