

KENNEDY – SEYMOUR EVALUATION FOR BERARD LISTENING TESTS

SECTION 1 GENERAL INDICATORS (to be completed pre-assessment)

Method of indicating that he/she hears sounds:

	Tick here if child reliably ...	Tick here if unreliably / not at all...
Points to left and right ear on request		
Uses AAC / points to written words 'yes' – 'no' to indicate choices		
Uses signing / lamh / makaton, etc		
Nods and / or shakes head in response to questions		
Says 'yes' and 'no' in response to questions		

IF NONE OF THE ABOVE WERE TICKED FOR 'RELIABLY' THEN THE CHILD IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR THESE TESTS, AND CAN PROCEED TO DO AIT / FST WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

SECTION 2 NEGATIVE BEHAVIOURAL INDICATORS (to be completed pre-assessment)

	Behaviour is severe	mild	Not at all a problem
Refuses co-operation			
'Clowning' behaviour			
Refuses earphones			
Unreliable / variable responses			

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE BEHAVIOURS ARE TICKED FOR SEVERE OR MILD, THE CHILD IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR THESE TESTS, AND CAN PROCEED TO DO AIT / FST WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

SECTION 3 SCORING CHECKLIST (during assessment)

FOR USE BY THE TESTER

	Reliably	unreliably
Reliable, repeatable responses		
Repeatable responses		
Responds by pointing to ear		
Responds by saying 'yes'		
Responds by saying 'yes' and 'no'		
Other... detail		
Waits for signal with quiet limbs		
Waits for signal with restless limbs		
Resists or ignores distractions		
Retains instructions for 5 seconds		
Retains instructions for 10 seconds		
Retains instructions for 30 seconds		
Responds impulsively		
Responds within 2 seconds		
Responds within 2-3 seconds		
Responses are slow:... (time and record)		

Please note: the skills in bold type are the required skills for these listening tests to be performed.

In the event that the child is not yet showing these skills, these tests are not suitable, and the training can continue without distressing him / her further.

VERY IMPORTANT: Bérard testing is only for the purpose of setting the extra filters, NOT TO DECIDE WHETHER AIT / FST IS REQUIRED.

AIT / FST can be performed in the absence of the hearing test.

IF A HEARING LOSS IS SUSPECTED, THE BERARD TESTS ARE NOT THE APPROPRIATE TESTS TO BE DONE. A VISIT TO AN AUDIOLOGIST WHO WILL TEST IN A SOUND-PROOF BOOTH WITH DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT MUST BE ARRANGED AND COMPLETED BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE BERARD TESTS.