

Across the lifecycle: thinking about mental health issues and the complex journey through childhood and adolescence to adulthood for the individual with hearing loss

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The session will involve teaching and discussion regarding various emotional, social and behavioural issues that emerge as we move along the life cycle, with particular focus on childhood, adolescence and early adulthood. Consideration will be given to typical development issues as well as those possibly more associated with hearing loss.

Opportunity to discuss skills and strategies needed to best support children/adolescents deal with growing up with a hearing loss as well as ideas to support their families.

I am Dr Rachel Austin, Clinical Psychologist. I completed my clinical doctorate training at Plymouth University and have been qualified since 2005. I have worked in the NHS in the fields of mental health and chronic pain and now work in the specialty of intellectual disability.

I have worked with the Ear Foundation since September 2017 undertaking psychological assessments. I thoroughly enjoy my work and feel privileged to meet so many special people.

