**Parent letter to request evidence from an Audiologist for a Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claim**

Dear [AUDIOLOGIST’S NAME],

I am making a claim to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for my child.

**Name:** [YOUR CHILD’S FULL NAME]

**Date of birth:** [YOUR CHILD’S DATE OF BIRTH]

Please could you write a letter explaining how my child’s hearing loss/deafness affects them throughout the day, so that I can send it to DWP as evidence of their needs. The information will help DWP decide if my child satisfies the tests for an award of DLA.

**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 child’s audiograms? The DWP decision maker will look at their level of hearing loss at around the time we made the claim for DLA on [DATE OF CLAIM OR DATE OF REVIEW].
2. Can you provide a brief history of my child's hearing loss and their 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 child’s hearing when wearing their hearing technology and a child with normal hearing?
4. How would you expect my child’s hearing to be affected when wearing their hearing technology in real-life conditions, including busy environments with background noise or resonant acoustics, or outdoors?
5. What distance would a speaker need to be from my child for them to be able to hear the speaker accurately when wearing their hearing technology?
6. Would you expect my child to have difficulty following group conversations or picking up other sounds with background noise? If so, what sort of noise would be likely to affect them?
7. Would you expect my child to have difficulty hearing when outdoors, including being aware of approaching traffic and judging the speed and direction it is coming from?
8. Would you expect my child to be aware of sounds from behind, like a cyclist approaching?
9. Would you expect my child to be able to be directed by an adult voice from a distance when outside, such as an adult calling out a warning?

Thank you for your help.

[YOUR FULL NAME]