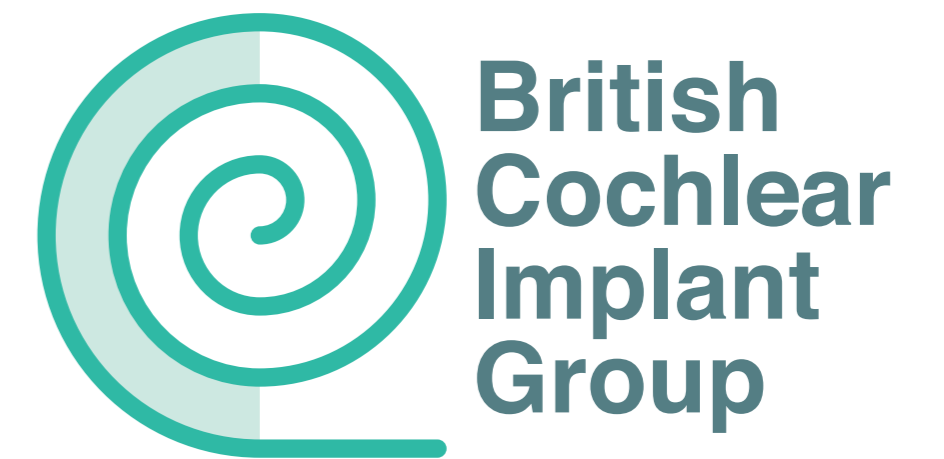
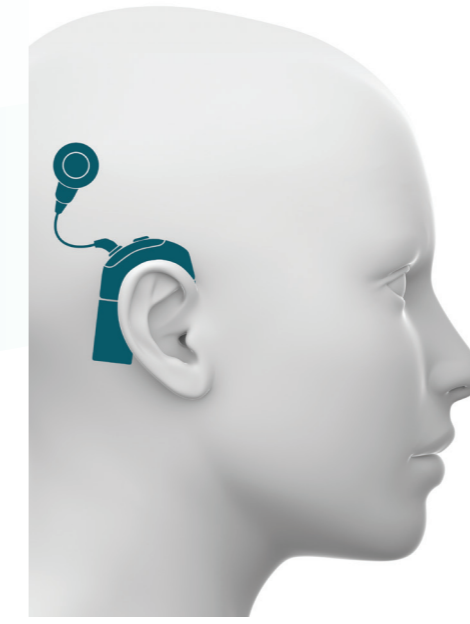
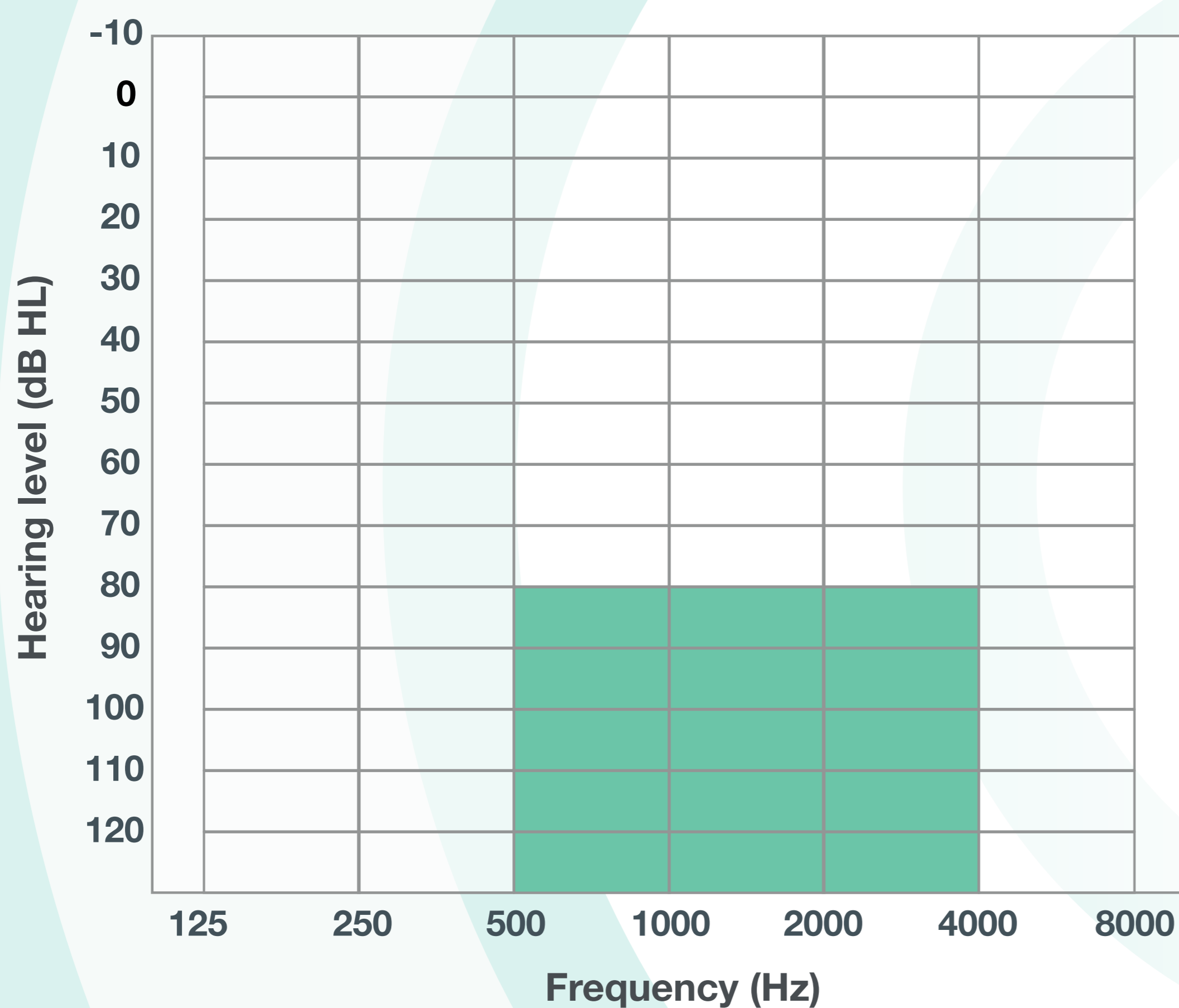


