

# Sponsor Report



**Hear and Say**

We open up worlds for deaf children



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## Hudson G

Age: 1 year, 1 month



Hudson has now had his cochlear implants switched on for five months. He is still enjoying exploring the world of sound! He is one of the most curious toddlers I have seen, who loves to people watch in the waiting room. As soon as he hears someone on the stairs or coming through the door he spins around to see who they are and what they are doing! He always seems to know exactly where the sound is coming from and this is one of the reasons why it was so important that Hudson received two cochlear implants which enables him to localise sound.

Hudson has recently had his first birthday which was a lovely celebration for his family as it has been a big year for them! Hudson is growing up very quickly and is now walking independently. In terms of his listening and language skills he is progressing very nicely and is gaining new skills every day. He is now using lots of babble (e.g. babababa) and is starting to use a greater variety of consonant sounds. He has also attempted to imitate some of the learning to listen sounds (animal and vehicle noises that are easier to hear and produce than words) by saying 'eigh' for 'neigh' (horse), 'm' for 'moo' (cow) and 'a' for 'baa' (sheep).

Recently I visited Hudson and his family at home for a lesson. This gives us the opportunity to work on Hudson's listening and language goals together in his natural environment where most of his listening and language learning takes place. Hudson's older brother was keen to help out and model some of the language during activities for Hudson.

In the coming months we will be working on Hudson being able to imitate a greater variety of the learning to listen sounds as well as identifying a learning to listen sound when he hears it by looking to the matching toy. We will also be working on Hudson understanding and attempting to imitate some simple words. It is always a pleasure working with this family and I am looking forward to seeing his progress in the coming months. Thank you for your continued support of Hudson's Hear and Say journey.

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On behalf of Hudson, his family and Hear and Say we thank you for your support.