



# Speaking from Experience

## Young people & Hearing Impairment

### Transcript for chapter 1 of 7: Diagnosis

**Tyson 13, diagnosed age 3:** I was three years old when I was diagnosed with hearing problems.

**Cynthia 18, diagnosed as an infant:** I was born with busted eardrums. My mum and dad found out that I was deaf when I was one.

**Tamara 10, diagnosed age 1:** I was about one year old when my parents found out I had a hearing loss.

**Georgia 10, diagnosed age 4:** I live with my mum and my dad and my two brothers. My younger brother, he is also hearing impaired, like me.

**Khaled 12, diagnosed as an infant:** In my family, there are three deaf brothers and two sisters.

**Cynthia:** My dad's sister, she's got one [a hearing loss] too.

**Tamara:** None of my family has a hearing loss.

**Cynthia:** I've only got one [hearing aid], in this one, and I can't hear nothing out of this ear.

**Tyson:** In my right ear I've got 70% loss, and in my left I've got 30%.

**Khaled:** I can hear a little bit, but not really a lot. I'm deaf.

**Georgia:** Well, one's better than the other. I'd say one's about 80% and the other is about 20%. So, one's not really good.

**Max 10, diagnosed as an infant:** It's like a bit weird and you can't just hear anything.

**Tamara:** I'm not really good at hearing with my left ear, so that's why I have my hearing aid in my left ear. I'm really good at hearing with my implant on my right ear. So, it's more of a big difference.

**Cynthia:** I can hear a little bit, but my hearing has got a bit worse. So, that's why I've got to wear my hearing aid now.