# Cochlear Implant Referral Guide



## Severe to profound hearing loss in both ears



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### TA566 Guidance

Cochlear implantation is recommended for severe to profound hearing loss in both ears for thresholds **equal to or greater than 80 dB HL at any 2 frequencies between 500 and 4000 Hz** (see green shaded area).

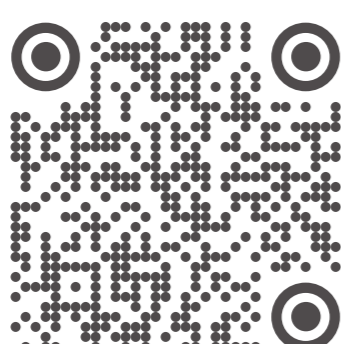
To be considered for an assessment, candidates need to be optimally aided and not receive adequate benefit from hearing aids.

- Adults are eligible for unilateral cochlear implantation.
- Children (under 18) and adults who are registered blind are eligible for bilateral cochlear implantation.

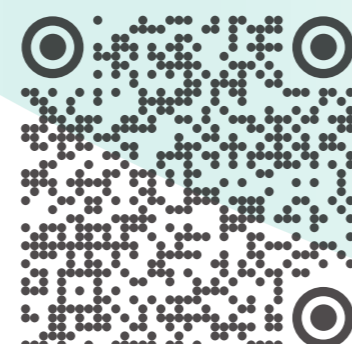
### What to include in a referral (if available):

- Relevant audiological and medical history
- All previous audiograms including a recent one
- Previous objective measurements (Tymps, OAEs, ABRs, CAEPs)
- Current info on hearing aids and use
- Radiological information and reports
- Motivation for referral
- Any special requirements (interpreters, social support, etc.)
- Results of any aided speech assessment if available (i.e.: AB Words)

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BAA / BSA definition of "Optimally aided"



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