**Deaf Young Person letter to request evidence from an Audiologist for a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claim**

Dear [NAME OF AUDIOLOGIST],

I am making a claim to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

**Name:** [YOUR FULL NAME]

**Date of birth:** [YOUR DATE OF BIRTH]

Please could you write a letter explaining how my deafness/hearing loss affects my daily life so that I can send it to DWP as evidence of my needs. The information will help DWP decide if I satisfy the tests for an award of PIP.

**Please provide your response to the questions below on headed paper with the date, your job title, and signature. If you do not have information to answer all the questions, I would be grateful if you could answer the questions that you can.**

**Audiologist Questions**

1. Can you provide copies of my audiograms? The DWP decision maker will look at my level of hearing loss at around the time I made the claim for PIP on [DATE OF CLAIM OR DATE OF REVIEW].
2. Can you provide a brief history of my hearing loss and the provision of hearing technology (cochlear implants, bone anchored hearing aids (BAHAs), hearing aids)?
3. Do cochlear implants, BAHAs or hearing aids replace normal hearing? If not, what is the difference between my hearing when wearing hearing technology and normal hearing?
4. Are my hearing tests carried out in soundproof conditions using pure tones? If yes, how would my performance in these conditions differ from my performance in everyday real-life conditions, including in background noise, resonant acoustics, or outdoors?
5. What distance would a speaker need to be from me for me to be able to hear the speaker accurately when wearing hearing technology?
6. Would you expect me to have difficulty following conversations or picking up other sounds if there was background noise? If so, what sort of noise would be likely to affect me?
7. Would you expect me to have difficulty following group conversations?
8. If I was having a bath or shower, with my hearing technology off and the bathroom door closed, would you expect me to be able to hear a household smoke alarm?
9. Would you expect me to have difficulty being aware of approaching traffic and judging the speed and direction it is coming from when wearing my hearing technology?

Thank you for your help.

[YOUR FULL NAME]