

**SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09  
SUGGESTED REVIEW – PRO FORMA**

**Summary of issue you wish to be scrutinised, including key concerns and outcome for scrutinising the topic?**

**AUDIOLOGY SERVICES**

Concerns over a number of years at the delay in seeing a consultant and even longer receiving a hearing aid.

The loss of hearing contributes to a life of loneliness and exclusion.

**NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK  
PROCESS.  
PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATION NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION.**

**Public interest justification:**

The concerns have been expressed by residents and members of the medical profession.

**Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:**

The impact is on individuals and their capability to take part in social and public activities.

**Council performance in this area if known:**

Not applicable to the Council but to the external organisation/partner PCT and Acute Foundation Hospital Trust.

GPs tell me that it can be 18 months to 2 years before a patient with a hearing problem can be seen by an Audiologist and then another delay before provision of a hearing aid.

Digital Hearing Aids delay when moving from analogue.

**Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?):**

Don't know of any but Adult Services and Health Select Committee was planning to conduct such a review prior to undertaking the urgent review of Parkview.

Signed: P A Cains

Date: 01.02.08

**Office Use:**

Pick score:

Considered by SLF: